

- Nevada: Applicants attending a local campus in Nevada must submit a copy of their high school diploma, high school transcript with graduation posted, GED certificate, GED transcript with successful completion posted, CHSPE examination results or a letter on letterhead from the high school records office confirming the date of graduation. Students may submit a college transcript which documents high school attended and date of completion or a copy of a DD-214 showing high school graduation or equivalency to satisfy this requirement.
- Tennessee: Students residing in Tennessee who are attending classes via the Online modality and students attending a local campus in Tennessee, including from any cross-border locations, must provide the university with an official High School transcript or official GED score (if applicable). A college transcript which documents high school date of completion or a copy of a DD-214 showing high school graduation or equivalency may be submitted to satisfy this requirement.
- Current employment is not a requirement for admission.
- Applicants must reside in the continental United States or in one of the US Territories with documentation of a valid, unrestricted/unencumbered RN license in all states in which the applicant holds an active nursing license. For applicants holding licenses in multiple jurisdictions, all active licenses must be valid, unrestricted/unencumbered through the duration of the program. Applicants from the following territories must also hold a RN license obtained by taking the NCLEX-RN exam:
 - Guam
 - American Samoa
 - Northern Mariana Islands
 - US Virgin Islands

Note: Nurses with a Puerto Rico License must obtain US licensure for admission.

- Non-military students who enroll in this program while living in the US and then move outside of the U.S. and its territories must change to the international version of the degree-BSN/I. Students must sign a new Enrollment Agreement for the international version of the degree, and must maintain an active, unencumbered nursing license in the U.S. or its territories. Students must notify their campus representative within thirty (30) days after moving to a new location outside the US, update their profile to reflect the new international address, and must have a nursing license to practice nursing in the country where they are residing for the BSN practicum or contact an Online College representative.
- Completion of a nursing diploma earned from a recognized school of nursing in the United States; associate degree (any emphasis) earned in the United States from an approved regionally or nationally accredited institution; an associate degree in nursing or post-secondary diploma in nursing or foreign equivalent earned at a recognized foreign institution; California 30 credit option or California BSN approved program.
- Nursing students in the state of Florida attending ground based or FlexNet MSN or RN/BSN programs must hold a RN license from the state of Florida for admissions, as mandated by the Florida State Board of Nursing.

- Military and VA nursing students may hold a RN license from any state as ruled by federal guidelines. Clinical placement of military or VA students must be completed in VA or military environments or the student is subject to obtaining a Florida RN license for placement.
- Signed Criminal Background Check Disclosure
- Signed Acknowledgement of Criminal Conviction Prohibition for Placement and Licensure
- Signed FERPA Release/Drug Test or Failure to Test Results

Degree Requirements for the BSN

- Completion of a minimum of 120 credits that include the following:
 - A minimum of 47 upper division credits.
 - A maximum of 73 lower division credits
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- All students must complete the minimum number of credits required by their degree program.

University of Phoenix offers assessment of prior learning as an option by which students can earn assessed credits toward degree completion requirements. Registered nurses, enrolled in the BSN program, whose nursing education was completed at a non-US institution, or a non-accredited institution, may be evaluated for transferable non-nursing credits for degree completion.

Additional Academic Progression Requirements for the BSN

- All students enrolling in the BSN program will take HCS 301 as their first course.
- Students may take courses required for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in any sequence as long as the prerequisite(s) for each course has been satisfactorily completed.
- Students whose RN license becomes restricted, encumbered or revoked while enrolled in the program, may not enroll in any further courses.
- All undergraduate students must satisfy math and English prerequisites prior to enrolling in any course that requires math or English as a prerequisite. Math and English prerequisites may be found in the Undergraduate Programs section of this catalog.
- A clinical course may not be taken concurrently with any other course.
- Students must hold a valid, unrestricted/unencumbered RN license in all states in which the applicant holds an active nursing license. For students holding licenses in multiple jurisdictions, all active licenses must be valid, unrestricted/unencumbered through the duration of the program.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the BSN

Students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in specific nursing and clinical courses. Students who fail to receive a minimum grade of "C" in any of the specified courses will be scholastically disqualified from the University. ("C-" is not acceptable). These courses include: NUR 391, NUR 403, NUR 405, NUR 408, NUR 420, NUR 440, NUR 443, NUR 492

Students who have been scholastically disqualified will not be allowed to continue in their degree program until they have retaken the course which placed them on scholastic disqualification, satisfied the grade requirement, and fulfilled any additional criteria for reentry, as determined by the faculty member and the Campus College Chair or appropriate Dean.

Re-Admission is granted when the student satisfactorily fulfills the outlined requirements to remove the scholastic disqualification. Students may repeat a clinical course only one time. If the student does not receive a "C" or better on the second attempt, the student will be permanently withdrawn from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the BSN

Students must meet the established University residency requirement for degree conferral. The University requires that the majority of coursework, 29 credits from a combination of the Required Course of Study, General Education, and Electives must be completed at University of Phoenix.

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 12 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

In order to waive a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed and transcribed from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.
- The course must have been completed within the past five (5) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better.
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

Through an approved articulation agreement, students who have successfully completed equivalent courses may waive, without credits, up to thirty (30) credits of the Required Course of Study. Students must substitute other upper division coursework to satisfy the upper division credit requirement of their degree program (each program has specific substitution requirements). This policy also applies to upper division courses which are used to fulfill Associate of Arts degree requirements. In order to be granted a waiver, without credit, for a course in the Required Course of Study, a student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed and transcribed from a regionally or nationally accredited institution with which the University of Phoenix has an approved articulation agreement.
- The course must have been completed with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better during the effective dates of the approved articulation agreement.
- The course must be approved through the articulation agreement and must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing.

The following required courses may not be waived: NUR 391, NUR 492

General Education Requirements for the BSN

A minimum of 54 of the 120 credits must be in the general education areas approved by the University.

Communication Arts, 6 credits

(Puerto Rico students may not use conversational English to satisfy Communication Arts.)

(Oregon campus students must use writing courses to complete the 6 credits of Communication Arts)

Mathematics, 6 credits

Natural/Physical Sciences, 12 credits

Humanities, 6 credits

Social Science, 6 credits

(Nevada students must complete three (3) credits in Nevada Constitution)

Interdisciplinary Requirements, 18 credits

Students who lack .67 or fewer general education credits may use interdisciplinary or elective credits to waive the balance. Students must use interdisciplinary or elective credits to waive the general education balance in order to complete the minimum general education credits required for their program.

General Education Requirements for the BSN for Arkansas Students

A minimum of 54 of the 120 credits must be in the general education areas approved by the University.

Communication Arts, 6 credits

Mathematics, 6 credits

Must include MTH 220

Natural/Physical Sciences, 12 credits

(Must include NSCI 280 and NSCI 281)

Humanities, 9 credits

Social Science, 9 credits

(Must include HIS 145 or POL 215 or equivalent transfer coursework with US History or Government content)

Interdisciplinary Requirements, 12 credits

Students who lack .67 or fewer general education credits may use interdisciplinary or elective credits to waive the balance. Students must use interdisciplinary or elective credits to waive the general education balance in order to complete the minimum general education credits required for their program.

For a description of the preceding general education areas, see the Undergraduate Programs section within this catalog.

Course Descriptions for the BSN

HCS 301 2 credits

Undergraduate Nursing Studies

The course is designed to aid adult learners in acquiring or improving critical thinking, teamwork, research, and communication skills, which are necessary at the University of Phoenix. Students will develop strategies for achieving educational goals that will help them be successful in the undergraduate program as well as in their professional development. Students will also be introduced to the University library and the Center for Writing Excellence and learn how to access those resources successfully.

NUR 3913 credits

Professional Nursing Practice

This course focuses on the professional role and discipline of nursing. Students will examine the image of nursing and develop strategies for improvement. Standards of professional practice will be discussed in relation to the profession, role, and value behavior.

HCS 3503 credits

Health Care Communication

This course will focus on professional communication related to the role of the registered nurse. This course is designed to explore the knowledge and skills required to communicate therapeutically with clients and communicate effectively with other professionals of a health care team. The art of delegation will be examined.

NUR 4033 credits

Theories and Models of Nursing Practice

This course is designed to focus baccalaureate students on the behaviors, attitudes, and values necessary for theory-based professional nursing practice. Concepts of professional nursing are presented within the unifying framework of Jean Watson's Theory of Human Caring.

NUR 4273 credits

Health and Chronic Disease Management

This course focuses on pathophysiology, principles of motivation, learning theories, and their application to disease processes. A review of diseases from a systems approach will be stressed along with discussions regarding the impact of diversity, delivery of patient education, complementary and alternative therapies, and community resources.

NUR 4403 credits

Health Assessment and Promotion for Vulnerable Population

This course is designed to assist professional nurses in developing interviewing skills, refinement of physical assessment techniques, and preventative health interventions when working with diverse and vulnerable populations. The importance of therapeutic communication in performing a health assessment is emphasized.

HCS 4383 credits

Statistical Applications

The emphasis in this statistical application's course is on thinking about research issues in a statistically sound and practical fashion. Students will learn how to formulate and ask the right questions, how to collect data effectively, how to summarize and interpret information, and how to understand the limitations of statistical inferences.

NUR 4433 credits

Evidence-Based Nursing Research and Practice

This course will focus on current review of nursing research literature and research utilization through evidence-based practice. Three areas of research competencies will be examined which include interpreting and using research in nursing practice, evaluating research, and conducting research.

NUR 4054 credits

Health Communities: Theory and Practice

This course will examine the role of nursing in community health and create conditions that promote healthy living. Theories of community health and nursing practice will be explored through concepts of health promotion, tertiary, primary, and preventative care of individuals, families, and communities. Students will complete 50 clinical hours.

NUR 4084 credits

Epidemiology: Global and Public Health

Epidemiology provides the basis for significant public and global health decisions. This course will explore key issues related to public and global health relevant to professional nursing practice. Through the use of epidemiology methods, students will track the natural history of a disease and identify its frequency, distribution, and cause. This course contains 50 hours of clinical experience.

HCS 4783 credits

Health Law and Ethics

The legal and ethical aspects of the nurse's role in the delivery and management of health care are examined in this course. This course will introduce ethical responsibilities and decision making models related to various health care situations while exploring legal accountability to the individual, client, and health care providers.

HCS 4823 credits

Health Care Informatics

This course is designed to examine computer and electronic modalities that assist patient and client management. The automation of data management through information systems, expert systems, and telecommunications will be examined in the context of health care informatics. The use of technology to help make decisions and to improve the health status of the individual, family, and community will be emphasized.

NUR 4924 credits

Senior Practicum: Leadership and Management

This course will provide the student the opportunity to synthesize previous knowledge and skills in a supervised practicum experience with the guidance and approval of the faculty. The final project will integrate the academic and practical knowledge the students have acquired in their program. This course contains 25 hours of clinical experience.

