

HEALTH POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION, B.S. (HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT)

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park, World Campus

Career Paths

The mission of the Bachelor of Science Program (B.S.) in HPA is to develop graduates with the knowledge, skills, and values appropriate to work in entry-level management or policy-related positions or for the pursuit of graduate education in health administration, health policy, health law, health services research, public health, and other health related fields. HPA students develop the skills and knowledge needed to understand the complex societal problem of providing access to quality health care at reasonable cost.

Careers

The HPA curriculum prepares students to work as health services managers or health analysts. Health services managers plan, direct, and coordinate medical, behavioral, and/or long-term care services. These individuals might oversee matters of personnel, budgeting, billing, equipment outlays, information systems, planning and more. Health policy analysts are responsible for analyzing, compiling, and validating information needed by different organizations of providers, payers, and policy makers. Analysts help these organizations understand the current trends in the health care system and to make well-informed business and policy decisions.

Employment of health policy and administration graduates is projected to grow more than 20 percent over the next decade, much faster than other occupations.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE HEALTH POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM (<https://hhd.psu.edu/hpa/undergraduate/career-opportunities/career-outlook-health-care-professionals>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

HPA's blend of courses in liberal arts, business administration, and the health sciences, is designed to prepare students for careers or further study in health care. HPA students have used the degree to prepare for graduate study in business, law, medicine or allied health fields, health administration, health services research or policy, and public health.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (<https://hhd.psu.edu/hpa/undergraduate/integrated-undergraduate/graduate-programs>)

Professional Resources

- Association of University Programs in Health Administration (<https://www.aupha.org/resourcecenter/futurestudents>)

- American College of Health Care Administrators (<https://www.achca.org/student-societies>)
- American College of Healthcare Executives (<https://www.ache.org>)
- National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE) (<https://www.nahse.org>), a non-profit association of Black health care executives
- National Association of Latino Healthcare Executives (<https://www.nalhe.org>)
- Academy Health (<https://academyhealth.org>), the professional home and leading national organization for health services researchers, policymakers, and health care practitioners and stakeholders