

Healthcare Administration

Certificate Offered

- Healthcare Administration

Nature of the Program

The Public Administration Department offers a healthcare administration graduate certificate for students who are interested in a career in a variety of healthcare settings, including hospitals, health departments, nursing homes, mental health services, home health services, nonprofit voluntary agencies, health research foundations, public and private insurance, and a variety of governmental agencies. The certificate program is available to students pursuing a degree other than the MPA degree or it can be pursued alone.

FACULTY

PROFESSORS

- L. Christopher Plein - Ph.D. (University of Missouri)
Ph.D. (University of Missouri)
- Margaret Stout - Ph.D. (Arizona State University)
Regular Graduate Faculty, Local Government, Community Development, Public Policy and Public Planning

ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

- Paolo D. Farah - Ph.D., LL.M., JD (College of Europe, University of Paris)
Regular Graduate Faculty, Public Policy & Admin., Legal & Political Foundation, Sustainability, Socio-Economic & Cultural Rights & Justice, Human Rights, Technology & Innovation
- Maja Husar Holmes - Ph.D. (Syracuse University)
Regular Graduate Faculty, Public Management and Public Leadership
- Karen Kunz - D.P.A. (University of Illinois, Springfield)
Regular Graduate Faculty, Financial Management, Corporate Use of Public Funds, Political Economy

PROFESSORS EMERITI

- Nancy L. Adams - Ph.D. (Fielding Institute)
- Gerald M. Pops - Ph.D. (Syracuse University)
- David G. Williams - Ph.D. (State University of New York at Albany)

ADMISSIONS

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

The Public Administration Department offers a healthcare administration certificate for students who are interested in a career in a variety of healthcare settings. Candidates must meet the university requirements for admission (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/graduate/graduateeducationatwestvirginiauniversity/#classificationtext>). The GRE is not required for admission to this program.

List of Admission Requirements:

- See the steps to apply for admissions and access the application here (<https://graduateadmissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply/>).
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume.

International Applicants:

- See the steps to apply for admissions and access the application here (<https://graduateadmissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply/>).
- International applicants should view additional requirements here (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/graduate/graduateeducationatwestvirginiauniversity/#internationaltext>) and here (<https://graduateadmissions.wvu.edu/information-for/international-students/>).
- English language proficiency is required in order to hold a graduate teaching assistantship. See here (<https://elli.wvu.edu/testing-resources/english-proficiency-gtas/>).

Application Deadline:

- The Healthcare Administration Certificate program admits students on a rolling basis.

For questions, please contact: publicadmin@mail.wvu.edu

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS 2024-2025

The Admission Requirements above will be the same for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.

Major Code: CG01

Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Administration

CERTIFICATE CODE - CG01

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Graduation requirements: Students must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Students must also earn a minimum GPA of 3.0 and a minimum grade of B- in all courses applied to the certificate.

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Each student must successfully complete 15 credit hours, including four required courses and one elective.

Code	Title	Hours
CORE COURSES		9
PUBA 670	Health Systems	
PUBA 671	Healthcare Organization and Operation	
PUBA 672	Healthcare Finance	
ELECTIVES		3
Select 3 credit hours from electives or courses approved by Graduate Certificate Coordinator		
PUBA 651	Social Equity in Public Service	
PUBA 655	Public Engagement	
PUBA 712	Administrative Ethics	
LEGS 730	Employment Law	
LEGS 770	Healthcare Law	
LEGS 771	Legal Issues for Adults in Care	
CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE:		3
PUBA 780	Healthcare Administration Practicum	
Total Hours		15

Certificate Learning Outcomes

HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Upon completion of the certificate, students should be able to:

- Understand, identify, and explain key social, political, and economic issues that shape the delivery of healthcare in the United States.
- Examine and identify the variety of organizations and entities in the healthcare delivery environment.
- Assess current workforce, funding, organizational delivery, quality and equity trends in healthcare administration.
- Understand, interpret, and utilize financial information, reports, policies and tools to implement decision-making in healthcare administration.