

It's a fact: our nation is getting older. The number of adults, age 65 and older, continues to rise. As the population ages, the need for high quality, long-term care is growing as well. So, too, is the need for professionals who are well-trained in the business and administrative aspects of providing residential care for older adults and the chronically ill.

Applying Business Theory within the Healthcare Environment

By enrolling in the Gerontology – Long-Term Care Track for the Bachelor of Health Science (BHS) in Community Health degree program from the College of Health and Human Services at Governors State University, you will gain the leadership, critical thinking skills and understanding of business theory required to manage nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospices, retirement communities and other institutions. You'll also receive the preparation you need to deal with evolving, integrated healthcare delivery systems, technological innovations and an increasingly complex regulatory environment.

Quality Education

After completing a 24-credit core curriculum (including coursework in community health, statistics, medical sociology, health planning/research and ethical principles, among other topics), you will take courses more specifically focused on health care management strategies, institutional management and organizational behavior.

At the program's completion, you will be able to evaluate the process and outcome of long-term care programs, as well as articulate the ethical and legal principles affecting long-term healthcare. You will also be able to identify, analyze and interpret factors influencing an individual's health status through a strong grounding in social and behavioral theory. Graduates of this program also demonstrate competency in working with diverse cultures and communities – a cornerstone of all programs offered by the College of Health and Human Services.

Prepared for Your Next Move

With a Bachelor's degree in Community Health – Long-Term Care, you'll have the educational credentials you need to apply for your Master's degree in Health Administration, preparing you for higher levels of healthcare administration.

How to Apply

Take the next step in your education path. Visit www.govst.edu/chhs/bch or contact Shavron Henry at shenry1@govst.edu.

FACT

More than one in every eight Americans (or 12.6 percent of the population) is 65 years of age or older. In the year 2020, more than 40 million Americans will be 65 and older, compared to only 31 million in 1990.

(Source: Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.)



Special Admission Requirements

Prospective students are required to have a minimum GPA of 2.25 in 60 hours of transferable credit from a regionally accredited institution for admission to all tracks in the program.

Degree Requirements

Students must meet all university requirements for a bachelor's degree.

All required courses and the upper-division electives must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

In addition, all students must complete a pre-graduation survey.

Curriculum

Program Core Curriculum (24)

HLSC 3100 Contemporary Issues in Health (3)
HLSC 3150 Introduction to Community Health (3)
HLAD 3104 Health Statistics (3)
HLAD 3105 Health Care Organizations (3)
HLAD 3106 Introduction to Epidemiology (3)
HLAD 3107 Medical Sociology (3)
HLAD 4108 Health Planning and Research (3)
PHIL 3333 Ethics in Healthcare (3)

Gerontology-Long Term Care (30)

HLAD 3101 Health Care Management Strategies (3)
HLAD 4101 Health Care Organizational Behavior (3)
HLAD 4105 Management in the Health Care
Setting (3)
HLAD 4103 Legal Aspects of Health Care (3)
HLAD 4901 Institutional Management for Health Care
Organizations (3)
HLAD 4106 Management Accounting for Health Care
Organizations (3)
HLAD 4107 Human Resource Management (3)
HLAD 5101 Introduction to Long Term Care (3)
HLAD 5102 Nursing Home Administration (3)
HLSC 4890 Internship (3)

Suggested Electives (6)

Students electing to take this track will take 6 credit hours of suggested electives and satisfy course prerequisites if not previously satisfied.

Suggested Electives

HLSC 4400 Medical Terminology (1)
or
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COMS 3101 Concepts of Human
Communication (3)
PADM 2100 Public Finance and Budgeting (3)
PSYC 3602 Health Psychology (3)
HLAD 4103 Legal Aspects of Healthcare
PSYC 5219 Geropsychology (3)

Total Credit Hours – 120

Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements shall consist of a minimum 2.0 GPA in upper division course work with a total of 120 credit hours as described in the program and must satisfy the State of Illinois general education requirements.