MTH 2203 credits

College Algebra

This course presents traditional concepts in college algebra. Topics include linear, polynomial, rational, radical, exponential and logarithmic functions, systems of equations, sequences, series, and probability.

NSCI 280 4 credits

Anatomy and Physiology I

Anatomy and Physiology I is the first of a two-course sequence examining the terminology, structure, function, and interdependence of the human body systems. This course includes a study of the cells, chemistry, tissues, integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous, and endocrine systems. In conjunction with classroom instruction, the anatomy and physiology online lab component for this course requires students to apply knowledge from the classroom to online experiments and critical thinking application exercises.

NSCI 281 4 credits

Anatomy and Physiology II

Anatomy and Physiology II is the second in a two course sequence examining the terminology, structure, function, and interdependence of systems within the human body. This course includes a study of circulatory, cardiovascular, lymphatic, immune, respiratory, digestive, urinary, and reproductive systems. Discussion includes the application of nutrition, fluid, electrolyte and acid base balance, and genetics as applicable to the weekly course content. In conjunction with the classroom instruction, the anatomy and physiology online lab component for this course requires students to apply knowledge learned regarding the systems through online experiments and critical thinking application exercises.

HIS 145 3 credits

The American Experience Since 1945

This course is an overview of the principal social, political, economic, and global events which have shaped the American experience since World War II. Understanding modern American history is a necessity in today's ever-changing world. This course aims to supply the tools for understanding current political, social, cultural, and economic problems in the U.S. by applying an historical perspective to analyze contemporary issues.

POL 215 3 credits

State and Local Political Processes

This course is designed to introduce students to state and local government structures and processes. Government and business relationships are particularly emphasized. Opportunities are provided for students to observe and interact with state and local government officials and groups and to debate public policy issues in a local or state government meeting setting.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing/International

The following Bachelor of Science in Nursing/International (BSN/I) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The RN to BSN/International program is intended for Registered Nurses living outside the US and not considered US residents, and will not prepare nurses for licensure in the United States.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing is an accredited program designed to develop the professional knowledge and skills of working registered nurses. The curriculum is built upon a foundation of biological, physical, and social sciences, which contribute to the science of nursing. The liberal arts components enhance the development of the intellectual, social, and cultural aspects of the professional nurse.

This instructional program includes behavioral objectives that concentrate on the development of the nurse's role as caregiver, teacher, and manager of care. Utilizing a framework of caring, working registered nurses are prepared as generalists who are able to apply professional skills and knowledge to nursing, client, and health care systems

Required Course of Study for the BSN/I

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

HCS 301 2 credits

Undergraduate Nursing Studies

NUR 391 ~ 3 credits

Professional Nursing Practice

HCS 350 ~ 3 credits

Health Care Communication

NUR 403 ~ 3 credits

Theories and Models of Nursing Practice

NUR 427 ~ 3 credits

Health and Chronic Disease Management

NUR 440 ~ 3 credits

Health Assessment and Promotion for Vulnerable Population

HCS 438 ~ 3 credits

Statistical Applications

NUR 443 ~ 3 credits

Evidence-Based Nursing Research and Practice

NUR 405 ~ 4 credits

Health Communities: Theory and Practice (50 Clinical hours)

NUR 408 ~ 4 credits

Epidemiology: Global and Public Health (50 Clinical hours)

HCS 478 ~ 3 credits

Health Law and Ethics

HCS 482 ~.....3 credits
Health Care Informatics

NUR 492 ~.....4 credits
Senior Practicum: Leadership and Management
The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.

Additional Admission Requirements for the BSN/I

- Applicants must be residents outside of the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii or approved US Territories. Applicants residing in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico must enroll in the International version. Program will be offered only through the Online Campus.

Students residing in Canada must enroll in International version, unless they have a valid, unrestricted, unencumbered RN license from the United States.

All Canadian students must complete the Canadian License Verification Form and submit documentation of a valid, unrestricted, unencumbered RN license.

All students, with the exception of students residing in Canada, will be required to validate their International Nursing License equivalency by CGFNS (Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools) or ICD (International Consultants of Delaware) for RN equivalency.

Note: Nurses with a Puerto Rico License must obtain US licensure for admission.

- Completion of a nursing diploma, associates degree in nursing, or foreign equivalent program.
- Current employment is not a requirement for admission.
- A signed Foreign Nursing Memo of Understanding.

Degree Requirements for the BSN/I

- Completion of a minimum of 120 credits that include the following distribution:
 - A minimum of 47 upper division credits.
 - A maximum of 73 lower division credits
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- All students must complete the minimum number of credits required by their degree program.
- University of Phoenix offers assessment of prior learning as an option by which students can earn assessed credits toward degree completion requirements. Registered nurses, enrolled in the BSN program, whose nursing education was completed at a non-US institution or a non-accredited institution, may be evaluated for transferable non-nursing credits for degree completion.

Academic Progression Requirements for the BSN/I

- All students enrolling in the BSN program will take HCS 301 as their first course.
- Students may take courses required for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in any sequence as long as the prerequisite(s) for each course has been satisfactorily completed.
- Students whose RN license becomes restricted, encumbered or revoked while enrolled in the program may not enroll in any further NUR courses and may only complete non-nursing and elective coursework until their license restrictions have been removed and validated.
- All undergraduate students must satisfy math and English prerequisites prior to enrolling in any course that requires math or English as a prerequisite.

- Students whose RN license becomes restricted, encumbered or revoked while enrolled in the program, may not enroll in any further courses.
- A clinical course may not be taken concurrently with any other course.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the BSN/I

- Students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in specific nursing and clinical courses. Students who fail to receive a minimum grade of "C" in any of the specified courses will be scholastically disqualified from the University. ("C-" is not acceptable). These courses include: NUR 391, NUR 403, NUR 405, NUR 408, NUR 440, NUR 443, NUR 492
- Students who have been scholastically disqualified will not be allowed to continue in their degree program until they have retaken the course which placed them on scholastic disqualification, satisfied the grade requirement, and fulfilled any additional criteria for reentry, as determined by the faculty member and the Campus College Chair or appropriate Dean.
- Re-Admission is granted when the student satisfactorily fulfills the outlined requirements to remove the scholastic disqualification. Students may repeat a clinical course only one time. If the student does not receive a "C" or better on the second attempt, the student will be permanently withdrawn from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the BSN/I

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In order to be granted a waiver with credit for a course in the Required Course of Study, a student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.
- The course must have been completed within the past five (5) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better.
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- The course must have been completed and transcribed from a regionally or nationally accredited institution with which the University of Phoenix has an approved articulation agreement.
- The course must have been completed with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better during the effective dates of the approved articulation agreement.
- The course must be approved through the articulation agreement and must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing.

The following required courses may not be waived: NUR 391, NUR 492

General Education Requirements for the BSN/I

A minimum of 54 of the 120 credits must be in the general education areas approved by the University.

Communication Arts, 6 credits

(Puerto Rico students may not use conversational English to satisfy Communication Arts.)

Mathematics, 6 credits

Natural/Physical Sciences, 12 credits

Humanities, 6 credits

Social Science, 6 credits

Interdisciplinary Requirements, 18 credits

Students who lack .67 or fewer general education credits may use interdisciplinary or elective credits to waive the balance. Students must use interdisciplinary or elective credits to waive the general education balance in order to complete the minimum general education credits required for their program.

For a description of the preceding general education areas, see the Undergraduate Programs section within this catalog.

Course Descriptions for the BSN/I

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Undergraduate Nursing Studies

The course is designed to aid adult learners in acquiring or improving critical thinking, teamwork, research, and communication skills, which are necessary at the University of Phoenix. Students will develop strategies for achieving educational goals that will help them be successful in the undergraduate program as well as in their professional development. Students will also be introduced to the University library and the Center for Writing Excellence and learn how to access those resources successfully.

NUR 391 3 credits

Professional Nursing Practice

This course focuses on the professional role and discipline of nursing. Students will examine the image of nursing and develop strategies for improvement. Standards of professional practice will be discussed in relation to the profession, role, and value behavior.

HCS 350 3 credits

Health Care Communication

This course will focus on professional communication related to the role of the registered nurse. This course is designed to explore the knowledge and skills required to communicate therapeutically with clients and communicate effectively with other professionals of a health care team. The art of delegation will be examined.

NUR 403 3 credits

Theories and Models of Nursing Practice

This course is designed to focus baccalaureate students on the behaviors, attitudes, and values necessary for theory-based professional nursing practice. Concepts of professional nursing are presented within the unifying framework of Jean Watson's Theory of Human Caring.

NUR 427 3 credits

Health and Chronic Disease Management

This course focuses on pathophysiology, principles of motivation, learning theories, and their application to disease processes. A review of diseases from a systems approach will be stressed along with discussions regarding the impact of diversity, delivery of patient education, complementary and alternative therapies, and community resources.

NUR 440 3 credits

Health Assessment and Promotion for Vulnerable Population

This course is designed to assist professional nurses in developing interviewing skills, refinement of physical assessment techniques, and preventative health interventions when working with diverse and vulnerable populations. The importance of therapeutic communication in performing a health assessment is emphasized.

HCS 438 3 credits

Statistical Applications

The emphasis in this statistical application's course is on thinking about research issues in a statistically sound and practical fashion. Students will learn how to formulate and ask the right questions, how to collect data effectively, how to summarize and interpret information, and how to understand the limitations of statistical inferences.

NUR 443 3 credits

Evidence-Based Nursing Research and Practice

This course will focus on current review of nursing research literature and research utilization through evidence-based practice. Three areas of research competencies will be examined which include interpreting and using research in nursing practice, evaluating research, and conducting research.

NUR 405 4 credits

Health Communities: Theory and Practice

This course will examine the role of nursing in community health and create conditions that promote healthy living. Theories of community health and nursing practice will be explored through concepts of health promotion, tertiary, primary, and preventative care of individuals, families, and communities. Students will complete 50 clinical hours.

NUR 408 4 credits

Epidemiology: Global and Public Health

Epidemiology provides the basis for significant public and global health decisions. This course will explore key issues related to public and global health relevant to professional nursing practice. Through the use of epidemiology methods, students will track the natural history of a disease and identify its frequency, distribution, and cause. This course contains 50 hours of clinical experience.

HCS 478.....3 credits

Health Law and Ethics

The legal and ethical aspects of the nurse's role in the delivery and management of health care are examined in this course. This course will introduce ethical responsibilities and decision making models related to various health care situations while exploring legal accountability to the individual, client, and health care providers.

HCS 482.....3 credits

Health Care Informatics

This course is designed to examine computer and electronic modalities that assist patient and client management. The automation of data management through information systems, expert systems, and telecommunications will be examined in the context of health care informatics. The use of technology to help make decisions and to improve the health status of the individual, family, and community will be emphasized.

