HEALTH POLICY, CERTIFICATE

Requirements for an undergraduate certificate may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the certificate.

Program Description

The certificate in Health Care Policy helps prepare students for policy positions in the field of health care. Health Care Policy certificate students will develop the skills and knowledge needed to understand the challenges of providing access to quality health care at reasonable cost. The five course certificate will provide a students with opportunities to examine the social, political, historic, and scientific factors in the development and organization of health services; frameworks for health policy analysis; policy decisions related to social and private health insurance; how data are presented and used for decision-making in health care administration; how to use financial and economic information to make decisions in health care organizations; and fundamental theories, concepts, issues, and strategies related to a population health.

This certificate also offers short term stackable credentials that align with health industry entry level position needs. Students can "stack" the HPA administration micro-credentials over time toward the completion of the certificate or use them as a stand-alone credential. Each micro-credential cluster combines three core HPA courses and mastery of these courses will be demonstrated through a comprehensive exam.

Program Requirements

To earn an undergraduate certificate in Health Policy, a minimum of 15 credits is required.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
HPA 101	Introduction to Health Services Organization	3
HPA 200	An Introduction to Data in the Health Care System	3
HPA 210	Health Care Payment	3
HPA 301	Health Services Policy Issues	3
HPA 311	Population Health and Healthcare	3

Contact

University Park

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION
601F Donald H. Ford Building
University Park, PA 16802
814-863-2861
mxs838@psu.edu