Health Care Administration

Program Description
Graduate courses in health care administration are offered in support of the graduate degrees in nursing, public administration, and business administration. For details concerning the degree programs, consult the appropriate sections of the catalog. A Certificate in Health Care Administration is available for those students who hold a master’s degree in another field and wish to complete a short course of study focused on health care administration.

Outcomes required for the effective health administrator include:
- Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the theoretical and practical aspects of the health care delivery system from a historical, comparative, economic, cultural, and ethical perspective.
- Employ a variety of business and management skills and techniques including marketing, financial management, law, and information management to effectively and efficiently advance the goals of the organization.
- Demonstrate creativity in defining, negotiating and solving problems.
- Communicate and educate, using the most current information and communication technology.

Admission Requirements
Admission requirements for the certificate program are as follows:
- Master’s degree from an accredited college or university.
- Admission to the University.

Certificate Requirements
A Certificate in Health Care Administration may be earned through completion of any five of the following six courses:

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For Additional Information
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College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
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GRADUATE COURSES
HCAD 5312. THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM 3 sem. hrs. (3:0)
Focus on the major components of the American health care system and related issues in the administration of care delivery. Policy information and political issues are discussed.

HCAD 5320. HEALTH ECONOMICS AND POLICY 3 sem. hrs. (3:0)
Analysis and evaluation of classical and modern economic theory, principles and procedures applicable to the health care delivery system and their implications for public policy.

HCAD 5325. HEALTH CARE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT 3 sem. hrs. (3:0)
Survey of basic financial management techniques used in health care administration. Provides an understanding of cost analysis, strategic planning and forecasting techniques. This course is cross-listed with NURS 5360.

HCAD 5330. HEALTH LAW AND ETHICS 3 sem. hrs. (3:0)
A study of the legal and related ethical aspects of the health care delivery system including governing boards, liabilities, consent and malpractice as well as other related topics. Current governmental, state and other regulating bodies are presented.

HCAD 5390. HEALTH CARE SELECTED TOPICS 3 sem. hrs. (3:0)
In-depth study and discussion of various topics relevant to health care administration. May be repeated when topics vary.

HCAD 5396 1-3 sem. hrs. DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY
See College Description. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.