NUR 4924 credits

Senior Practicum: Leadership and Management

This course will provide the student the opportunity to synthesize previous knowledge and skills in a supervised practicum experience with the guidance and approval of the faculty. The final project will integrate the academic and practical knowledge the students have acquired in their program. This course contains 25 hours of clinical experience.

State of California Public Health Nursing Certificate

The State of California has reviewed the University of Phoenix BSN course requirements and has determined that students entering the program after March 1, 1989 meet the state's standards for Public Health Nursing certification. Those University of Phoenix students who have successfully completed their degree program are eligible to apply for the California PHN Certificate.

COLLEGE OF UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

The College of Education is within the School of Education, Health and Human Services and offers graduate and undergraduate level degree programs. The Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary (BSEd/E) program is a degree program leading to teacher licensure that provides students with the skills and knowledge that will allow them to become competent and effective educators. This program focuses on elementary student learning by developing the skills of the educator responsible for that learning. The coursework, field experience, and student teaching are designed to emphasize the achievement of state standards leading to certification and to present individuals with growth opportunities that best prepare them to assume the duties of a certified classroom teacher.

Admission Requirements for University of Phoenix

All applicants are expected to meet the following admission requirements:

- Applicants whose native language is not English must have either:
 - Achieved a minimum score of 213 on the computer-based test (cBT), or a score of 79 on the internet-based test (iBT), or a score of 550 on the written-based test (wBT) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) within two years of application to the University..
 - or-
 - Achieved a minimum passing score of 750 on the Test of English as an International Communication (TOEIC) within two years of application to the University.
 - or-
 - Achieved a minimum passing score of 6.5 on the test of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) within two years of application to the University.
 - or-
 - Achieved a minimum score of 75 on the Berlitz Online Test of Reading and Listening Skills - English or a minimum score of 550 on the Berlitz Online English Proficiency Exam within two years of application to the University.
 - or-
 - Successful completion of the approved ESL series of courses completed at: Canadian College of English Language (CCEL), International Language Schools of Canada (ILSC) or Kaplan.
 - or-
 - Achieved a minimum score of 59 on the Pearson Test of English Academic Exam within two years of application to the University.
 - The following may exempt a non-native speaker from having to take the TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS, however official documentation may be required:
 - Successful completion of 30 transferable academic semester credits at a regionally or nationally accredited college or university in the United States.
 - Successful completion of 30 transferable academic semester credits at a recognized college or university in a country in which English is the official language.
 - U.S. high school diploma or GED administered in English.
 - Equivalent of a U.S. high school diploma from a country in which English is the official language.
 - Applicants who reside in the United States must meet one of the following requirements:
 - Be a legal resident of the United States
 - Have been granted permanent residency
 - Have a valid visa that does not prohibit educational studies
 - Have been granted temporary protected status and has been verified through Citizenship and Immigration Service that the country is eligible for TPS status at the time of application sign date. Student must list TPS as the visa type on the admissions application in order for US to verify TPS status.
 - Have been granted asylum along with copy of passport and I-94 bearing the stamp indicating the issue and expiration dates of the Asylee status.
 - A signed Enrollment/Disclosure Agreement.
 - Students, who list less than 24 previous college credits as recognized by the University on the admissions application, are required to successfully complete a University Orientation Workshop (UNIV 100 or UNIV 101) to be officially admitted (AM).
 - Only students who reside within the United States and its territories are eligible to enroll into a University of Phoenix bachelor or master of education program.
 - A signed New Student Checklist may be required.
- Students who begin their studies at campuses located in the states listed below are required to submit immunization information to the University. The state appropriate forms must be completed and sent to University Services.
- Students attending a local campus in Oklahoma must provide written documentation of vaccinations or immunity against Hepatitis B, measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR). Students must demonstrate compliance with the immunization requirement prior to the first attendance in a university course and documentation concerning this requirement must be on file at the time of admission to the university.
 - Students attending a physical campus in the state of Tennessee are required to submit a Hepatitis B Waiver form to the University.
- Students residing in the states listed below are required to submit health insurance information to the University. The state appropriate forms must be completed and sent to University Services.

- Full-time students enrolled at a public or private institution of higher learning in New Jersey are required by law to maintain health insurance coverage, either through a school sponsored health insurance plan, or an alternate plan with comparable coverage. All students attending a local campus in New Jersey must complete the Student Health Insurance Election form indicating either that they have either enrolled in the University's sponsored plan or that they decline participation in the University sponsored plan as they have comparable health insurance coverage. Students must complete and submit this form prior to enrolling in any class. Students who do not maintain health insurance coverage throughout the period of enrollment or who do not complete the Health Insurance Election Form each calendar year may not enroll in further courses until the Health Insurance Election Form has been completed, verifying the student has appropriate health insurance coverage in compliance with state law.
- Full and part-time students enrolled in a college, university or other institution of higher learning in Massachusetts must participate in a school sponsored health insurance plan, or an alternate plan with comparable coverage. All full and part-time students attending a Massachusetts local campus must complete the Student Health Insurance Plan Enrollment/Acknowledgement form indicating either that they have either enrolled in the University's sponsored plan or that they decline participation in the University sponsored plan as they have comparable health insurance coverage. Students must complete and submit this form prior to enrolling in any class. Students who do not complete the Enrollment/Acknowledgement form each calendar year may not enroll in further courses until the form has been completed and the student has appropriate health insurance coverage.

Students who begin their studies at campuses located in Hawaii are required to submit immunization information to the University. The state appropriate forms must be completed and sent to University Services.

The Hawaii State Department of Health requires that all students attending school at a campus in this state who were born after December 31, 1956, be immunized for measles-mumps-rubella (MMR). Students shall demonstrate compliance with the immunization requirement prior to the first attendance in a university course and documentation concerning this requirement must be on file at the time of admission to the university.

Exemptions from the MMR immunization requirement may be granted for the following reasons:

- A medical exemption may be granted to specific vaccines.
 - A U.S. licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) must state in writing that giving a specific vaccine would endanger the student's life or health, and specify the reason based on valid medical contraindications.
 - The physician must state the length of time during which the vaccine would endanger the student's health or life.
 - The exemption certification must be signed by the physician on the physician's printed stationery.
- A religious exemption may be granted if the student signs a statement certifying that the student's religious beliefs prohibit the practice of immunization.

- If the State of Hawaii Director of Health determines that there is a danger of an outbreak from any of the diseases for which immunization is required, no exemption shall be recognized and inadequately immunized students shall be excluded from school until the Director has determined that the outbreak is over.
- A copy of each exemption must be kept in the student's health record at school.

The Hawaii State Department of Health requires that all students attending school at a campus in this state shall provide a Certificate of TB Examination issued in the United States within 12 months prior to their first attendance in a post-secondary school in Hawaii. A completed Certificate of TB Examination shall be submitted prior to the first night of class or the student will not be permitted to attend class. Students shall complete Section A of this form, or submit a copy of their TB Clearance Certification received prior to their attendance at another Hawaii post-secondary school.

Students residing in the state of Connecticut are required to submit immunization information to the University. The state appropriate forms must be completed and sent to University Services.

In accordance with Section 10a-155 of the Connecticut general statutes, all full time or matriculating students will be required to demonstrate proof of adequate immunization against measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) and varicella as recommended by the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP). For more specific state information, refer to the link below. Students shall demonstrate compliance with the immunization requirement prior to the first attendance in a university course and documentation concerning this requirement must be on file at the time of admission to the university.

Exemptions from the MMR and varicella immunization requirements may be granted for the following reasons:

- The student was born before January 1, 1957 (applicable to MMR vaccine only).
- The student was born in the United States before January 1, 1980 (applicable to the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine only)
- The student has documentation from a physician stating that it is medically inadvisable to receive the vaccines for the one or more of the diseases as indicated on the immunization form.
- The student has documentation from a physician or director of health that he/she has had a confirmed case of one or more of the diseases as indicated on the immunization form.
- The student has laboratory confirmation of immunity to the disease(s) as indicated on the immunization form.
- The student has submitted a statement that immunization is contrary to his/her religious beliefs.
- The student is enrolled exclusively in the Online Campus and does not congregate with other students on campus or at campus-sponsored events. If the student later decides to attend a class at a University of Phoenix local campus location in Connecticut, the student must meet the immunization requirements before he/she may begin attending classes at a local campus location.
- The student graduated from a public or nonpublic high school in the state of Connecticut in 1999 or later and was not exempt from the measles, rubella and on or after August 1, 2010, the mumps vaccination requirement pursuant to subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection (a) of section 10-204a.

Associate of Arts/Concentration in Elementary Education

The following Associate of Arts/Concentration in Elementary Education (AAEE) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Associate of Arts Degree in Elementary Education addresses major topics that impact instruction; such as the historical and philosophical contexts for contemporary educational; contemporary issues in education; diversity in the classroom; and the exceptional learner. Students are required to apply writing and problem-solving skills to evaluate topics covered. Evaluation occurs through a variety of methods including written assignments, discussion, and debate. Students will communicate effectively in informal, formal, and quantitative contexts and will be conversant with the values and terminology of the field. This degree lays a foundation for transition into Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education program at the University of Phoenix.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/aaee>.

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

Concentration in Elementary Education

AED 200 ~	3 credits
Contemporary Issues in American Education	
AED 201 ~	3 credits
Teaching as a Profession	
AED 204 ~	3 credits
Diversity in the Classroom	
AED 222 ~	3 credits
Intro to the Exceptional Learner	
MTH 156 ~	3 credits
Math For Elementary Teachers I	
MTH 157 ~	3 credits
Math For Elementary Teachers II	

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.

Additional Admission Requirements for AAEE

- Applicants must be at least 16 years of age at the time of application.
- High school graduation from an institution that holds state approval to confer high school diplomas or are accredited or a candidate for accreditation at the time the student attended by an acceptable accrediting body, GED certificate or CHSPE (California High School Proficiency Examination) certificate.

- Tennessee: Students residing in Tennessee who are attending classes via the Online modality and students attending a local campus in Tennessee, including from any cross-border locations, must provide the university with an official High School transcript or official GED score (if applicable). A college transcript which documents high school date of completion or a copy of a DD-214 showing high school graduation or equivalency may be submitted to satisfy this requirement.

