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Health Services Administration Associate in Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.)

Course Requirements

MAJOR COURSES **Qtr. hrs. credit**

HEA101 Introduction to Health Services 4

Students study the American healthcare system, its structure and operations, the forces responsible for shaping it, and the policies influencing its current and future performance.

HEA203 Ethical and Legal Aspects of Health Services 4

An introduction to the principles of law as applied to the healthcare field. Students learn ethical standards and issues as related to healthcare.

HEA205 Managed Care and Health Insurance 4

Provides an overview of the principles and practices of managed care and health insurance. Students analyze and evaluate private- and government-sponsored programs in relation to systems in other countries.

HEA215 Health Communications 4

Provides the effective health communication skills that are necessary for employment and success in health services, including writing accurate and concise health reports, familiarization with vocabulary of terms commonly used, and verbal communication.

HEA220 Health Services Management I 4

Course provides an introduction to various managerial approaches to the delivery of healthcare services. Students learn how to manage the issues of consumers, providers, and insurers, and explore the organization and structure of the current healthcare system with a view toward options for its future direction.

Prerequisite: HEA101

HEA255 Computer Applications in Health Services 2

Explores current and emerging uses of technology in the health services industry. Students learn how to use industry software for medical office management, billing, and coding.

Prerequisites: CIS115, HEA101

HEA270 Special Topics in Health Services 4

Involves readings and discussions organized around selected topics in health. Topics will vary each quarter and may include health policy, health services risk management, the politics of health, and professional ethics.

Prerequisite: HEA101

HEA293 Internship

4

Allows students to work in a position related to their course of study. Students integrate the skills and knowledge learned through their academic experiences and participate in focused online discussions and special online projects.

Prerequisite: BUS226

BUSINESS COURSES**ACC110 Fundamentals of Accounting for Managers**

4

Covers basic financial accounting elements, definitions, and statements. Students learn how to read and understand financial statements and how to use them in making financial business decisions.

BUS100 Business Organization and Management

4

Explores the nature and scope of business, examines its component parts, and describes how businesses are organized and managed. Students will learn about the various internal and external forces that comprise our business and economic system.

BUS226 Career Management Seminar

2

Explores career development opportunities and strategies. Stresses entry-level job requirements and upward career paths. Covers resume writing skills, interviewing techniques, and the importance of professionalism. Continues the student's orientation to Berkeley College's computer framework, which includes content collection and compiling a professional ePortfolio.

CIS115 Computer Applications

4

An introduction to computer technology with an emphasis on applications. Students learn how to use software packages, such as Microsoft Windows, Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. Includes an orientation to Berkeley College's computer framework, which includes Blackboard, content collection, and portfolio development.

MGT220 Principles of Management

4

Examines operational theories of management under the functions of planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and controlling. Emphasizes the manager's role in creating and maintaining an internal environment for performance. Students discuss cases in detail.

Prerequisite: BUS100 or prior approval

LIBERAL ARTS COURSES**ENG105 Expository Writing**

4

An introduction to expository writing through a comprehensive survey of forms of composition. Students are taught to use words with precision, and strengthen their understanding and application of grammatical and rhetorical principles. Students are encouraged to appreciate and incorporate the principles of academic and professional writing.

ENG106 Writing Through Literature

4

Strengthens the writing, reading, and interpretive abilities introduced in ENG105. Encourages students to develop an appreciation and understanding of various works of literature,

and utilize literature to enhance critical thinking and writing.

Prerequisite: ENG105

ENG115 Public Speaking 4

Designed to help students improve oral communication skills. Emphasis is placed on identifying good and poor speech habits, techniques for improving speech, oral interpretation, effective speech planning and delivery, and interpersonal communication.

Prerequisite: ENG106

GEC123 Introduction to Applied Psychology 4

A required course for first-quarter students that examines basic psychological concepts which can be helpful in adjusting to the college experience. Some of the subtopics covered include stress management, academic challenges, communication skills, time management, healthy relationships, positive thinking, conflict management, and balancing home/college/work.

SOC201 Macroeconomics 4

An introduction to the study of macroeconomics. Provides a brief history of economics, from Adam Smith to the present. Students will learn the theories of contemporary macroeconomics, as well as their application and impact in today's world.

SOC231 Human Relations in the Workforce 4

Students will develop the interpersonal skills known to be key ingredients for successful everyday interactions with coworkers, supervisors, and customers/clients at any work environment. Some major skill areas covered in the course include making a good impression with your employer, managing conflict with difficult coworkers, working on a team with diverse groups of people, providing exceptional service for customers/clients, and managing on-the-job stressors.

General Education Core Humanities Elective 4

General Education Core Mathematics/Science Elective 4

FREE ELECTIVES 10

90 QUARTER CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

In the final quarter most on-site courses are offered only during the late afternoon and early evening so as not to interfere with internships.

Eligibility for internships required to obtain a Berkeley College degree and employment opportunities in the healthcare field may be contingent upon the results of a post-offer medical examination, which may include drug and alcohol testing, and receipt of satisfactory references. Applicants for whom such requirements may be matters of concern are strongly advised to contact an Admissions counselor prior to enrolling in a healthcare-related program.

SAMPLE PROGRAM SEQUENCE

