Walden University’s Degree Guide for
CAREERS IN HEALTH
Choosing the right degree for
PUBLIC HEALTH AND
HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT
CAREERS

The healthcare industry offers talented, caring individuals a rewarding range of career opportunities. When you pursue a career in either public health or healthcare management, you position yourself at the forefront of this rapidly evolving industry. Earning the right degree can help you begin or advance your career in healthcare.

Walden University's College of Health Sciences has prepared this guide to help you evaluate which degree can help you meet your individual career objectives. With it, you can learn about dozens of careers in public health and healthcare management and discover which degree fits your individual talents and interests.

Public Health
If you want to apply your medical or research expertise to protect and improve the health of your community, Walden’s public health programs can help prepare you to:

• Take a leadership role in ensuring broad and cost-effective public health services to prevent disease and disability in communities.
• Evaluate health risks and issues facing entire communities.
• Develop public health policy solutions to local, national, and global health challenges.

Healthcare Management
If you’d like to use your health-related work experience and strong business management skills to improve the delivery of healthcare, our healthcare management programs can help prepare you to:

• Take a leadership role in hospitals and other healthcare organizations.
• Manage the many complex business decisions and systems, including informatics, that drive today’s healthcare organizations.
• Design and manage efficient environments for clinical practices of different types and sizes.

To learn more, contact an enrollment advisor at 1-866-492-5336.
Ph.D. in PUBLIC HEALTH

Public health workers are typically defined as those who work for an organization or entity that is actively engaged in promoting, protecting, and preserving the health of one or more defined population groups. Pursuing a Ph.D. will allow you to gain the necessary skills and experience to assume a leadership role or conduct research in public health.

Career Options
- Health department director
- Health officer
- Public health information officer
- Biostatistician
- Epidemiologist
- Health policy advisor
- Public health researcher
- Faculty/professor
- Post-doctoral fellow
- Global health professional/consultant
- Public health consultant
- Public health policy advisor
- Medical health services manager
- Community health worker
- Public Health Educator

Specializations
- Community Health Education
- Epidemiology

Walden Advantage

Accelerated Program for Students With an M.P.H.
Walden offers students who hold a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) a shorter path to the Ph.D. in Public Health.

The Opportunity to Contribute
As part of your dissertation, you’ll have the opportunity to conduct original research that contributes to your field.

Expert Faculty
Our health programs are led by faculty who are subject-matter experts in a variety of fields. You will learn from scholars, thought leaders, and researchers, all of whom have a broad range of experiences and diverse cultural backgrounds that they integrate into the classroom.

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Find information on costs, occupation types, completion rates, and median loan debt for this program at www.WaldenU.edu/programdata/phdph.

DID YOU KNOW...
More than 55% of Walden doctoral graduates surveyed in 2011 replied that they obtained a promotion as a result of earning their degrees.*
The field of health services administration combines politics, business, and science in managing the human and fiscal resources needed to deliver effective health services. If you’re interested in a rewarding career that allows you to apply administrative skills to helping others, consider a degree program that can prepare you to meet the changing needs and challenges of today’s healthcare system.

Career Options
- Hospital administrator
- Director of inpatient care
- Director of long-term services
- Healthcare consultant
- Medical insurance company executive
- Drug manufacturing executive
- Government health agency director
- Nonprofit healthcare organization executive
- Medical and health services manager
- Health educator
- Community health worker
- Postsecondary health specialties teacher

Specializations
- Community Health
- Healthcare Administration
- Leadership
- Public Health Policy
- Self-Designed

Walden Advantage

Accelerated Program for Students With an M.H.A.
Walden offers students who hold a Master of Healthcare Administration (M.H.A.) a shorter path to the Ph.D. in Health Services.

Interdisciplinary Approach
This program examines how health intersects with other fields, including social sciences, behavioral sciences, and professional behavior.

Program Options
With five specializations, including the option to design your own course of study, you can focus on the health services issues that are most relevant to your interests and career goals.

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Master of
PUBLIC HEALTH (M.P.H.)

Public health is not a single discipline, but it can be defined as a workforce that is dedicated to the common purpose of protecting the health of a population. M.P.H. graduates may work in many different fields that are engaged in the prevention of disease and the promotion of a healthy population.

Career Options†

• Health officer
• Occupational health and safety specialist
• Environmental health specialist
• Disease investigator
• Public health educator
• Public health information officer
• Public health analyst
• Public health policy coordinator

• Public health emergency preparedness and response coordinator
• Global health professional
• Research analyst
• Health policy advisor
• Epidemiologist
• Community health worker

Walden Advantage

Walden Takes Care of the Details
When you enroll in this program, you don’t need to worry about buying books or registering for classes. We’ll do that for you.