General Education Requirements for the AAEE

Communication Arts Requirement 6 credits

(Must include ENG 101, ENG 102 or equivalent)

Mathematics Requirement 6 credits

Science & Technology Requirement 11 credits

(Must include BIO 100, CIS 105, GLG 101)

Social Science Requirement 6 credits

(Must include POS 110 and 3 credits chosen from the following: HIS 115, HIS 125, HIS 135)

Humanities Requirement 6 credits

(Must include ART 101 and HUM 205)

Additional Liberal Arts Requirement 3 credits

(Must include GEN 105)

Interdisciplinary Requirement 6 credits

Concentration 18 credits

Credits applied to the Required Course of Study (with the exception of the electives) will only be applied to the core and cannot count toward General Education total

Degree Requirements for the AAEE

The degree requirements for this program are the following:

- Completion of a minimum of 62 credits.
- All undergraduate students are required to complete the minimum general education credits required by their program version.
- Students who lack .67 or fewer general education credits may use interdisciplinary or elective credits to waive the balance. Students must use interdisciplinary or elective credits to waive the general education balance in order to complete the minimum general education credits required for their program.
- Students transferring from Western International University to any University of Phoenix undergraduate program may transfer all coursework completed at Western International University with a grade of "D-" or higher.
- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- Credits applied to the Required Course of Study (with the exception of the electives) will only be applied to the core and cannot count toward General Education total
- The diploma awarded for this program will read as: Associate of Arts and will not reflect the concentration. Concentrations are reflected on the transcript only.

Academic Progression Requirements for the AAEE

- With the exception of GEN 105, course requirements may be satisfied by any of the following means:
 - University of Phoenix coursework,
 - Regionally or nationally accredited coursework (C- or higher grade),
 - National Testing Programs, and
 - ACE evaluated Military credits.

- Students in the EE concentration must take GEN 105 Skills for Learning in an Information Age as one of the courses in the first block. All other general education requirements may be met with equivalent units based on University transfer requirements and qualifications.
- Many courses in the Required Course of Study build on or reinforce each other. To ensure that students have the requisite skills for specific coursework certain program areas must be satisfied before students can progress to others.
- Credits applied to the Required Course of Study (with the exception of the electives) will only be applied to the concentration and cannot count toward General Education totals.

Residency Requirements for the AAEE

Students must meet the established University residency requirement for degree conferral. The University requires that the majority of coursework, 15 credits from a combination of Required Course of Study and General Education courses must be completed at University of Phoenix.

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 6 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

In order to be granted a waiver for a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed and transcribed from a regionally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.
- The course must have been completed within the past ten years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better (five years for information technology courses).
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

Course Descriptions for the AAEE

AED 200.....3 credits

Contemporary Issues in American Education

This course provides an overview of the teaching profession. It introduces the student to the various issues affecting teachers. Its primary focus will be on contemporary issues teachers and educators face in today's schools. Throughout the course, all aspects of the teaching profession will be incorporated from the diversity of students in the classroom, to school organization and governance, to teaching philosophies and instruction. This course provides a foundation for understanding the education profession.

AED 201.....3 credits

Teaching as a Profession

AED 201 introduces the common issues education professionals face in their field. In addition to discussing the professional foundations of teaching, students examine and discuss issues related to the needs, rights, and responsibilities of diverse learners in a changing society. This course also addresses governance and legal issues in the education system.

AED 2043 credits

Diversity in the Classroom

AED 204 focuses on developing understanding of cultural diversity concepts in education, as well as on developing understanding of implications for learning and instruction. Students read about and discuss issues related to educational equity and multiculturalism. Students connect these perspectives to instructional strategies that may be used in the classroom.

AED 2223 credits

Intro to the Exceptional Learner

This course provides an overview of the exceptional learner, the student who differs from the average or normal student, with emphasis on factors relating to current practices, identification, characteristics, and educational adaptations. The course focuses on issues related to mildly disabled, severely disabled, emotionally and behaviorally disordered, mentally retarded, and gifted students.

MTH 156.....3 credits

Math For Elementary Teachers I

This course is the first course of a two-part series designed for K-8 pre-service teachers to address the conceptual framework for mathematics taught in elementary school. The focus of part one will be on real number properties, patterns, operations and algebraic reasoning and problem solving. The relationship of the course concepts to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Standards for K-8 instruction is also addressed.

MTH 157.....3 credits

Math for Elementary Teachers II

This course is the second course in a two-part series designed for K-8 pre-service teachers to address the conceptual framework for mathematics taught in elementary school. The focus of part two will be on measurement, geometry, probability and data analysis. The relationship of the course concepts to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Standards for K-8 instruction is also addressed.

ENG 1013 credits

Effective Essay Writing

Students develop academic writing skills. The emphasis is on coherence and correctness in written communication as students use the writing process to craft an expository essay. Students also conduct basic research for the expository essay. Selected readings provide the basis for discussion regarding the difference between fact and opinion. Grammar exercises focus on verb tense, subject-verb and pronoun-antecedent agreement, and pronoun case.

ENG 1023 credits

Research Writing

Students focus on gathering research, evaluating and documenting sources, and developing a major research paper. Selected readings prompt discussion regarding bias, rhetorical devices, arguments, and counterarguments. Grammar exercises address commonly confused words, modifiers, parallel structure, and sentence variety.

BIO 100 4 credits

Introduction to Life Science with Lab

This course applies a broad, conceptual understanding of biology. Students are introduced to scientific ideologies and concepts that not only shape the biological world, but also shape humans. Students examine the scientific method, evolution and biodiversity, the biology of cells, physiology, the dynamics of inheritance, and the effect humans have on the environment. The text emphasizes methods and the theoretical foundations of ideas, while minimizing isolated facts. It stresses the integration of ideas, making connections that form an understanding of the living world. The weekly online labs add a practical component to the class. The labs build upon the concepts in the text and offer a chance to interact with the material and further their understanding.

CIS 105 3 credits

Survey of Computer Information Systems

This course presents an overview of the various technologies imbedded in every aspect of society. Students gain a basic understanding of how a computer functions as a single unit, in a network, and as a connection to the Internet. Other topics include security issues and the use of productivity software, such as word processing, spreadsheets, and presentation applications. The course also addresses social and ethical issues related to using computers.

GLG 101 4 credits

Introduction to Geology + Lab

This course gives an overview of physical geology by introducing concepts such as plate tectonics and geologic time. Students gain familiarity with the processes that shape the earth's surface and recognize the relevance of studying geology. Topics include the rock cycle, weathering, formation of geological features, and preservation of geological resources. This course includes a lab.

POS 110 3 credits

American National Government

This course introduces students to the constitutional foundations and governing institutions of the federal government. Throughout the course, students address common political themes such as the nature and scope of governance, democracy, and patterns of political behavior.

HIS 115 3 credits

US History to 1865

This course surveys social, political, and economic events that shaped the United States from its first inhabitants to 1865. Students delve into historical events in North American history ranging from Spanish and English colonization to the fight for an individual, American independence, culture, and government, to the Civil War. This course equips students with a general understanding of important early historical events that have played a role in our current social, political, and economic environment.

HIS 125 3 credits

US History from 1865 to 1945

This course examines U.S. social, political, and economic events between 1865 and 1945. Students will learn to appreciate the significance of key historical events and figures, including the rise of big business, urbanization, World War I, the Great Depression, and World War II. This course equips students with a general understanding of how important historical events impact future development of the United States.

HIS 135 3 credits

The American Experience Since 1945

This course is an overview of the principal social, political, economic, and global events which have shaped the American experience since World War II. Understanding modern American history is a necessity in today's ever-changing world. This course aims to supply the tools for understanding current political, social, cultural, and economic problems in the U.S. by applying historical perspective to analyze contemporary issues.

ART 101 3 credits

Introduction to Art

This course introduces students to the elements and principles of art as well as the creation of various media, such as painting, sculpture, architecture, design, photography, and the decorative arts. Students apply techniques for viewing art critically to build an appreciation of various art forms. Themes within the course include contemporary topics in the arts, cultural diversity in the arts, and the arts in a historical context.

HUM 205 3 credits

World Culture and the Arts

Culture and the arts play a complex role in enriching the human experience. This course will analyze the social role of the arts in the early civilizations through the present day. Learners will explore the key contributions in visual art, architecture, literature, and music of the civilizations presented in this course. In particular, learners will construct a virtual museum comprised of various artifacts representing several cultures.

GEN 105 3 credits

Skills for Learning in an Information Age

This course introduces students to learning in an information-rich society. Students will develop strategies for successful distance learning, time management, and for managing the abundance of information available in today's society. Students will also explore the appropriate use of information in an academic environment. Specific topics for the course include computing skills for distance learning, online library use, academic honesty, and the development of effective study skills.

Associate of Arts/Emphasis in Elementary Education (Maryland-Online)

The following Associate of Arts/Emphasis in Elementary Education (AAEE) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and emphases depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Associate of Arts Degree in Elementary Education addresses major topics that impact instruction; such as the historical and philosophical contexts for contemporary educational; contemporary issues in education; diversity in the classroom; and the exceptional learner. Students are required to apply writing and problem-solving skills to evaluate topics covered. Evaluation occurs through a variety of methods including written assignments, discussion, and debate. Students will communicate effectively in informal, formal, and quantitative contexts and will be conversant with the values and terminology of the field. This degree lays a foundation for transition into Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education program at the University of Phoenix.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/aaee>.

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

Emphasis in Elementary Education

AED 200 ~3 credits

Contemporary Issues in American Education

AED 201 ~3 credits

Teaching as a Profession

AED 204 ~3 credits

Diversity in the Classroom

AED 222 ~3 credits

Intro to the Exceptional Learner

MTH 156 ~3 credits

Math For Elementary Teachers I

MTH 157 ~3 credits

Math For Elementary Teachers II

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.

Additional Admission Requirements for AAEE

- Applicants must be at least 16 years of age at the time of application.
- High school graduation from an institution that holds state approval to confer high school diplomas or are accredited or a candidate for accreditation at the time the student attended by an acceptable accrediting body, GED certificate or CHSPE (California High School Proficiency Examination) certificate.

General Education Requirements for the AAEE

Communication Arts Requirement 6 credits

(Must include ENG 101, ENG 102 or equivalent)

Mathematics Requirement 6 credits

Science & Technology Requirement 11 credits

(Must include BIO 100, CIS 105, GLG 101)

Social Science Requirement 6 credits

(Must include POS 110 and 3 credits chosen from the following: HIS 115, HIS 125, HIS 135)

Humanities Requirement 6 credits

(Must include ART 101 and HUM 205)

Additional Liberal Arts Requirement 3 credits

(Must include GEN 105)

Interdisciplinary Requirement 6 credits

Emphasis 18 credits

Credits applied to the Required Course of Study (with the exception of the electives) will only be applied to the core and cannot count toward General Education total

Degree Requirements for the AAEE

The degree requirements for this program are the following:

- Completion of a minimum of 62 credits.
- All undergraduate students are required to complete the minimum general education credits required by their program version.
- Students who lack .67 or fewer general education credits may use interdisciplinary or elective credits to waive the balance. Students must use interdisciplinary or elective credits to waive the general education balance in order to complete the minimum general education credits required for their program.
- Students transferring from Western International University to any University of Phoenix undergraduate program may transfer all coursework completed at Western International University with a grade of "D-" or higher.
- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- Credits applied to the Required Course of Study (with the exception of the electives) will only be applied to the core and cannot count toward General Education total
- The diploma awarded for this program will read as: Associate of Arts and will not reflect the emphasis. Emphases are reflected on the transcript only.

