

# THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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A student pursuing a Bachelor's Degree from the Department of Health Care Services can choose one of the following options:

- Applied Science
- Health Administration
- RN to BSN

The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree is limited to students with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. The degree allows the transfer of an accredited (AAS) degree into a baccalaureate degree, counting the AAS credits much as credits in a major are counted. Students who have earned an AAS degree from a regionally accredited (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/admissions-registration/academic-policies-procedures-scholastic-requirements/>) institution can enroll at MSU Billings to complete General Requirements and take upper division credits in areas of study which will complement their AAS credits already earned. The program is designed for students who want to build upon the technical strengths of their AAS degree. There are a variety of options for completing the BAS degree.

Health Administration is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States. Careers in health administration include a wide range of management and administrative positions in health-related organizations and health service delivery systems. They include hospitals, ambulatory care, physician group practices, laboratories, pharmacies, social service agencies, long term care facilities, rehabilitation centers, home health organizations, managed care plans, regulatory agencies, and health insurance companies. The Program is designed to meet the rapidly evolving demands of a dynamic industry.

The RN to BSN Degree Completion program is offered at Montana State University Billings through the College of Health Professions and Science. The program's intent is to help address the growing need for professional bachelor-prepared nurses. The 49 credit hour program is delivered online and will advance nurses' careers by preparing them for a range of practice environments, for administrative duties and for graduate education. The program adopts all major provisions of the Montana University System's common curriculum recently established by the HealthCare Montana consortium.

## Advising Information

Students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester to confirm that their plan of study is accurate and complete. If necessary, changes and updates should be made in order to ensure that program requirements can be completed in a timely manner. Faculty advisors work with students to explore appropriate internships and clinicals that will support the student's interests and career objectives.

RN to BSN students will be assigned a faculty advisor upon acceptance into the program. Health Administration first year students utilize advisors in Advising and Career Services located in McMullen Hall. During their second year, students will be assigned a HCS faculty advisor to guide students with creating their plan of study. *Although advisors are available to assist students in designing their Plans of Study, students are ultimately responsible for planning and meeting degree requirements.*

☐ Offered Online

- Health Administration Bachelor of Science Degree (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-health-professions-science/department-health-care-services/bs-health-administration/>)
- Health Administration Bachelor of Science/Health Administration Master 3+2 Option (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-health-professions-science/department-health-care-services/bs-health-administration-m-health-administration-3-2-option/>)
- Registered Nurse (RN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Completion Program (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-health-professions-science/department-health-care-services/rn-bsn-completion-program/>)

## Bachelor of Applied Science - Thematic Concentration in Health Administration

The BAS degree requires, in lieu of a standard major, a thematic concentration involving courses from one or more departments. The concentration must contain a minimum of 30 credits, and at least 15 credits must be earned in health administration. Students seeking the BAS should consult with a faculty advisor on appropriate courses to fulfill the concentration. All proposals must include an explanation of the theme and be approved by a faculty advisor, Department Chair, and the Academic Dean.

The following is a list of suggested courses, the student will work with their faculty advisor to create a Plan of Study specific to the student needs.

Code	Title	Credits
HADM 305	Survey of US Healthcare System	3
HADM 307	Health Informatics	3
HADM 325	Princ of Mrkting for Hlth Orgs	3
HADM 335	Health Law and Ethics	3
HADM 450	Health Policy & Politics	3
BMGT 329	Human Resource Management	3
BMGT 335	Management & Organization	3
COMX 320	Prin of Organizational Comm	3
BMGT 322	Operations Management	3
COMX 480	Health Communication	3
<b>Total Minimum Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

- Nursing 2+1 Option BSN Pathway (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/undergraduate/college-health-professions-science/department-health-care-services/nursing2-1bsn/>)