The mission of the Department of Health Administration and Policy (HAP) is to provide innovative education, service and research that contribute to improving the quality of care and delivery of healthcare services. The department accomplishes this mission by preparing professionals for careers as executives and managers in acute and ambulatory care and senior housing/assisted living organizations, as well as specialists in health informatics, healthcare risk management, and health policy.

The research and scholarly activities of the department contribute to basic and applied knowledge about the organization, management, financing, and performance of U.S. health systems and public health services; the development and management of health information systems; and the development and analysis of evidence-based U.S. health policy to foster innovation and public accountability and contribute to ensuring access to cost-effective, high-quality health services. The department works with consumers, stakeholders, students, faculty, alumni, research funders, and the community to ensure rigorous, relevant educational programs (including post-graduate professional development), service activities, and the development and timely dissemination of research. Part-time students are encouraged to take at least 6 credits per semester to promote timely completion of the program.

Requirements & Policies

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Academic Advising

Each student is assigned an academic advisor who is a faculty member within their academic department or a professional academic advisor within the Office of Student Affairs (OSA). Academic advisor assignments are listed on the CHHS website (https://chhs.gmu.edu/students/academic-advising), and students are expected to meet with their advisor regularly (at least once each semester) to seek advice about academic schedules and program plans, internships, and career guidance. Students also should meet with their advisor if they are experiencing academic difficulty or personal challenges or if they are feeling overwhelmed.

All students are responsible for knowing the requirements of their major as specified in the university catalog for their catalog year; academic deadlines outlined in the semester academic calendar (http://registrar.gmu.edu/calendars); and university policies and procedures as stated in the catalog.

Students also should run their own degree-evaluation (http://registrar.gmu.edu/students/degree-evaluation) to identify graduation requirements and progress towards their degree. While academic advisors can give advice to students, students are responsible for the academic planning decisions they make. Academic advisors cannot be held responsible for mistakes made by students in selecting courses that may not count toward their degree and thus delay a desired graduation date.

Programs

• Health Administration, BS
• Health Informatics and Data Analytics Graduate Certificate
• Health Informatics, MS
• Health Information Technology Minor
• Health Policy, MS (title change pending SCHEV approval)
• Health Services Research, PhD
• Health Systems Management, MHA
• Health and Social Policy Minor
• Quality Improvement and Outcomes Management in Health Care Systems Graduate Certificate
• Senior Housing Administration Minor