Academic Progression Requirements for the AAEE

- With the exception of GEN 105, course requirements may be satisfied by any of the following means:
 - University of Phoenix coursework,
 - Regionally or nationally accredited coursework (C- or higher grade),
 - National Testing Programs, and
 - ACE evaluated Military credits.
- Students in the EE emphasis must take GEN 105 Skills for Learning in an Information Age as one of the courses in the first block. All other general education requirements may be met with equivalent units based on University transfer requirements and qualifications.
- Many courses in the Required Course of Study build on or reinforce each other. To ensure that students have the requisite skills for specific coursework certain program areas must be satisfied before students can progress to others.

- Credits applied to the Required Course of Study (with the exception of the electives) will only be applied to the emphasis and cannot count toward General Education totals.

Residency Requirements for the AAEE

Students must meet the established University residency requirement for degree conferral. The University requires that the majority of coursework, 15 credits from a combination of Required Course of Study and General Education courses must be completed at University of Phoenix.

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 6 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

In order to be granted a waiver for a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed and transcribed from a regionally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.
- The course must have been completed within the past ten years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better (five years for information technology courses).
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

Course Descriptions for the AAEE

AED 200 3 credits

Contemporary Issues in American Education

This course provides an overview of the teaching profession. It introduces the student to the various issues affecting teachers. Its primary focus will be on contemporary issues teachers and educators face in today's schools. Throughout the course, all aspects of the teaching profession will be incorporated from the diversity of students in the classroom, to school organization and governance, to teaching philosophies and instruction. This course provides a foundation for understanding the education profession.

AED 201 3 credits

Teaching as a Profession

AED 201 introduces the common issues education professionals face in their field. In addition to discussing the professional foundations of teaching, students examine and discuss issues related to the needs, rights, and responsibilities of diverse learners in a changing society. This course also addresses governance and legal issues in the education system.

AED 204 3 credits

Diversity in the Classroom

AED 204 focuses on developing understanding of cultural diversity concepts in education, as well as on developing understanding of implications for learning and instruction. Students read about and discuss issues related to educational equity and multiculturalism. Students connect these perspectives to instructional strategies that may be used in the classroom.

AED 222 3 credits

Intro to the Exceptional Learner

This course provides an overview of the exceptional learner, the student who differs from the average or normal student, with emphasis on factors relating to current practices, identification, characteristics, and educational adaptations. The course focuses on issues related to mildly disabled, severely disabled, emotionally and behaviorally disordered, mentally retarded, and gifted students.

MTH 156 3 credits

Math For Elementary Teachers I

This course is the first course of a two-part series designed for K-8 pre-service teachers to address the conceptual framework for mathematics taught in elementary school. The focus of part one will be on real number properties, patterns, operations and algebraic reasoning and problem solving. The relationship of the course concepts to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Standards for K-8 instruction is also addressed.

MTH 157 3 credits

Math for Elementary Teachers II

This course is the second course in a two-part series designed for K-8 pre-service teachers to address the conceptual framework for mathematics taught in elementary school. The focus of part two will be on measurement, geometry, probability and data analysis. The relationship of the course concepts to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Standards for K-8 instruction is also addressed.

ENG 101 3 credits

Effective Essay Writing

Students develop academic writing skills. The emphasis is on coherence and correctness in written communication as students use the writing process to craft an expository essay. Students also conduct basic research for the expository essay. Selected readings provide the basis for discussion regarding the difference between fact and opinion. Grammar exercises focus on verb tense, subject-verb and pronoun-antecedent agreement, and pronoun case.

ENG 102 3 credits

Research Writing

Students focus on gathering research, evaluating and documenting sources, and developing a major research paper. Selected readings prompt discussion regarding bias, rhetorical devices, arguments, and counterarguments. Grammar exercises address commonly confused words, modifiers, parallel structure, and sentence variety.

BIO 100 4 credits

Introduction to Life Science with Lab

This course applies a broad, conceptual understanding of biology. Students are introduced to scientific ideologies and concepts that not only shape the biological world, but also shape humans. Students examine the scientific method, evolution and biodiversity, the biology of cells, physiology, the dynamics of inheritance, and the effect humans have on the environment. The text emphasizes methods and the theoretical foundations of ideas, while minimizing isolated facts. It stresses the integration of ideas, making connections that form an understanding of the living world. The weekly online labs add a practical component to the class. The labs build upon the concepts in the text and offer a chance to interact with the material and further their understanding.

CIS 1053 credits

Survey of Computer Information Systems

This course presents an overview of the various technologies imbedded in every aspect of society. Students gain a basic understanding of how a computer functions as a single unit, in a network, and as a connection to the Internet. Other topics include security issues and the use of productivity software, such as word processing, spreadsheets, and presentation applications. The course also addresses social and ethical issues related to using computers.

GLG 1014 credits

Introduction to Geology + Lab

This course gives an overview of physical geology by introducing concepts such as plate tectonics and geologic time. Students gain familiarity with the processes that shape the earth's surface and recognize the relevance of studying geology. Topics include the rock cycle, weathering, formation of geological features, and preservation of geological resources. This course includes a lab.

POS 1103 credits

American National Government

This course introduces students to the constitutional foundations and governing institutions of the federal government. Throughout the course, students address common political themes such as the nature and scope of governance, democracy, and patterns of political behavior.

HIS 1153 credits

US History to 1865

This course surveys social, political, and economic events that shaped the United States from its first inhabitants to 1865. Students delve into historical events in North American history ranging from Spanish and English colonization to the fight for an individual, American independence, culture, and government, to the Civil War. This course equips students with a general understanding of important early historical events that have played a role in our current social, political, and economic environment.

HIS 1253 credits

US History from 1865 to 1945

This course examines U.S. social, political, and economic events between 1865 and 1945. Students will learn to appreciate the significance of key historical events and figures, including the rise of big business, urbanization, World War I, the Great Depression, and World War II. This course equips students with a general understanding of how important historical events impact future development of the United States.

HIS 1353 credits

The American Experience Since 1945

This course is an overview of the principal social, political, economic, and global events which have shaped the American experience since World War II. Understanding modern American history is a necessity in today's ever-changing world. This course aims to supply the tools for understanding current political, social, cultural, and economic problems in the U.S. by applying historical perspective to analyze contemporary issues.

ART 1013 credits

Introduction to Art

This course introduces students to the elements and principles of art as well as the creation of various media, such as painting, sculpture, architecture, design, photography, and the decorative arts. Students apply techniques for viewing art critically to build an appreciation of various art forms. Themes within the course include contemporary topics in the arts, cultural diversity in the arts, and the arts in a historical context.

HUM 2053 credits

World Culture and the Arts

Culture and the arts play a complex role in enriching the human experience. This course will analyze the social role of the arts in the early civilizations through the present day. Learners will explore the key contributions in visual art, architecture, literature, and music of the civilizations presented in this course. In particular, learners will construct a virtual museum comprised of various artifacts representing several cultures.

GEN 1053 credits

Skills for Learning in an Information Age

This course introduces students to learning in an information-rich society. Students will develop strategies for successful distance learning, time management, and for managing the abundance of information available in today's society. Students will also explore the appropriate use of information in an academic environment. Specific topics for the course include computing skills for distance learning, online library use, academic honesty, and the development of effective study skills.

Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Education

The following Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary Education (BSED/E) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Bachelor of Science in Education/Elementary (BSED-E) is an undergraduate degree program preparing candidates for teacher licensure. The guiding philosophy of the BSED/E program is to provide students with the skills and knowledge that will allow them to become competent and effective educators. This program focuses on elementary student learning by developing the skills of the educator responsible for that learning. Student teaching is an integral component of the Teacher Education Program. It provides students with a field-based experience at the appropriate grade and content level. Student teachers work with a cooperating teacher from a school site and with a University of Phoenix faculty advisor. The student teaching experience is designed to emphasize the achievement of state standards leading to certification and to present individuals with growth opportunities that best prepare them to assume the duties of a certified classroom teacher. Throughout the program, students are required to complete a minimum of 100 hours of verified field experiences, covering a variety of developmental levels. The focus of each observation will relate to specific course content. Documentation will be maintained in the student's professional portfolio.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/bsed-e>.

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

Program Category Requirements and Course Selections

Introductory Course, 3 total credits

GEN 200 3 credits
Foundations for General Education and Professional Success

Orientation, 0 total credits

EDU 300 0 credits
Orientation to Teacher Education

History and Foundations of Education, 6 total credits

EDU 301 ~ 3 credits
Foundations of Education

EDU 315 ~ 3 credits
Legal & Ethical Issues in Education

Educational Theories and Models, 6 total credits

EDU 311 ~ 3 credits
Models and Theories of Instruction

EDU 321 3 credits
Classroom Management

Human Development, 3 total credits

EDU 305 ~ 3 credits
Child Development

Assessment, 3 total credits

EED 400 3 credits
Assessment in Elementary Education

Reading, 9 total credits

RDG 350 3 credits
Children's Literature

RDG 420 ~ 3 credits
Elementary Methods - Reading/Language Arts

RDG 415 ~ 3 credits
Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Difficulties

Special Populations, 9 total credits

SEI 300 3 credits
Structured English Immersion

SEI 301 ~ 3 credits
Advanced Structured English Immersion Methods

SPE 300 3 credits
Orientation to the Exceptional Child

Elementary Methods, 15 total credits

EED 416 ~ 3 credits
Elementary Methods - Mathematics

EED 420 ~ 3 credits
Elementary Methods - Science

EED 425 ~ 3 credits
Elementary Methods - Health/PE

EED 430 ~ 3 credits
Elementary Methods - Social Studies

EED 435 ~ 3 credits
Elementary Methods - Fine Arts

Student Teaching and Field Experience, 9 total credits

EDU 390 ~ 1 credit
Elementary Education Seminar

EED 498 ~ 4 credits
Elementary Student Teaching, Seminar I

EED 499 ~ 4 credits
Elementary Student Teaching, Seminar II

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of Study.

Additional Admission Requirements for the BSED/E

All applicants are expected to meet the following admissions requirements:

- High school graduation from an institution that holds state approval to confer high school diplomas or are accredited or a candidate for accreditation at the time the student attended by an acceptable accrediting body, GED certificate or CHSPE (California High School Proficiency Examination) certificate.

- South Carolina: Applicants attending a local campus in South Carolina must submit a copy of their high school diploma, high school transcript with graduation posted, GED certificate, GED transcript with successful completion posted, CHSPE examination results or a letter on letterhead from the high school records office confirming the date of graduation. Students may submit an Associate Degree posted transcript in lieu of the high school documentation. This may include a copy of a transcript or degree verification information from the institution's student website.
- Tennessee: Students residing in Tennessee who are attending classes via the Online modality and students attending a local campus in Tennessee, including from any cross-border locations must provide the university with an official High School transcript or official GED score (if applicable). A college transcript which documents high school attended and date of completion or a copy of a DD-214 showing high school graduation or equivalency may be submitted to satisfy this requirement.
- Applicants must be currently employed or have access to a work environment.

