

# HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS



### WHAT CAN I DO WITH A HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT DEGREE?

A Health Care Administration and Management (HCAM) degree will prepare you for a variety of rewarding positions in the health care industry. The HCAM major is a great choice if you want a productive career that makes a positive impact on others. Health care is our nation's largest industry with many career opportunities. Whether you are looking for a clinical or non-clinical role, SRU's Health Care Administration and Management program has a career path for you. Jobs in healthcare administration and management are found in many different settings: hospitals, physician group practices, health insurance, health care technology firms, medical sales, nursing and personal care homes, government agencies, and more!

### HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT AT SRU

The HCAM major at SRU offers eight concentrations for non-clinical students, plus pre-professional options for Physician Assistant, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy accelerated and traditional programs. Regardless of your path, an HCAM degree will prepare you for a career in this fast-growing industry. You will learn about the financing of healthcare, legal and regulatory environment, organizational dynamics, quality and continuous improvement, leadership, and much more! Knowledge in the areas of healthcare administration and management is essential for all healthcare professionals. Health care professionals in all roles, including clinical, are increasingly expected to understand and serve administrative and/or managerial functions or roles.

### WHY CHOOSE SRU HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT?

**1. Variety:** There are two paths you can take with the HCAM program.

- Path 1: If you are interested in administration or management in America's largest and fastest growing industry, but do not want to seek a clinical career.
- Path 2: If you are interested in preparing to pursue a pre-medical advising area or a professional program in physical therapy, occupational therapy or physician assistant.

**2. Opportunity:** The U.S. population is aging and the number of Americans with access to health care is expanding. These trends create a greater need for health care industry professionals. Health care administrators and managers work with doctors, nurses and other health service professionals to enable the health care system to run smoothly and efficiently. In addition, health care employers are increasingly seeking individuals who understand both the clinical and business side of the industry.

**3. Versatility:** You will have a variety of opportunities in this growing and rapidly changing industry. You will also develop important business knowledge, skills, and abilities that transcend the health care industry.

**4. Advancement:** HCAM prepares all students to ascend a career ladder within the healthcare industry. In addition, HCAM is ideal if you currently work in the health care industry and wish to pursue career advancement or a leadership role.

**5. Network:** We have developed a robust network of health care industry leaders who engage with our programs and students to maximize "real-life" experiential learning and career pathways. We also have engaged alumni who support our students.

### MAJOR

- Health Care Administration and Management (BS)  
with concentrations available in:
  - Financial Management
  - Information Systems
  - Leadership
  - Legal Environment
  - Long-term Care
  - Marketing and Sales
  - Medical Device Sales
  - Quality and Risk Management

### ACCELERATED PROGRAMS

- Health Care Administration and Management (BS)  
3+2 or Traditional Pre-Physician Assistant (SRU)\*
- Health Care Administration and Management (BS)  
3+3 or Traditional Pre-Occupational Therapy (SRU)\*
- Health Care Administration and Management (BS)  
3+3 or Traditional Pre-Physical Therapy (SRU)\*

### MINOR

- Health Care Administration and Management

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## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SRU HCAM students have completed internships at various locations including:

- Allegheny Health Network
- Butler Health System
- Cleveland Clinic
- Family Links
- Guardian Healthcare
- Heritage Valley Health System
- Highmark Health
- Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Nutritional Frontiers
- Presbyterian SeniorCare Network
- Quality Life Services
- Stryker
- The Children's Institute
- UPMC

## CAREER OUTCOMES

If you are interested in working in healthcare as a non--clinical professional, career options include positions with:

- Brokers and consultants
- Durable medical equipment companies
- Hospitals
- Health systems
- Health care and insurance service providers
- Managed care organizations
- Health care technology firms
- Insurance companies and third party administrators
- Rehabilitation and specialty hospitals
- Medical sales
- Pharmaceutical firms
- Nursing and personal care homes

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Future Healthcare Leaders
- Pre-Occupational Therapy Association
- Pre-Physical Therapy Club
- Pre-Physician Assistant Club
- American Marketing Association
- Finance and Economics Club



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Gia DeCario, '22

*HCAM Alumni, May 2022, MSPAS PA-C May 2024*

"As I prepare to begin my career as a Physician Assistant, I am so appreciative for my undergraduate experience in HCAM at SRU. The student advocacy, continued support, and kindness from everyone involved in the HCAM program goes above and beyond. The education provides a fun and ambitious learning environment that helps students to flourish both in and outside of the classroom. My passion for providing high quality patient-oriented care was reinforced through my experience in HCAM and continues today. My background in HCAM, has permitted me the opportunity to be a well-rounded, thoroughly educated, soon to be provider. Understanding both the business and clinical dimensions of healthcare have made me better suited to succeed and help to differentiate what I bring to a medical career. The opportunities and future progression this program offers are endless."

### Stacey Vaccaro, MPM, FACHE, 1999

*CEO at FamilyLinks, Pittsburgh, PA*

"I am grateful for my time and experiences at SRU. As a first-generation college graduate, I was instructed and advised by faculty that cared about my academic performance and personal success. I could not have hoped for a better environment to support my learning and growth, and to instill a solid professional foundation. Now, I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to continue to support the HCAM program through the Business Advisory Council and as an adjunct faculty."

### Michael A. Grace, MBA, FACHE, 1992

*Interim President and CEO of Princeton Community Hospital, Princeton, WV*

"SRU provided me an outstanding undergraduate education which prepared me extremely well for my career in health care administration. The supportive and caring faculty coupled with a private college campus feel was an exceptional combination that enabled me to grow both personally and professionally. I highly recommend SRU."

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