A Practice-Oriented Approach
A field practicum and a written capstone allow you to apply your coursework as you assess a real-world issue, need, or program while contributing to your field with original research.

Grow Your Network
Online courses give you access to scholars and practitioners from government, health, and nonprofit sectors.

DID YOU KNOW...
The demand for public health professionals continues to rise in response to global concerns such as bio-terrorism, potential pandemics, HIV and AIDS, and air and water quality issues. The U.S. Department of Labor predicts faster than average growth for healthcare managers, including public health managers.*

Find information on costs, occupation types, completion rates, and median loan debt for this program at www.WaldenU.edu/programdata/mph.

Consistent with our commitment to continuous quality improvement, Walden University has designed the curriculum for the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) program to reflect the professional guidelines set forth by leading public health organizations.

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Master of HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Healthcare administrators and managers are at the forefront of the dynamic changes in the healthcare field. They work in leadership positions in hospitals and other healthcare organizations and have proficiency in areas such as health policy, financial management, strategic planning, and economic analysis.

Career Options†

- Ambulatory surgery center director
- Compliance or business operations director
- Group practice administrator
- Academic program or departmental administrator
- Hospital or health services administrator
- Assistant administrator
- Nursing home administrator
- Materials management director
- Director of business functions such as marketing, operations, and planning
- Health information manager
- Director of managed care
- Director of managed care business development
- Director of patient access
- Medical and health services manager

Walden Advantage

Real-World Knowledge
The M.H.A. program features an optional practicum that helps you gain firsthand experience in healthcare management and allows you to apply the skills and knowledge you’ve acquired.

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M.S. in
CLINICAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

Clinical research administrators plan and direct all research-related activities involved in the production of new medical drugs and technologies while adhering to approved procedures, protocols, and legislation. They have a strong foundation in administration, budgeting, and government regulation and must ensure that all regulatory requirements and ethical issues are dealt with in an efficient and legal manner.

Career Options†

- Clinical research administrator
- Clinical research associate
- Clinical research coordinator
- Site auditor
- Project manager
- Site manager

- Clinical data manager
- Clinical research recruiter
- Clinical safety specialist
- Clinical trials materials manager
- Director of clinical operations
- Senior research compliance analyst

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Expert Faculty
Grow your professional network with faculty who are subject-matter experts from diverse fields, including medicine, law, nursing, and business.

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Real-World Knowledge
An optional practicum helps you gain firsthand experience in clinical research administration and allows you to apply the skills and knowledge you’ve acquired.

Find information on costs, occupation types, completion rates, and median loan debt for this program at www.WaldenU.edu/programdata/mscra.

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M.S. in
HEALTH INFORMATICS

Health informatics professionals are an integral part of the multidisciplinary healthcare team. They play key roles in the development, implementation, evaluation, and management of healthcare information technology solutions for healthcare organizations. In doing so, they optimize the delivery of healthcare and make significant contributions toward improving quality, patient safety, cost effectiveness, and accessibility of healthcare.

Career Options†
• Implementation specialist
• Implementation manager
• Consultant
• Project manager
• Privacy officer
• Compliance officer
• Clinical database specialist
• Clinical applications analyst

• Clinical informaticist
• Clinical information systems coordinator
• Clinical systems analyst
• IT business analyst
• Health informatician
• Healthcare IT trainer
• Researcher
• Academician

Walden Advantage

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Real-World Knowledge
An optional practicum gives you the opportunity to apply health informatics principles and policies to real-world practice.

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DID YOU KNOW...
The demand for health informatics professionals is predicted to grow by 21% through 2020, a much higher growth rate than that of many traditional fields.*

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Healthcare administrators and managers play a key role in the healthcare field. Pursuing a bachelor’s degree can help you acquire skills in areas such as healthcare program evaluation, human resource management, and strategic planning as you prepare for a management position in a range of healthcare settings.

Career Options†

- Physician’s office manager
- Home healthcare administrator
- Business development associate
- Healthcare services consultant
- Healthcare manager
- Health unit coordinator
- Director of health services
- EMS administrator
- Manager of patient safety
- Program coordinator
- Compliance officer
- Health services project administrator
- Managed care director
- Health information manager
- Medical practice administrator
- Clinical manager
- Front office manager
- Medical and health services manager

Walden Advantage

Accelerate Into Master’s (AIM)
Get a head start on your master’s degree at Walden. With the Accelerate Into Master’s (AIM) option, you could earn credit toward a master’s degree while completing your undergraduate studies.