Candidacy Status for the BSSED/E

The College of Education has two levels of review consisting of Level 1 Candidate Status and Level 2 Candidate Status. Applicants must meet requirements for both levels of candidacy status to continue in their program with no interruption of scheduling.

- Level 1 Candidate Status is completed upon admission to the University. Students who are admitted have met the requirements for Candidate Status Level 1.
- Level 2 Candidate Status is completed prior to the completion of 12 Required Course of Study (Core) credits of the program. To meet the Candidate Status Level 2 requirements, the following items must be completed. Evidence that these requirements have been met must be uploaded to the Teacher Education Program Requirement DRF in the e-portfolio and the student's eXp file.
 - Demonstration of basic skills proficiency
 - Verification of fingerprint clearance

Students must be admitted and meet Level 1 Candidate Status prior to being reviewed for Level 2 Candidate Status.

Degree Completion Requirements for the BSSED/E

- Completion of a minimum of 120 credits that include the following distribution:
 - A minimum of 60 upper division credits in the Required Program Category Preferred Sequence.
 - A minimum of 54 of the 120 credits must be in the general education areas approved by the University.
- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5.
- Satisfactory completion and uploading of the Teacher Work Sample (TWS).
- Satisfactory completion of any required internship, student teaching, practicum courses and/or alternative clinical practice.
- Complete course within the sequence specified by course prerequisite requirements.
- Meet state requirements as set forth by state of residency to receive state endorsement.
- Complete Field Experience Observation Record (100 hours).

- All Students must complete the minimum number of credits required by their degree program.
- The diploma awarded for this program will read as follows:
Bachelor of Science in Education
Elementary Education

Academic Progression Requirements for the BSSED/E

Candidates must provide verification of content knowledge mastery prior to beginning student teaching. Candidates must provide:

- Verification of content knowledge mastery prior to student teaching (AEP content exam) or passing score on a comparable content knowledge examination from another state or agency taken within the past 7 years
- Verification of immunization or TB test results (district specific)
- Verification of the completion of 100 hours of field experience

Candidates residing in the state of Idaho must provide verification of the completion of twenty (20) required semester credits in one of the endorsement areas below prior to student teaching.

- Social Studies (This may include areas such as American Government, Political Science, Economics, Geography, History, Psychology, Sociology, and Sociology / Anthropology).
- English/ Language Arts (This may include areas such as Communication, English, English as a New Language, Journalism, Literacy, Writing and Foreign Language).
- Mathematics (This may include areas such as Mathematics, Geometry, Linear Algebra, Discrete Mathematics, Probability and Statistics, Trigonometry, and Calculus).
- Science (This may include areas such as Biological Science, Chemistry, Earth Science, Geology, Natural Science, and Physical Science).

The following areas may not be used to satisfy these categories:

Agriculture Science and Technology, Business Technology Education, and Marketing Technology Education.

Many courses in the Required Course of Study build on or reinforce each other. To ensure that students have the requisite skills for specific coursework certain program areas must be satisfied before students can progress to others.

- All students must complete GEN 200 as their first course at the University.

Students must complete all General Education requirements prior to completion of EDU 390.

Candidates will be required to have the minimum GPA for the program prior to entering the Student Teaching experience.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the BSSED/E

- A candidate must earn a grade of "B" (grades of "I" and "B-" are not accepted) or better in the following courses in order to student teach: EDU 390, EED 498, EED 499
- Candidates must earn a "B" or better in Elementary Student Teaching I & II in order to complete this program. Candidates who do not earn a "B" or better will be required to repeat the seminar(s) in which the candidate did not receive the required minimum grade and the related portion of student teaching. The Campus College chair will coordinate with the Cooperating/ Mentor Teacher and Faculty Supervisor to design a remediation plan.

- If the candidate does not receive a grade of "B" or better on the second attempt, the candidate will be Scholastically Suspended, permanently withdrawn, from the program.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the BSSED/E

- Students must meet the established University residency requirement for degree conferral. The University requires that the majority of coursework, 30 credits from a combination of the Required Course of Study, General Education, and Electives must be completed at University of Phoenix.
- Students in this program may waive a maximum of 30 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally accredited transferable coursework.
- In order to be granted a waiver with credit for a course in the Required Course of Study, a student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:
 - The course must have been completed at a regionally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.
 - The course must have been completed within the past five (5) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better.
 - The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.
- Through an approved articulation agreement, students who have successfully completed equivalent courses may waive, without credits, up to thirty (30) credits of the Required Course of Study. Students must substitute other upper division coursework to satisfy the upper division credit requirement of their degree program (each program has specific substitution requirements). This policy also applies to upper division courses which are used to fulfill Associate of Arts degree requirements. In order to be granted a waiver, without credit, for a course in the Required Course of Study, a student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:
 - The course must have been completed and transcribed from a regionally accredited institution with which the University of Phoenix has an approved articulation agreement.
 - The course must have been completed with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better during the effective dates of the approved articulation agreement.
 - The course must be approved through the articulation agreement and must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing.

- Unless otherwise noted, no timeframe or minimum grade (other than a passing grade) is required when waiving the mandatory General Education courses (MTH 213, MTH 214, SOC 315, HIS 301 or HIS 110). Students may use a 2 semester credit Constitution course to satisfy the HIS 301 or HIS 110 constitution requirement, and/or the MTH 213 and MTH 214 requirements, but will be required to make up the credit with other Liberal Arts General Education credit to meet the minimum requirements.
- The following courses in the Required Course of Study may not be waived: EDU 300, EDU 311, EDU 321, EDU 390, EED 416, EED 498, EED 499, GEN 200, RDG 415, SPE 300
- Arizona residents may waive SEI 300 and/or SEI 301 with an Arizona Department of Education approved SEI course (institution of higher education or approved district workshop) OR verification of one of the following endorsements:
 - Arizona Provisional SEI Endorsement (SEI 300)
 - Arizona Full SEI Endorsement (SEI 300 and SEI 301)
 - Arizona English as a Second Language Endorsement
 - Arizona Bilingual Endorsement

Approved SEI courses/workshops can be found at <http://www.ade.state.az.us/asd/lep/>.

General Education Requirements for the BSSED/E

A minimum of 54 of the 120 credits must be in the general education areas approved by the University.

English/Language Arts Requirement(s) 12 credits

Mathematics Requirement(s) 12 credits

6 credits must include MTH 213 and MTH 214

Physical/Biological Science Requirement(s) 6 credits

Social Studies Requirement(s) 9 credits

3 credits must include SOC 315

3 credits must include HIS 301 or HIS 310

Fine Arts Requirement(s) 3 credits

Art, music, drama or dance

Humanities Requirement(s) 3 credits

Additional Liberal Arts Requirement(s) 9 credits

For a description of the preceding general education areas, see the Undergraduate Programs section within this catalog.

All undergraduate students are required to complete the minimum general education credits required by their program version.

Students who lack .67 or fewer general education credits may use interdisciplinary or elective credits to waive the balance. Students must use interdisciplinary or elective credits to waive the general education balance in order to complete the minimum general education credits required for their program.

Field Experience for BSED/E

Beginning with the first course, and throughout the program, candidates are required to complete a minimum of 100 hours of verified field experiences, covering a variety of developmental levels from ages birth through grade eight. The focus of each field experience will relate to specific course content and will follow a structured format. Four formal field experience evaluations are required during the program (observation, one-on-one instruction, small-group instruction, and whole-group instruction). These evaluations must be posted to the students' electronic portfolio. Documentation of field experience must be uploaded to the electronic portfolio and will be reviewed by campus staff and faculty prior to student teaching. Candidates must work with their campus to arrange field experience.

Student Teaching for the BSED/E

Student teaching is a full-time experience. Each campus establishes operational policies related to placement and completion of student teaching. Candidates must follow the guidelines in place at their campus.

- Student teaching is the culminating experience of the Bachelor of Science in Education program. Students must complete prerequisites leading up to Student Teaching Seminar I prior to beginning the student teaching experience.
Arizona teacher candidates enrolled in the BSED/E program will be issued an Elementary certificate in grades 1-8. Teacher candidates in the BSED/E program will not be eligible to student teach in Kindergarten and will not be issued an Institutional Recommendation (IR) as the Arizona Department of Education will no longer recognize Kindergarten experience for certification in Elementary education.
- Student teaching must occur in a 1-8 self-contained classroom setting under the supervision of a certified teacher. This applies to self-contained settings only, not departmentalized settings. Candidates wishing to do their student teaching in a single subject in grades 6 - 8 must provide the following prior to Student Teaching I:
 - Transcripts documenting of a minimum of 24 semester credits in their content area
 - Passing scores on the state mandated content exam
- Candidates must earn a "B" or better in Elementary Education Seminar. If a candidate receives less than a "B" (B- or lower, or an incomplete grade), they must repeat the course.
- Student teachers who are removed from a placement at the request of a school district administrator will be withdrawn from class and will be issued a grade of "F" by their faculty member.
- Candidates must be enrolled in Student Teaching Seminar I and II during their student teaching experience. If a candidate chooses to postpone student teaching they must postpone their enrollment in these seminars.
- Student teaching can only be repeated one time.
- Unapproved self-terminations of student teaching will result in the candidate receiving a failing grade for the student teaching experience and the associated student teaching seminar. This experience counts as one of their two student teaching attempts.
- Candidates that do not successfully complete the second student teaching program will be removed from the program and are not eligible for re-entry.

- Candidates must student teach in a self-contained elementary setting. Candidates may not student teach in special education.
- Students should complete student teaching within twelve (12) months from the completion date of their last required course in the program.
- Students must complete a minimum of 8 credit hours of student teaching, including the completion of a Teacher Work Sample project.

Candidates who are unable to complete their student teaching experience at the campus where they began are not guaranteed a placement. Candidates may be able to complete their student teaching through the University of Phoenix Online campus. A select number of states do not participate in the University of Phoenix Teacher Education program. Candidates must contact the Online campus for a list of participating states and procedures for student teaching placement.

- Candidates must successfully pass the Elementary Education Seminar with a "B" or better.
- Candidates must enroll in the remaining Student Teaching Seminars through the Online campus while completing their student teaching experience.
- Candidates need to work directly with the Online campus to complete the requirements for verification of placement.

Institutional Recommendation for the BSED/E

- Candidates must meet all current state certification requirements prior to being issued an Institutional Recommendation (IR, request for state teaching credential).
- Upon completion, candidates must complete a University of Phoenix diploma application in order to receive a diploma and official transcript. Candidates' records will be analyzed to ensure that they have met all academic and financial requirements of their programs. An IR cannot be completed until this process has been finished. This will ensure that candidates have met all of their obligations to the University before they receive an IR from the University.
- Candidates must pass their state-mandated professional knowledge exam.
- Candidates must provide verification of state and U.S. Constitution coursework as required by the state certification agency.
- Arizona or Online students may submit a passing score on a comparable professional knowledge examination from another state or agency taken within the past 7 years.

