MANAGING HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

Health administrators are health care professionals who play an important role in managing public health systems, health care systems and hospital networks. They are typically responsible for budgeting, accounting, human resources, marketing and training. Health administrators ensure that health care facilities and health systems are running smoothly so that the highest quality of health care can be delivered.

EXECUTIVE HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AT UCF

UCF offers an Executive Master of Health Administration. This executive track of the MHA program is offered completely online to accommodate the busy schedules of working professionals and to offer greater access to the program.

Curriculum
The 44-credit hour Executive Master of Health Administration emphasizes leadership in career progression, as well as strategic and operational management and development of health care organizations. Students follow a cohort model and enroll in two, four-credit-hour classes each semester.

Faculty
The program’s faculty members have expertise in management and finance, international health systems, long-term quality care and information management.
WHERE CAN I GET A JOB?

Career opportunities for health administrators are vastly diverse. While many work in a hospital setting, many more are often employed by other types of health care facilities and organizations, including nursing homes and assisted living facilities, ambulatory surgical centers, birthing centers, physician group practices, public health centers, and free-standing clinics.

Health administrators may also find opportunities at state and county health departments as well as at organizations that do business with health care facilities, such as insurance companies, software companies, pharmaceutical companies, and research and development firms.

POSSIBLE JOB TITLES:

- President/Chief executive officer
- Chief financial officer
- Director of patient care services
- Administrator
- Director of operations
- Project manager
- Nurse liaison
- Physician’s office specialist
- External marketing director
- Head of human resources
- Medical writer and editor
- Senior research analyst

DID YOU KNOW?

The Sleep/EEG Center at Nemours Children’s Hospital in Orlando is the brainchild of alumna Jennifer Hamilton ’14. The center, which opened in 2015, began as a final project for her capstone course.