



Doctoral Studies
Health Services Organization and Research

Completion of the doctoral program leads to the Doctor of Philosophy in Health Services Organization and Research. The program is designed to meet the distinct professional development needs of clinical professionals, administrative professionals, and researchers and policy analysts seeking advanced positions in universities, research organizations, and complex health organizations. The distinctive focus of the curriculum is on organizational studies, theory, and associated analytical techniques. Admission is limited, competitive, and open to students with clear career goals in health services administration and research.

Curriculum

Doctoral Program courses are distributed across four areas:

Foundations of Health Services Organization and Research (9 credit hours)

HADM 602 Health System Organization, Financing, and Performance

HADM 624 Health Economics

HADM 780 Seminar in Theory and Research Design

Health Services Organization Theory Core (12 credit hours)

HADM 701 Health Care Organization Theory I

HADM 702 Health Care Organization Theory II

HADM 703 Health System Strategy

HADM 704 Health Care Organization Behavior

Health Services Research Methods (18 credit hours)

MGMT 632 Statistical Analysis

MGMT 643 Applied Multivariate Methods

HADM 761 Health Services Research Methods I

HADM 762 Health Services Research Methods II

HADM 763 Health Services Research Methods III

ECON 601 Econometrics

Area of specialization (9 credit hours). Three elective courses in a area of specialization.

In addition, **nine** dissertation credit hours are required.

The course work is sequenced so it can be completed in two years of **full-time** study. A **part-time** option (three years) is also available. Other courses, independent studies, special topics, and practicum courses are available as electives in the Department of Health Administration as well as in other VCU departments.

The Doctor of Philosophy degree is awarded after the minimum 57 credit hours of course work are completed, comprehensive exams are passed, and the dissertation is written and defended orally.

Admission requirements include:

- graduate degree in a relevant field with a grade point average of "B" or higher;
- working knowledge of college-level algebra, especially matrix algebra;
- advanced courses in statistics and economics;
- minimum scores of 550 on verbal and 600 on quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or equivalent GMAT scores (testing date within the past five years);
- for foreign students, scores from the test of English as a Foreign Language;
- transcripts and application forms;
- three letters of recommendation; and
- personal interviews with members of the Admissions Committee.

In addition, the Department recommends that candidates have one to two years experience in the health care industry before beginning the program.

To apply, application materials are available from the Graduate School. Follow instructions provided by the Graduate School for U.S. citizens and permanent resident aliens. Non-U.S. residents should refer to the instructions for the international student application visit: www.vcu.edu/oie/ia.

If you would prefer a hard copy of the application, please send us a fax, e-mail or letter with your name and address and we will mail you an application.

Fellowships

The Department and University offer a limited amount of fellowship and assistantship support. Awards are very competitive and if funding is desired, we advise that you apply by December 1.

More information:

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Richmond is a city deep in history, with terrific neighborhoods, museums, parks, and year round festivals. Its location offers easy access to Interstates 95 and 64, Washington D.C., Virginia's ocean beaches, and the Shenandoah Mountains.

With seven colleges and universities in the area, Richmond is very student-friendly.



Application Deadline: April 15
Classes Begin in the Fall

Full-time Faculty in the Doctoral Program

Gloria J. Bazzoli, Ph.D., M.S. (Economics, Cornell University)

Dolores G. Clement, Dr. P.H. (Health Policy and Administration, University of California, Berkeley; M.S., Health Systems Management, Rush University; M.A., International Affairs, Ohio University)

Jan P. Clement, Ph.D. (Health Policy and Administration, University of North Carolina; MSPH, Community Health, University of Missouri-Columbia)

Jonathan P. DeShazo, Ph.D., M.P.H. (Biomedical and Health Informatics, University of Washington)

Roice D. Luke, Ph.D. (Medical Care Organization, Health Economics, University of Michigan; M.B.A., Managerial Economics, University of California, Berkeley)

Michael J. McCue, D.B.A. (Finance, University of Kentucky; M.B.A., Finance, University of Minnesota)

Stephen S. Mick, Ph.D., M. Phil. (Sociology, Yale University)

Yasar A. Ozcan, Ph.D. (Health Services Organization and Research), Virginia Commonwealth University; M.B.A., Southeastern Louisiana University)

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