Course Descriptions for the BSED/E

GEN 200 3 credits

Foundations for General Education and Professional Success

This general education course is designed to introduce the intentional learner to communication, collaboration, information utilization, critical thinking, problem solving and professional competence and values. The course uses an interdisciplinary approach for the learner to develop personal, academic strategies in order to reach desired goals and achieve academic success.

EDU 300 0 credits

Orientation to Teacher Education

This course is designed to provide an orientation to the primary components of the Teacher Education Program. Students will be introduced to the program's progression and degree completion requirements. Field Experience, E-Portfolio, Student Teaching, Teacher Work Sample, and technology resources will be discussed.

EDU 301 3 credits

Foundations of Education

This course introduces students to the teaching profession. Historical foundations, professionalism, the role of technology, and trends and issues in education are introduced. Students will examine personal reasons for wanting to teach and will create a personal philosophy of education.

EDU 315 3 credits

Legal & Ethical Issues in Education

This course provides students with the opportunity to examine and apply legal and ethical issues within the context of an educational setting. Legal issues and their consequent impact on educators are discussed, analyzed, and applied to current educational practices. Emphasis is placed on the ways ethical and legal issues facing teachers affect student learning, and the critical thinking, decision-making, professional and personal conduct of teachers.

EDU 311 3 credits

Models and Theories of Instruction

This course focuses on the theoretical models that underlie teaching and learning for all learners. Effective teaching strategies that promote student learning will be examined. Various lesson plan designs will be explored, and students will create an original lesson plan.

EDU 321 3 credits

Classroom Management

This course examines the strategies used in managing a positive elementary classroom. Topics include models of discipline, motivation, disruptive students, classroom expectations and procedures, parent communication, and materials management and record keeping. Students will develop an individual classroom management plan.

EDU 305 3 credits

Child Development

This course explores the development of the child from birth through eighth grade. Physical, cognitive/intellectual, social/emotional, and moral development will be examined. The course focuses on defining the various stages as they impact instructional practice and decisions in a pre K-8 environment.

EED 400 3 credits

Assessment in Elementary Education

This course identifies what assessment is and how formative and summative assessments are used in the classroom. The course will include construction of objective and performance assessments, topics on reliability and validity, understanding the uses of standardized assessments, and the framework of assessment.

RDG 350 3 credits

Children's Literature

This course will examine the use of children's literature in the elementary school classroom. Various genres will be studied as well as the application of children's literature to instruction and assessment in reading. Methods for integrating the use of children's literature in all content areas will be examined.

RDG 420 3 credits

Elementary Methods - Reading/Language Arts

This course focuses on current research, theory, methods, and state standards related to reading instruction. It provides students with the background knowledge in language arts necessary to prepare comprehensive standards-based lesson plans and integrated units of instruction. Effective instructional and assessment techniques are modeled.

RDG 415 3 credits

Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Difficulties

This course addresses the use of reading assessments to determine classroom intervention and instructional strategies. It provides foundational information about stages of reading acquisition, factors that impact reading success or failure, and the nature of reading difficulties. This information serves as a context for learning about the selection, administration, and interpretation of formal and informal classroom assessments for the purposes of screening, diagnosing difficulties, monitoring progress, and evaluating instruction. In addition, a final diagnostic and instructional recommendations report will be developed based on student test data provided.

SEI 300 3 credits

Structured English Immersion

This course will introduce students to the concept of and methods for instructing in a Structured English Immersion (SEI) environment. Students will learn about assessment of K-12 students, state standards, research-based instructional activities, and lesson planning and implementation models. Students will study how a learner-centered approach to teaching can provide English Language Learners (ELL), as well as native English speakers, with a greater opportunity to interact meaningfully with educational materials as they learn subject matter and ELL's acquire English.

SEI 3013 credits

Advanced Structured English Immersion Methods

This course addresses Structured English Immersion (SEI) instruction and assessment of K-12 English Language Learners (ELLs), and is designed to meet the standards set by the Arizona Department of Education. It examines the legal, historical, and educational reasons for SEI, as well as theoretical principles of language acquisition and the role of culture in learning. It also emphasizes the alignment of ELL Proficiency Standards to Arizona's Academic Standards and their application to lesson planning. The Arizona English Language Learner Assessment (AZELLA), use of alternative assessments, analysis of data, and the application of data to instruction, are emphasized as well. A final project synthesizes the concepts and instructional strategies taught in the course.

SPE 3003 credits

Orientation to the Exceptional Child

This course provides an overview of the categories of exceptional-ity for elementary age students with special needs. The course focuses on differentiated methods and techniques used for the identification, assessment, and instruction of diverse populations. Historical perspectives and information related to special education law, and current policies and practices are examined.

EED 4163 credits

Elementary Methods - Mathematics

This course focuses on methodology and assessment strategies that enhance learning in mathematics. Integration of content, and instructional strategies, as well as curriculum and assessment issues are emphasized. Multiple perspectives of students as learners of mathematics, along with current research on mathematics pedagogy, are explored. Students evaluate and use instructional methods, curricular materials and resources, and appropriate assessment strategies. Special attention is given to the use of manipulatives in math instruction and to developing students' problem-solving skills.

EED 4203 credits

Elementary Methods - Science

This course focuses on methodology and assessment strategies that enhance learning in science. Integrated content, interdisciplinary teaching, classroom management, and curriculum and assessment issues are emphasized. Multiple perspectives of students as learners of science, along with current research on pedagogy, are explored. This course also provides students with an opportunity to develop the ability to evaluate and to use instructional methods, curricular materials and resources, and appropriate assessment strategies.

EED 4253 credits

Elementary Methods - Health/PE

This course provides an overview of the physical education and health state and national standards and provides a context for how these are addressed in elementary schools and classrooms. Instructional approaches for the integration of physical education and health with other content areas are explored.

EED 4303 credits

Elementary Methods - Social Studies

This course defines and provides a context for teaching and assessing students in the areas of social science based on scope, sequence, and national and state standards. Instructional approaches for the content area within the framework of an integrated curriculum are explored, including the use of critical thinking skills and study skills. Students develop a variety of data collection tools designed to assess student learning.

EED 4353 credits

Elementary Methods - Fine Arts

This course defines and provides a context for teaching and assessing students in the area of fine arts based on scope, sequence, and national and state standards. An emphasis is placed on integrating art across the curriculum.

EDU 3901 credit

Elementary Education Seminar

This course focuses on the professional aspects of teaching. Students are introduced to the Teacher Work Sample that will be created during student teaching. Students will engage in self-evaluation to develop their own professional growth plans for inclusion in their portfolios. The character qualifications for becoming a teacher will be assessed through a personal interview, using letters of character reference, and a written reflective paper on the desire and reasons for joining the profession.

EED 4984 credits

Elementary Student Teaching, Seminar I

This course emphasizes the practical application of educational theories and methods. The course will focus on the following topics: the student teaching experience, the school culture, the learning environment, and planning, preparing, and implementing the Teacher Work Sample. The seminar also provides a forum for open discussion and problem solving based on student teaching classroom experiences.

EED 4994 credits

Elementary Student Teaching, Seminar II

This course will focus on the design and implementation of the Teacher Work Sample. It also provides students practical guidance in securing a teaching position. Students will examine resumes and cover letters, teaching applications, and interview strategies. Assistance in preparing an employment portfolio will be provided. This seminar also provides a forum for open discussion and problem solving based on student teaching classroom experiences.

MTH 2133 credits

Mathematics for Elementary Educators I

This is the first course of a two-part series designed for K-8 pre-service teachers to address the conceptual framework for mathematics taught in elementary school. The focus of part one will be on real number properties, patterns, operations and algebraic reasoning and problem solving.

MTH 214 3 credits

Math for Elementary Teachers II

This is the second course in a two-part series designed for K-8 pre-service teachers to address the conceptual framework for mathematics taught in elementary school. The focus of part two will be on measurement, geometry, probability and data analysis.

SOC 315 3 credits

Cultural Diversity

This course focuses on the issues, challenges and opportunities presented by U.S. population diversity. Emphasis is placed on workplace issues related to employee diversity in terms of gender, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic class and cultural background.

HIS 301 3 credits

United States Constitution

This course is a five-week introduction to the historical, political, philosophical, and economic roots of the U.S. Constitution. It first reviews the philosophical arguments of the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists, those that supported and opposed ratification of the Constitution. The course then examines milestone Supreme Court decisions and their evolving interpretations of the Constitution. This course focuses on the first ten amendments of the Constitution known as the Bill of Rights as well as later amendments and the issues of slavery and civil rights as seen through major court decisions.

HIS 110 3 credits

US History to 1865

This course provides an overview of the social, political, economic, and global events that have shaped the American scene from colonial times through the Civil War period.

Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies (California)

The following Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies (BSLS) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: California. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies (BSLS) is an undergraduate liberal studies program that combines content and pedagogical preparation required for multiple subject credential candidates.

Field experiences are integrated throughout the program, with a culminating student teaching experience. The program and field experiences are designed to emphasize mastery of state standards with ongoing assessment to measure candidate competency.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/bsls>.

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

Program Category Requirements and Course Selections

Orientation, 0 total credits

EDU 300CA 0 credits

Orientation to Teacher Education

Introductory Course, 3 total credits

GEN 200 3 credits

Foundations for General Education and Professional Success

Foundations of Education, 3 total credits

EDU 301CA ~ 3 credits

Foundations of Education

Education Models & Theories, 6 total credits

EDU 311CA ~ 3 credits

Models and Theories of Instruction

EDU 321CA 3 credits

Classroom Management

Human Development, 3 total credits

EDU 305CA ~ 3 credits

Child Development

Reading, 9 total credits

RDG 201CA 3 credits

Reading and Writing Concepts

RDG 350CA 3 credits

Children's Literature

RDG 420CA ~ 3 credits

Elementary Methods: Reading and Language Arts

Special Populations, 6 total credits

SPE 300CA 3 credits

Orientation to the Exceptional Child

ELL 300 3 credits

Instruction and Assessment of English Language Learners

Elementary Methods and Assessment, 6 total credits

EED 436CA ~ 3 credits

Elementary Methods: Social Science and Fine Arts

EED 438CA ~ 3 credits

Elementary Methods: Mathematics and Science

Field Experience and Student Teaching, 8 total credits

EED 498CA ~ 4 credits

Elementary Student Teaching, Seminar I

EED 499CA ~ 4 credits

Elementary Student Teaching, Seminar II

TPA, 2 total credits

TPA 001 ~ 1 credit

Subject Specific Pedagogy

TPA 002 ~ 1 credit

Designing Instruction

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of Study.