Expand Your Expertise With a Minor
You can gain valuable knowledge in a field outside of your chosen degree program by pursuing an undergraduate minor. Adding a minor in areas such as business or psychology can give you more career choices while enhancing your knowledge and increasing your skills.

Put Theory Into Practice
Our scholar-practitioner model gives you opportunities to apply classwork to real-world problems. In your program of study, you will have the opportunity to complete a public service learning project, internship, or study abroad as an elective.

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B.S. in
HEALTH STUDIES

The field of healthcare is changing dramatically and healthcare organizations are growing more complex. Health studies professionals provide a multidisciplinary approach to the study of illness, disease, and injury and work to develop relevant solutions to impact health and healthcare delivery. Employment of medical and health services managers is expected to grow by 22 percent from 2010 to 2020, faster than the average for all occupations. As the large baby-boom population ages and people remain active later in life, the healthcare industry as a whole will see an increase in the demand for medical services. Managers will be needed to organize and manage medical information and healthcare staffs in all areas of the industry.

Career Options†
- Health and wellness specialist/consultant
- Pharmaceutical sales representative
- Allied health professional
- Health educator
- Wellness coordinator
- Safety specialist
- Community health worker
- Wellness center manager
- Health information technology specialist
- Ambulatory healthcare services
- Medical writer
- Public relations specialist
- Program coordinator
- Medical and health services manager

Concentrations
- Child Development
- Health Management
- Disaster and Emergency Management
- Health Promotion and Wellness
- Health Cultural Diversity
- Health Psychology and Behavior
- Health Communication
- Self-Designed

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Find information on costs, occupation types, completion rates, and median loan debt for this program at www.WaldenU.edu/programdata/bshs.

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**B.S. in PUBLIC HEALTH**

Public health workers are typically defined as those who work for an organization or entity that is actively engaged in promoting, protecting, and preserving the health of one or more defined population groups. Public health professionals apply their expertise in areas such as disaster relief, disease prevention, and child wellness.

**Career Options**

- Community outreach coordinator
- Health services manager
- Health officer
- Operations manager
- Public health emergency preparedness and response coordinator
- Public health program specialist/coordinator
- Public health information officer
- Research associate
- Risk analyst
- Safety and health specialist
- Health educator
- Community health worker
- Public relations specialist

**Concentrations**

- Child Development
- Disaster and Emergency Management
- Health and Cultural Diversity
- Health Communication
- Health Informatics
- Health Management
- Health Promotion and Wellness
- Health Psychology and Behavior

**Walden Advantage**

**Accelerate Into Master’s (AIM)**

Get a head start on your master’s degree. With the Accelerate Into Master’s (AIM) option, you could earn credit toward a master’s degree while completing your undergraduate studies, saving you time and money.

**Program Options**

With a general program and eight concentrations, this program offers the opportunity to focus on the public health issues that are most relevant to your interests and career goals.

**Put Theory Into Practice**

Our scholar-practitioner model gives you opportunities to apply classwork to real-world problems. In your program of study, you will have the opportunity to complete a public service learning project or internship or study abroad as an elective.

**MobileLearn®**

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Find information on costs, occupation types, completion rates, and median loan debt for this program at www.WaldenU.edu/programdata/bshp.

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Expert Faculty
Our health programs are led by faculty who are subject-matter experts in a variety of fields, including medicine, law, nursing, and business. You will learn from scholars, thought leaders, and researchers, all of whom have a broad range of experiences and diverse cultural backgrounds that they integrate into the classroom.

Social Change Mission
Walden’s mission of effecting positive social change is defined by a commitment to improve the human and social condition by promoting the worth, dignity, and development of society. These efforts are supported through a learning experience that emphasizes a scholar-practitioner model, built on the belief that knowledge is most valuable when it is put to use in the interest of the greater good.

Program Options
Our variety of public health and healthcare management degree programs with specializations and concentrations lets you choose the program that best matches your professional experience and career goals. You can focus on acquiring the skills and knowledge that fit your professional development needs.

Real-World Knowledge
These public health and healthcare management programs focus on industry needs and best practices. Our programs are designed by experts who are passionate about healthcare and about educating healthcare professionals.

The Format to Succeed
In addition to offering you the flexibility of online study, many of Walden’s healthcare courses use a variety of media, case studies, discussion, and relevant research to help promote your learning.

MobileLearn℠
Some programs offer MobileLearn, which lets you choose when and how to learn. Gain direct access to course content using your laptop, smartphone, or other handheld device to download videos, texts, lectures, and other course content.