Degree(s)
+ Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in health management
+ Accelerated five-year Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in health management and Master of health administration (M.H.A.)

Program Overview
A degree in health management educates students about the business side of public health and health care, built upon a foundation in Jesuit-based liberal arts, business and public policy. Decisions made by health care executives help improve the lives of millions of people every day. Students gain the knowledge and skills vital to understanding the role of the health care system in implementing policies and processes that impact the complex challenges facing the health of communities.

Additional degree options include:
+ Accelerated Program:
  High achieving students may apply to this selective program during their junior year of study. This accelerated program allows students to earn a B.S. in health management in four years and a Master of health administration (M.H.A.) with just one additional year of study.

+ Pre-Med Track:
  For students looking to go on to medical school, this specialized track combines traditional pre-med science requirements with health management courses.

+ Medical Scholars Track:
  Students also have the opportunity to apply for the Medical Scholars Program, an exclusive opportunity for freshman applicants who plan to attend medical school.

+ Honors Courses:
  For students interested in the stimulating academic experiences and intellectual challenges provided by the Honors Program, which offers Honors-level health management courses in addition to Honors core courses.

About the Faculty
Our faculty are internationally recognized as leaders in health management. Classes for the health management major are taught by the same faculty as SLU’s Master of health administration (M.H.A.) program, which ranks in the top ten nationally among graduate programs in health care management according to U.S. News & World Report.

Curriculum
Students study the business side of the health status of communities and health care by focusing on all the elements of a health system: marketing, finance, human resources, technology and strategic planning.

Our degree combines liberal arts with 27 credit hours of health management courses to prepare students to be business professionals in health care.

Course offerings include:
+ HMP 1300: Contemporary Challenges in Health Care serves as an introduction to the U.S. health care system, and encourages students to develop creative solutions to the current challenges facing the health care system.
+ HMP 2100: Business Sectors in Health Care explores the various business sectors within health care, including suppliers, financial intermediaries and health care providers. Each sector is analyzed in terms of organizations, products, customers and strategic business practice.
+ HMP 3200: Management of Health Care Organizations provides an overview of the major functional areas of health care management and shows their relevance to the delivery of health care services in a turbulent and very complex environment.
+ HMP 4200: Health Care Financial Management applies corporate financial concepts and techniques to health care organizations, both for-profit and nonprofit, using relevant case studies.

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Graduate Programs
+ Master of health administration (M.H.A.)
For a full listing of graduate programs, visit graduate.slu.edu.

Learn More For course listings and more information about our faculty, visit publichealth.slu.edu.

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Admission Requirements
Freshman: All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory coursework is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University and are used as qualifiers for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test. Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

Internships and Careers
Careers exist in both traditional health-focused organizations as well as in new practice settings. Moreover, the need for a trained health management workforce will increase going forward to meet the needs of a growing world population. Although degree credit is not given for internships, students are encouraged and assisted by faculty to participate in internships to further enhance their learning experiences at Saint Louis University. Many local and national organizations are eager to involve SLU students studying health management in their work.

A career in health management offers a plethora of job opportunities that can suit a wide variety of interests and skills. Graduates of SLU’s College for Public Health and Social Justice are employed all over the nation and the world in many different settings, including:
+ Federal, state and local health agencies (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, EPA)
+ Consulting firms
+ Consumer advocacy organizations
+ Emergency preparedness organizations
+ Hospitals and integrated health care systems
+ Long term and extended care and health insurance companies
+ Medical service organizations
+ Physician management organizations
+ Private business and industry
+ University and private research centers

Scholarships and Financial Aid
There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

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