

Health Care Administration Program Application Instructions

The University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire Health Care Administration Program is a special program designed to provide a comprehensive academic education, combined with an advanced experiential experience during the practicum year. Applicants selected for participation in the Program are expected to demonstrate experience and passion for wanting to make a difference in people's lives. If you have a "head for business" and a "heart for caring" this Program and future career may be a good fit for you.

Achievement of a grade of C- or better is required in all HCAD major coursework. You must meet the 2.75 GPA requirement to be admitted to the major, to apply for practicum, to begin practicum, and to graduate. Selection decisions will be made by taking into consideration factors such as GPA, health care and leadership experience, drive/motivation/passion of the student, future career goals, and the availability of space in the desired practicum cohort you are applying for. We are limited to 40 students per cohort, and applications will be competitive. If you appear to be a good fit for the program, but there is no space available in your desired cohort, you may be offered acceptance into a future cohort.

On the application form:

Line #4: Type or Print the address where you receive mail.

Line #6: Type or Print the date you plan to BEGIN your practicum. You will have to use your What-if Degree Audit and your HCAD Degree Plan to determine when your on-campus coursework requirements will have been met, and when you will be ready to begin practicum.

Line #7: To be admitted to the College of Business, you must have taken ECON 103, 104, ACCT 201,202, & IS 240. You must meet the COB requirements in place in YOUR catalog year. For example, the 08-09 Catalog requirement is at least a 2.2 GPA in the 5 Pre-req courses, a 2.3 GPA total GPA, and completion of 54 credits. *You should apply for the HCAD program during the semester in which you will have the last of your COB admission requirements in progress.*

Line #8: Enter the number of credits you will have completed by the end of the semester you are currently taking (include the credits you are currently enrolled for).

Your essay:

Your **essay** (and your application) will be evaluated on how well thought out and written it is, and how you answer the following questions (be concise, the essay should not exceed two typed pages):

- What do *you* bring or have to offer to the Health Care Administration Program and your future classmates?
- Why do you want to receive a degree in Health Care Administration?
- What have you done to prepare yourself for a future career in Health Care Administration (work or volunteer experiences, books or articles you've read, activities you've participated in, etc.)?
- What do you see yourself doing in five to ten years?

We want to know how your participation in the Program will add value – to you, to your classmates, the program, and the field.

Remember to include your "What if" HCAD degree audit, your completed Degree Plan, your Program Application, and Essay when you submit your application packet.