



SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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VISION STATEMENT

The School of Health Sciences at Francis Marion University strives to provide the highest quality baccalaureate and master's degree programs that educate healthcare professionals from the Pee Dee Region, the state of South Carolina, and beyond who will provide quality care to diverse patients and families.

MISSION STATEMENT

The School of Health Sciences at FMU is committed to providing interprofessional learning opportunities to a diverse student body. The faculty strives to inspire students to become lifelong learners and competent and caring healthcare professional leaders who use evidence-based practice to deliver safe, ethical, and value-based care to diverse patient populations.

The nursing and physician assistant programs are fully accredited. Faculty in the School of Health Sciences are active in teaching, scholarship/research, and service, and the majority are doctorally prepared. Many faculty hold certifications in specialties recognized by national professional healthcare organizations. The School of Health Sciences programs require a variety of targeted clinical experiences in many different healthcare environments. The School of Health Sciences promotes diversity, tolerance, and respect among faculty, students, and healthcare partners.

The key values adopted by the School of Health Sciences include:

- Caring and compassion
- Interprofessional collaboration
- Healthcare technology and innovation
- Evidence-based practice
- Ethical decision-making
- Integrative healthcare policy and leadership

The School of Health Sciences offers programs which lead to the following degrees or certificates:

Healthcare Administration (BS)
Nursing (BSN, RN-to-BSN, MSN/FNP, MSN/Nurse Educator, Post-masters Nurse Educator Certificate)
Physician Assistant (MSPAS)

HEALTH COURSES (HLTH)

301 Health Promotion in the 21st Century (3) S. This course is designed for gender study minors and any student who is interested in the knowledge and skills essential for health promotion in the 21st century. Emphasis is placed on healthy behavior change through practice. Subtopics will include managing stress, improving sleep, promoting sexual health, and enhancing healthy eating. Technology and health, environmental health,

the Affordable Health Care Act, and healthy beverage consumption will also be discussed.

HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION (HCA)

Coordinator: TBD

MISSION STATEMENT

The Healthcare Administration (HCA) major (Bachelor of Science) is offered in collaboration with Nursing, the Department of Political Science, Department of Psychology, Department of Sociology, and the School of Business. The Healthcare Administration major prepares graduates as leaders in healthcare organizations and endeavors to prepare graduates for career advancement, lifelong learning, and graduate education.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Healthcare Administration major emphasizes the development of knowledge and skill in healthcare management, leadership, education, research, and practice. The required courses, along with the required general education curriculum, will prepare graduates to advance to leadership roles within healthcare organizations or within their own specific allied health discipline. This program places high value on management, leadership, teaching, research, education, and advanced practice. The clinical capstone course is designed to apply upper-level skills by requiring students to develop a leadership project for implementation specific to the student's healthcare interest or allied health discipline. The program emphasizes lifelong learning appropriate to the changing nature of the healthcare system and prepares graduates for a number of career paths, including but not limited to management, leadership, teaching, research, advanced practice, and graduate school.

The program is applicable to all undergraduate students interested in healthcare careers as well as allied health professionals who hold an associate's degree (Respiratory Care, Radiologic Technology, Medical Laboratory Technology or a certified or licensed healthcare discipline deemed applicable by the School of Health Sciences).

The Healthcare Administration major has two courses that are cross-listed Nursing courses. Healthcare Administration majors, both General and Clinical, are not allowed to enroll in any other Nursing courses without admission to the Francis Marion University Nursing program. All Healthcare Administration majors are required to complete all Francis Marion University General Education Requirements.

Major

General Track: A major in Healthcare Administration requires the following:

1. Interprofessional Healthcare (IPHC): IPHC 215, IPHC 301, IPHC 314, IPHC 334, IPHC 375, IPHC 445, IPHC 448, IPHC 451, IPHC 456, and IPHC 457. All courses in the major are offered online.
2. Minor/collateral requirements (two options)
 - a) an 18-hour minor approved by the faculty adviser (either biology or chemistry is recommended)