



## New Combined Degree Program Request

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### New Combined Degree Program Request

Proposed Program: B.H.S./M.H.A. in Health Administration CIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date (Term/Year): Fall / 2022 (e.g. Fall/2020)

Proposed Combined Program Information	Undergraduate	Graduate
Degree Level (e.g. B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., etc.)	B.H.S.	M.H.A.
Program Name (e.g. Physics, Engineering, etc.)	Health Administration	Health Administration
College	Business	Business
Department	Management	Management
Program Description (provide a brief description of the program, including thesis or non-thesis option)	This is a combined program with B.H.S. to M.H.A. in Health Administration. Students complete the pre-requisites while pursuing the bachelor's degree. Up to 9 graduate credits can be counted in both B.H.S. and M.H.A. programs.	

#### Curriculum Requirements

**GPA Requirements:** Departments must establish a minimum undergraduate GPA for students to be admitted to a combined program. *Note: Please attach explanation.*  
 Cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 at the end of the student's junior year.

**List courses to be shared:** Up to twelve (12) credit hours of graduate courses (5000 level or above course work) may be shared between the graduate and undergraduate degree for a combined program. *Note: Please attach explanation:*

- Academic justification for shared credits and catalog language
- List the undergraduate course that will be replaced by graduate courses.

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Proposal for Creation of Combined B.H.S. HEAD/M.H.A. HEAD  
Degree Program

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** College of Business Graduate Council

**FROM:** Roland Kidwell, Management Department Chair

**RE:** Proposal for Creation of Combined B.H.S. Health Administration/M.H.A. Master of Health Administration Degree Program

**DATE:** February 15, 2021

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This proposal is to create an integrated, five-year, 150 credit-hour program that leads to the combined award of a B.H.S. in Health Administration and a M.H.A. Master of Health Administration awarded by the Management department. The Health Administration combined-degree program provides academically talented students an opportunity to complete a bachelor's and a master's degree in a shorter period of time.

**I. Advantages of the Accelerated Degree**

- Qualified students can obtain a graduate degree in much less time (e.g. 10 months).
- The cost of both degrees is reduced (e.g. no GMAT or GRE and up to three less courses).
- Students' marketability is greatly enhanced; many professions now require a master's degree for even entry-level positions.

**II. Program Details and Coursework**

Students should apply for the program in the spring semester of their junior year, must satisfy all University and College major degree requirements for each academic program and maintain a cumulative and major GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. Students will be awarded each degree separately upon completion of the individual degree requirements. If accepted into the combined program, up to 9 graduate credits can double count for coursework toward requirements for both bachelor's and master's degrees.

**Pre-requisite Coursework for Transfer Students:** Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements and requirements for the college and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the pre-requisite courses for their major as outlined in the *Transfer Student Manual* (see [www.fau.edu/registrar/tsm.php](http://www.fau.edu/registrar/tsm.php)).

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**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

**Junior Year Courses:** Pre-requisites to enter combined program

Students must have a GPA of 3.25 and complete the following courses with a grade of “B” or better.

<u>Semester</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Pre-Requisite</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Fall	HSA3111	Health Delivery Systems	None	3
Fall	HSA4110	Health Care Organization	Taken concurrently with HSA3111	3
Spring	MAR3023	Marketing Management	ECO2023,ECO2013	3
Spring	HSA4140	Planning in Health Organizations	HSA3111, HSA4110	3
			<b>Major Courses total</b>	12

Specific requirements include:

- Maintain an overall GPA of 3.25 and a grade of “B” or better on all upper division health administration coursework.
- Complete at least 3 credits, and up to 9 credits, of 5000/6000 level coursework during the student’s undergraduate studies. Graduate Coursework must be approved by the department/advisor.
- Apply to the M.H.A. program by submitting the graduate application and all required admission documents.

Students who successfully complete the requirements of their undergraduate degree program, with at least 3 credits of graduate level coursework completed, are admitted to graduate school the following semester. The financial aid status of the student changes to graduate at this time. Students who have not maintained the requirements are not automatically admitted to graduate school. These students may apply to graduate school by taking the GMAT/GRE and going through the regular graduate school admission process.

In the event that a student completes the undergraduate degree requirements but is unable to complete the graduate degree requirements; the student, upon receiving permission from the College of Business, will be awarded only the undergraduate degree.

**SEE BELOW FOR CATALOG LANGUAGE.**

## CATALOG SPECIFICATIONS

### Combined Programs

#### B.H.S. in Health Administration to M.H.A. in Master of Health Administration Degree Program

The department offers a combined Bachelor of Health Administration (B.H.S.) to Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.) program. Students in this combined program may count up to 9 credits of approved graduate coursework (5000 level or higher) toward both their bachelor's degree and master's degree.

1. The student has met the minimum 120 credits for the bachelor's degree; and
2. The student has taken a minimum of 30 credits in 5000 level or higher courses for the master's program.

With the approximate duration of five years, this combined program provides attractive ways for students to continue their graduate work. Students will complete and graduate from their bachelor degree first, and then continue coursework to finish their master degree program.

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#### Admission Requirements

The GRE/GMAT requirement is waived for this program. To be eligible for the combined program, the bachelor's students in BHS should:

1. Have a cumulative FAU GPA of 3.25 or better at the end of their junior year. Note that the cumulative FAU GPA of at least 3.25 must be maintained until the completion of the bachelor's degree in Health Administration.
2. Formally apply to the combined program, completing the admissions process at least one semester prior to the beginning of the M.H.A portion of their program.

Once admitted to the program, students begin taking graduate courses (5000/6000 level courses) in their senior year that would apply to both the bachelor's and master's degree programs. Students in the combined program must maintain continuous enrollment, in full-time status, during their bachelor's degree to remain in the combined program. Once students are admitted to the M.H.A. program, they must maintain continuous enrollment to remain in good standing. Students must also meet all of the degree requirements of the graduate program.

## Degree Requirements

To be eligible for the combined B.H.S. in Health Administration to M.H.A in Health Administration Degree Program, students must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Completion of the requirements for the B.H.S. in Health Administration
2. Completion of all requirements for the M.H.A in Health Administration

## Credits counted toward Bachelor's and Master's Degrees

The following Undergraduate course requirements may be replaced with the shown graduate level courses (up to a total of 9 credits). These graduate credits count toward both the bachelor's degree and the master's degree.

Undergraduate Course Requirements	Graduate Course Substitution
Upper Division Health Administration Elective (3 credits)	Choose among the following courses: HSA6937 Current Topics in Health Care Administration (3 credits) HSA6930 Special Topics (a) Global Health (b) Managed Care (c) Medical Practice Management (d) Disaster Management in Health Care (e) Introduction to Public Health
Upper Division Health Administration Elective (3 credits)	ENT6226 Entrepreneurial Skills for Managers (3 credits) MAN6156 Human Resource Management (3 credits) QMB6603 Data Analysis for Managers (3 credits)
HSA4423 Health Law	HSA6425 Health Law