

# HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

Chair	Secretary	Location	Department Phone
Dr. David Jordan	Tanya Turner	109 Patterson	724-738-2280

Department Web Site URL (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/health-care-administration-and-management/>)

Department Fact Sheet URL (<https://www.sru.edu/documents/programs/factsheets/undergraduate/FS-HCAM.pdf>)

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT (HCAM) DEGREE?

An HCAM degree prepares you to assume a variety of rewarding positions within a vast and dynamic healthcare industry. You can also pursue an accelerated progression to become an occupational therapist, physical therapist, or physician assistant. Healthcare is **our nation's largest industry**, which creates a significant demand for clinical and non-clinical administrators and managers. If you are interested in working in healthcare as a non-clinical professional, your career options include career paths in hospitals, health systems, physician group practices, healthcare and insurance service providers, managed care organizations, health care technology firms, medical sales, insurance companies and third-party administrators, durable medical equipment companies, rehabilitation and specialty hospitals, nursing and personal care homes, government agencies, and more.

## HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT (HCAM) AT SRU

At SRU, the HCAM major offers eight concentrations. Regardless of your concentration, with an HCAM degree you will be prepared to begin your career in this fast-growing industry. If you want to work toward becoming a physical therapist, occupation therapist or physician assistant, you can meet the necessary prerequisites with either a traditional or accelerated HCAM program while developing an understanding of the healthcare industry. You will learn about the financing of healthcare, legal and regulatory environments, organizational dynamics, quality and continuous improvement, leadership, and much more that is essential for all healthcare professionals. Healthcare professionals in all roles, including clinical, are increasingly expected to understand and provide some administrative functions.

### CONCENTRATIONS (three and four year progressions)

- Financial Management
- Information Systems
- Leadership
- Legal Environment
- Long-term Care
- Medical Device Sales
- Marketing and Sales
- Quality and Risk Management

### PRE-PROFESSIONAL (accelerated 3+ and traditional options)

- HCAM Pre-Occupational Therapy
- HCAM Pre-Physical Therapy
- HCAM Pre-Physician Assistant

## WHY CHOOSE SRU HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT (HCAM)?

1. **Variety:** There are two paths you can take with an HCAM degree.
  - Path 1: If you are interested in administration or management in America's largest and fastest growing industry, but do not want to seek a clinical career.
  - Path 2: If you are interested in preparing to pursue physical therapy, occupational therapy or physician assistant programs.
2. **Opportunity:** As the U.S. population is aging and the number of Americans with access to healthcare is expanding, the demand for industry professionals grows. Healthcare administrators and managers work with doctors, nurses and other health service professionals to enable the health care system to run smoothly and efficiently.
3. **Versatile:** Graduates benefit from a degree that is both an allied health and business credential. With a degree in HCAM you will have a variety of opportunities in this growing and rapidly changing industry. You will also develop important business knowledge, skills, and abilities that transcend the health care industry. While most graduates enjoy success in the healthcare industry, some choose non-healthcare careers in other business areas.
4. **Advancement:** HCAM is also ideal if you currently work in the health care industry and wish to pursue career advancement or a leadership role within your discipline.
5. **Experienced faculty:** You will be taught by faculty members, not graduate assistants, who bring real-life examples, research and/or industry experience to enhance the learning experience.
6. **Network:** We have developed a robust network of health care industry leaders who engage with our programs and students to maximize "real-life" experiential learning and career pathways. We also have engaged alumni who support our students in a variety of ways.

### SRU HCAM students have completed internships at various locations including:

- AFLAC
- Allegheny Health Network
- Cleveland Clinic
- Concordia Lutheran Ministries
- Family Links
- Guardian Healthcare
- Heritage Valley Health System
- Highmark Health
- Independence Health System
- Interim Healthcare
- Nationwide Childrens Hospital
- Nutritional Frontiers

- Presbyterian Senior Care Network
- Quality Life Services
- Stryker
- The Children's Institute
- UPMC

...and many more

## CAREERS

Career options include positions in settings such as:

- Brokers and consultants
- Durable medical equipment companies
- Hospitals
- Health Systems
- Health care and insurance service providers
- Managed care organizations
- Health care technology firms
- Insurance companies and third-party administrators
- Rehabilitation and specialty hospitals
- Medical sales
- Pharmaceutical firms
- Nursing and personal care homes
- Skilled nursing facilities
- Long-term and personal care organizations

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- SRU sponsors more than 200 clubs and associations including:
- Future Healthcare Leaders
- Pre-Occupational Therapy Association
- Pre-Physical Therapy Club
- Pre-Physician Assistant Club
- Finance and Economics Club
- American Marketing Association
- Alpha Kappa Psi

...and many more

You can also pursue a career as an Occupational Therapist, Physician Assistant, or Physical Therapist when coupled with the respective graduate program. *In today's healthcare environment you will be highly valued with foundational knowledge and credentials in both business operations and patient care. Differentiate yourself!*

**Don't forget to inquire about international student travel and study abroad opportunities!**

We have sponsored student experiences for trips to Italy, Greece, Ireland, Antigua, and many more...