

Health Care Policy and Management, Minor

The Minor in Health Care Policy and Management

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Overview

The face of health care is changing. The practice of medicine is being fundamentally altered by the forces of change in public policy, health care organizations and in the industry as a whole. The role of individual professionals in this industry is changing as rapidly as the industry itself. Traditional career paths have disappeared overnight to be replaced by new opportunities that require new skills. New organizations are placing new demands on their professional and medical staffs. The criteria of efficiency and financial stability are entering the domains of diagnosis and treatment.

This minor is designed to provide students considering a career in the health professions with an understanding of how these changes are likely to affect their careers. Students will become familiar with the critical policy and management issues and will begin to learn to operate effectively in the emerging health care environment. The curriculum combines economic, organizational, managerial, historical and psychological perspectives on these issues to provide a foundation for a deepened understanding of the changing structure of health care organizations and policy.

Curriculum

Minor in Health Care Policy and Management

54 units

Entry into the minor requires completion of 73-102 Principles of Microeconomics or the equivalent by approval.

Required Courses

Complete a total of 21 units from the following:		Units
79-330	Medicine and Society: Health, Healers, and Hospitals	9
90-436	Health Systems	6
90-472	Health Policy	6

Elective Courses

Complete a minimum of 24 units from these two sections:

Heinz College Courses

94-409	Healthcare Information Systems	12
73-328	Health Economics	12
90-834	Geospatial Health Analytics (GIS)	12
Other courses as approved		

Humanities and Social Sciences Courses (9 units each)

80-245	Medical Ethics	9
76-494	Healthcare Communications	9
88-365	Behavioral Economics and Public Policy	9
42-444	Medical Devices	9
Other courses as approved		

Please note that some of these courses have prerequisites that will not count toward the completion of the requirements for this minor.

Elective Focus Areas

Focus areas are suggested groupings of electives based on student interest. Students *do not* need to take all electives within one focus area; they are free to choose their 18-unit elective minimum from any combination of focus areas.

Health Management/Administration Focus

80-245	Medical Ethics	9
76-494	Healthcare Communications	9

Health Policy Focus

73-328	Health Economics	12
88-365/90-882	Behavioral Economics and Public Policy	9
Other courses as approved		

Health Analytics & IT Focus

94-409	Healthcare Information Systems	12
90-834	Geospatial Health Analytics (GIS)	12
42-444	Medical Devices	9
Other courses as approved		