Behavioral Health (Management), DBH

With the Doctor of Behavioral Health management concentration, you will be trained among other current and aspiring health care managers on integrated health care. The curriculum explores health policies and delivery systems; strategies for achieving the Triple Aim of better patient experience, improved population health and reducing costs; and entrepreneurship useful for evolving health care systems.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: DBH Behavioral Health (Management)

The DBH with a concentration in management is an innovative doctoral degree program that provides current and aspiring health care managers with training on integrated health care management. Integrated health care is the team-based, coordinated treatment of medical, lifestyle and behavioral conditions.

The Doctor of Behavioral Health program addresses a wide range of behavioral health issues impacting at-risk populations, from lifestyle to mental health to substance abuse, social determinants of health and health disparities. It focuses on integrated health management in primary care, especially in the patient-centered medical home and accountable care organization models. Integrated care is an excellent fit for other settings such as hospitals, emergency departments, specialty care, health plans, workplace wellness, educational and traditional mental health and substance use disorder treatment settings called bidirectional integration. The Doctor of Behavioral Health is a global, interdisciplinary program with curriculum and programs that enables both domestic and international students to translate management practices tailored to local health system geography, culture, and policy.

The unique curriculum focuses on three areas: integrated behavioral health program design, quality and performance measurement, and business entrepreneurship. Graduates of the management concentration are positioned to achieve the Quadruple Aim in health care: improved patient experience of care, population health management, cost-savings and improved health care team experience. The curriculum emphasizes direct management or administration within medical settings, improving quality of care through population health management, and building and sustaining integrated care programs. The curriculum includes emerging health technologies such as integrated health measures in electronic health records, mobile health apps and wearable technology to facilitate and assist with tracking health behavior change, big data and analytics.
DBH graduates are expected to apply entrepreneurship concepts and skills to promote integrated health programs with key stakeholders, such as medical directors and chief executive officers. Graduates of the management concentration choose careers such as integrated care practice managers and choose leadership positions in integrated care delivery systems, health plans and managed care organizations as well as integrated care industry consultants.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Health Solutions
- **Location:** online

Degree Requirements

84 credit hours including the required Applied Project Course (IBC 793)

**Required Core (12 credit hours)**
IBC 611 Population-Based Behavioral Health Management (3)
IBC 614 Quality and Performance Measurement, Improvement, and Incentives in Health Care (3)
IBC 718 Healthcare Systems: Organization, Delivery and Economics (3)
IBC 720 Behavioral Health Entrepreneurship (3)

**Concentration (18 credit hours)**
BMI 601 Fundamentals of Health Informatics (3)
IBC 601 Models of Integrated Primary Care (3)
IBC 626 Behavioral Health Management (3)
IBC 630 Financial Management of Health Care (3)
IBC 660 Healthcare Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues (3)
IBC 740 Integrated Behavioral Interventions, Cost Savings, Medical Cost Offset and Return on Investment (3)

**Electives or Research (18 credit hours)**

**Other Requirements (3 credit hours)**
IBC 684 Internship (3)
Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
IBC 793 Applied Project (3)

Additional Curricular Information
previously awarded master's degree from a regionally accredited university or other courses approved by the supervisory committee (30 credit hours)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Health Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of 3.00 cumulative GPA (on a 4.00 scale) in the applicable master's degree.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application
2. official transcripts
3. personal statement
4. one professional letter of recommendation
5. updated curriculum vitae or resume
6. program policies acknowledgements
7. video or webcam admissions interview (if indicated)
8. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Applicants with master's degrees in business administration, public health, nursing, counseling, health care administration and social work, among others, are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be master's degree-level professionals who are either currently employed or aspire to be employed in a clinical capacity within integrated health care.
Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Application Deadlines

Fall
Spring
Summer

Global Opportunities

PLuS Alliance

The PLuS Alliance combines the strengths of three leading research universities on three continents --- Arizona State University, King's College London and UNSW Sydney --- to create and share knowledge that will solve pressing educational and societal challenges.

Students have the opportunity to collaborate with peers and specialists across the globe through PLuS-partner courses offered online. Through this PLuS Alliance collaboration degree program, students develop transferable global competencies and gain exposure to international teaching and academic content. https://www.plusalliance.org/global-learning-network-programmes

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