Master of Health and Human Services

Program Director

Joseph Lyons
1086 Cushwa Hall
(330) 941-3658
jplyons@ysu.edu

Program Description

The Master of Health and Human Services is a collaborative degree between The Bitonte College of Health and Human Services and the Warren P. Williamson, Jr. College of Business Administration. The program accommodates students from health and human services professions who require the skills and abilities for supervisory/managerial positions or who desire competence in health promotion and methods in the community. The program is structured as a completely online or evening college program. After completion of an academic core of coursework, students may concentrate in health promotion, health care administration or health informatics for health and human service professions. A track for physical education majors is also offered.

Faculty Research Interests

Joseph P. Lyons, Sc.D., Assistant Professor of Health Professions
Health informatics; voice recognition; electronic medical records

John M. Hazy, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
Violence prevention; community health; methodology

Salvatore Sanders, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Health Professions
Health behavior; health education; technology/instructional technology

Admission Requirements

In addition to the minimum School of Graduate Studies and Research admission requirements, applicants must complete undergraduate courses in research methodology, statistics, ACCT 2602 Financial Accounting, and AHLT 4810 Management Skills for Health Professionals or MGT 3725 Fundamentals of Management, or their equivalent. Students should complete any undergraduate deficiency coursework before completion of the third semester of graduate work and must complete it prior to enrolling in related graduate-level courses. Also, students must submit three letters of reference: one from a faculty member, one from an employer, and one from another source, or two from faculty members and one from another source. Regular admission requires a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

Degree Requirements

There are two areas of coursework in the MHHS: an academic core and a specialty track. A thesis or non-thesis option is available with each track.

The academic core consists of 23-24 semester hours distributed among the following course areas: tools (six semester hours), management skills (six semester hours), and issues in health and human services (12 semester hours). A total of 12 to 13 semester hours of coursework is devoted to a specialty track in health promotion, administration for health and human service professions, and health informatics. A total of 10 to 12 semester hours of coursework is required for the physical education track. Each track offers a thesis or non-thesis option. The non-thesis option in the health promotion, administration for health and human service professions, and health informatics track requires the student to complete an internship, which is called a practicum. The non-thesis option in the physical education track requires the student to complete six semester hours of courses. The thesis must be submitted according to the general requirements established by the School of Graduate Studies and Research. The student is required to defend the thesis in an oral presentation before a committee of graduate faculty from a minimum of two academic disciplines. Students selecting the non-thesis option must successfully complete a comprehensive examination and additional courses for graduation.

Academic Core

24 s.h.
Tools* 6 s.h.
  CJFS 6942  Research and Statistics  3 s.h.
  HHS 6930  Health Information  3 s.h.
  or
  HHS 6981 Grant Writing  3 s.h.

Management Skills**  5-6 s.h.
  MGT 6941  Managing Organizational talent  2 s.h.
  or
  HHS 6971  Optimizing Performance and Commitment  3 s.h.
  MGT 6962  Organizational Staffing Process  3 s.h.
  or
  MGT 6996  Research Problems
  Or
  MGT 6947  Managing Technology  2 s.h.
  Or
  HHS 6972  Information Systems for Health and Human Services Mgt.  3 s.h.

Issues in Health and Human Services  12 s.h.
  HHS 6949  Principles of Community Health Practice  3 s.h.
  HHS 6953  Health Behavior  3 s.h.
  HHS 6958  Health Services Issues  3 s.h.
  HHS 6962  Health Care Reform  3 s.h.

Concentration Areas (with thesis/nonthesis option stated below)  10-14 s.h.

Students must choose a concentration area from the following options:

Health Promotion  12-13 s.h.
  HHS 6959  Foundation and Planning  3 s.h.
  HHS 6960  Implementation and Evaluation  3 s.h.
  HHS 6980  Seminar  3 s.h.
  HHS 6990  Practicum  3 s.h.
  Or
  HHS 6999  Thesis  4 s.h.

  or

Administration for Health and Human Services Professions  12-13 s.h.
  HHS 6918  Program Planning and Evaluation  3 s.h.
  HHS 6922  Planning and Fiscal Management  3 s.h.
  HHS 6980  Seminar  3 s.h.
  HHS 6990  Practicum  3 s.h.
  Or
  HHS 6999  Thesis  4 s.h.

Health Informatics  12-13 s.h.
  HHS 6935  Clinical Informatics  3 s.h.
  HHS 6945  Health Care Systems Analysis  3 s.h.
  HHS 6922  Planning and Fiscal Management  3 s.h.

* Prerequisites for the tools courses include undergraduate research methodology, a statistics course, and ACCT 2602 Financial Accounting or equivalent.
** Prerequisite for the management skills component is AHLTH 4810 Management Skills for Health Professionals, MGT 3725 Fundamentals of Management, or equivalent.
HHS 6990  Practicum  3 s.h.
HHS 6999  Thesis  4 s.h.

Or

Physical Education Track
  HEPE 6900  Pedagogical Analysis  3 s.h.
  HEPE 6903  Curriculum Development  3 s.h.

and

Non-thesis Option (6 s.h. required)
  HEPE 6905  Contemporary Issues in Sport Pedagogy  3 s.h.
  HEPE 6920  Mechanical Analysis of Motor Movements  3 s.h.

or

Thesis (4 s.h. required)
  HHS 6999  Thesis  4 s.h.

Total Hours Required for Degree  34–37 s.h.