Additional Admission Requirements for the BSLS

All applicants are expected to meet the following admissions requirements:

- High school graduation from an institution that holds state approval to confer high school diplomas or are accredited or a candidate for accreditation at the time the student attended by an acceptable accrediting body, GED certificate or CHSPE (California High School Proficiency Examination) certificate.
- Applicants must be currently employed or have access to a work environment.
- Verification of negative TB test results
- A receipt of the "Request for LiveScan Service" must be submitted as proof that fingerprints were taken and the fingerprint processing fees paid.
- Students who reside outside of the state of California are not eligible to apply.

Candidacy Status for the BSLS

The College of Education has two levels of review consisting of Level 1 Candidate Status and Level 2 Candidate Status. Applicants must meet requirements for both levels of candidacy status to continue in their program with no interruption of scheduling.

Level 1 Candidate Status is completed upon admission to the University. Students who are admitted have met the requirements for Candidate Status Level 1.

Level 2 Candidate Status is completed prior to the completion of 84 Required Course of Study (prior to PHL/310CA) credits of the program. To meet the Candidate Status Level 2 requirements, the following items must be completed. Evidence that these requirements have been met must be uploaded to the Teacher Education Program Requirement DRF in the e-portfolio and the student's eXp file.

- Demonstration of basic skills proficiency (CBEST)
- Verification of fingerprint clearance
- Must provide one of the following verifications prior to the completion of 84 semester credits in the program:
 - The candidate provides evidence of having passed the appropriate subject matter examination(s).
 - The candidate provides evidence of having attempted the appropriate subject matter examination(s).
 - The candidate provides evidence of registration for the next scheduled examination.
 - The candidate provides evidence of having completed a Commission approved subject matter preparation program.
 - The candidate provides evidence of continuous progress toward meeting the subject matter requirement.

Students must be admitted and meet Level 1 Candidate Status prior to being reviewed for Level 2 Candidate Status.

Degree Completion Requirements for the BSLS

- A minimum of 121 undergraduate credits.
- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5.
- Satisfactory completion of CalTPA 1-4.
- Satisfactory completion of student teaching.
- Complete courses within the sequence specified by course prerequisite requirements.
- Meet state requirements as set forth by state of residency to receive state endorsement.
- Complete Field Experience Observation Record (100 hours).
- All students must complete the minimum number of credits required by their degree program.
- The diploma awarded for this program will read as follows:
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies

Academic Progression Requirements for the BSLS

Candidates must provide verification of content knowledge mastery prior to beginning student teaching. Candidates must provide:

- Verification of content knowledge mastery prior to student teaching (CSET content exam)
- Verification of Disposition Assessments (Self-Evaluation Dispositions Rubric & Personal Assessment Interview)
- Passing score on Teaching Performance Assessment CalTPA 1: Subject-Specific Pedagogy
- Passing score on Teaching Performance Assessment CalTPA 2: Designing Instruction
- Completion of all coursework prior to Student Teaching Seminar I & II with a 2.5 program GPA
- Verification of the completion of 100 hours of field experience.

Many courses in the Required Course of Study build on or reinforce each other. To ensure that students have the requisite skills for specific coursework certain program areas must be satisfied before students can progress to others.

- All students must complete GEN 200 and EDU 300CA as the first two courses at the University.

Candidates will be required to have the minimum GPA for the program prior to entering the Student Teaching experience.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the BSLS

- A candidate must earn a grade of "B" (grades of "I" and "B-" are not accepted) or better in the following courses in order to student teach: EED 498CA, EED 499CA, HUM 375CA, PHL 310CA
- A candidate must earn a grade of "C" (grades of "I" and "C-" are not accepted) or better in the following course: HIS 110CA
- Candidates must earn a "B" or better in Elementary Student Teaching I & II in order to complete this program. Candidates who do not earn a "B" or better will be required to repeat the seminar(s) in which the candidate did not receive the required minimum grade and the related portion of student teaching. The Campus College chair will coordinate with the Cooperating/Mentor Teacher and Faculty Supervisor to design a remediation plan.
- If the candidate does not receive a grade of "B" or better on the second attempt, the candidate will be Scholastically Suspended, permanently withdrawn, from the program.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the BSLS

Students must meet the established University residency requirement for degree conferral. The University requires that the majority of coursework, 30 credits from a combination of the Required Course of Study, General Education, and Electives must be completed at University of Phoenix.

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 91 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally accredited transferable coursework.

In order to be granted a waiver with credit for a course in the Professional Preparation Program Requirements, a student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally accredited college or university.
- The course must have been completed within the past five (5) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better.
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

Through an approved articulation agreement, students who have successfully completed equivalent courses may waive, without credits, up to thirty (30) credits of the Required Course of Study. Students must substitute other upper division coursework to satisfy the upper division credit requirement of their degree program (each program has specific substitution requirements). This policy also applies to upper division courses which are used to fulfill Associate of Arts degree requirements. In order to be granted a waiver, without credit, for a course in the Required Course of Study, a student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed and transcribed from a regionally accredited institution with which the University of Phoenix has an approved articulation agreement.
- The course must have been completed with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better during the effective dates of the approved articulation agreement.
- The course must be approved through the articulation agreement and must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing.

Students may use a 2 semester credit Constitution course to satisfy the HIS 305CA or HIS 110CA constitution requirement, or a 2 semester credit Education Math course to satisfy the MTH 213CA and MTH 214CA requirements, but will be required to make up the credit with other Liberal Arts General Education credit to meet the minimum requirements.

The following courses in the Required Course of Study may not be waived: ARTS 230CA, ARTS 340CA, EED 498CA, EED 499CA, GEN 200, HUM 375CA, PHL 310CA, TPA 001, TPA 002

General Education Requirements for the BSLS

A minimum of 81 of the 121 credits must be in the general education areas approved by the University.

English/Language Arts, 24 credits

Must include ENG 215CA, ENG 135CA, ENG 380CA, ENG 437CA, ENG 492CA, RDG 201CA, RDG 350CA, ENG 340CA

Mathematics, 12 credits

Must include MTH 208CA, MTH 209CA, MTH 213CA, MTH 214CA

Physical/Biological Science, 12 credits

Must include (two lab sciences) BIO 101CA, GLG 150CA, CHM 110CA, PHY 101CA

Social Studies, 15 credits

Must include HIS 110CA, HIS 120CA, HIS 275CA, HIS 276CA, HIS 305CA

(Must include U.S. Constitution)

Fine Arts, 6 credits

Must include (courses in at least two art forms: Visual Art, Dance, Music, Theatre) ARTS 100CA and ARTS 230CA or ARTS 340CA

Humanities, 6 credits

Must include HUM 375CA and PHL 310CA

Health/Physical Education, 6 credits

Must include (Health and Physical Education) SCI 220CA, HPE 170CA

For a description of the preceding general education areas, see the Undergraduate Programs section within this catalog.

Coursework which was completed at an institution that offers associate degrees or higher, which was accredited, or a candidate for accreditation at the time the student attended, by a regional or approved national accrediting body, or a foreign institution recognized/authorized by the country's Ministry of Education, will be reviewed for transfer into the University.

Coursework in which students earn a minimum grade of "C-" or grades of credit, pass or satisfactory will be accepted towards student's degree requirements.

All undergraduate students are required to complete the minimum general education credits required by their program version.

Students who lack .67 or fewer general education credits may use liberal arts credits to satisfy the balance in order to complete the minimum general education credits required for their program.

Field Experience for BSLS

Beginning with the first course, and throughout the program, candidates are required to complete a minimum of 100 hours of verified field experiences, covering a variety of developmental levels from ages birth through grade eight. The focus of each field experience will relate to specific course content and will follow a structured format. Four formal field experience evaluations are required during the program (observation, one-on-one instruction, small-group instruction, and whole-group instruction). These evaluations must be posted to the students' electronic portfolio. Documentation of field experience must be uploaded to the electronic portfolio and will be reviewed by campus staff and faculty prior to student teaching. Candidates must work with their campus to arrange field experience.

Student Teaching for the BSLS

Student teaching is a full-time experience. Each campus establishes operational policies related to placement and completion of student teaching. Candidates must follow the guidelines in place at their campus.

- Student teaching is the culminating experience of the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies program. Students must complete prerequisites leading up to Student Teaching Seminar I prior to beginning the student teaching experience.
- Students must complete placements in two elementary grade levels. Placement must occur in two of the following grade levels: K-2, 3-5, 6. One placement is seven weeks and the other placement is eight weeks. These must be in self-contained classroom settings in which the candidate teaches 6 of the 7 multiple subject areas to the same group of students.
- Candidates must earn a "B" or better in Student Teaching Seminar I and II. If a candidate receives less than a "B" (B- or lower, or an incomplete grade), they must repeat the course.
- Student teachers who are removed from a placement at the request of a school district administrator will be withdrawn from class and will be issued a grade of "F" by their faculty member.
- Candidates must be enrolled in Student Teaching Seminar I and II during their student teaching experience. If a candidate chooses to postpone student teaching they must postpone their enrollment in these seminars.
- Student teaching can only be repeated one time.
- Candidates that do not successfully complete the second student teaching experience will be removed from the program and are not eligible for re-entry.
- Candidates must student teach in a self-contained elementary setting. Candidates may not student teach in special education.
- Students should complete student teaching within twelve (12) months from the completion date of their last required course in the program.
- Students must complete a minimum of 8 credit hours of student teaching, including the completion of a Teaching Performance Assessment.

Institutional Recommendation for the BSLS

- Candidates must meet all current state certification requirements prior to being issued an Institutional Recommendation (IR, request for state teaching credential).
- Upon completion, candidates must complete a University of Phoenix diploma application in order to receive a diploma and official transcript. Candidates' records will be analyzed to ensure that they have met all academic and financial requirements of their programs. An IR cannot be completed until this process has been finished. This will ensure that candidates have met all of their obligations to the University before they receive an IR from the University.
- Candidates must provide verification of U.S. Constitution coursework (with a grade of "C" or better), or exam as required by the state certification agency.
- Candidates must provide proof of certification in cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- Candidates must pass the RICA exam.

California Teaching Performance Assessment Policy

- Candidates must receive passing scores on TPA/001: Subject-Specific Pedagogy (course and assessment) and TPA/002: Designing Instruction (course and assessment) prior to beginning their student teaching experience. Verification of scores is maintained by the campus Credential Analyst.
- Candidates may attempt the Teaching Performance Assessment 1: Subject-Specific Pedagogy and Teaching Performance Assessment 2: Designing Instruction a total of three times each. Candidates are required to retake TPA 001 or TPA 002 courses if they have failed the corresponding assessment two times. This retake must be completed prior to the third attempt.
- Teaching Performance Assessment 3: Assessing Learning and Teaching Performance Assessment 4: Culminating Teaching Experience are completed during the student teaching experience. These assessments can only be attempted two times each.
- Candidates must earn a score of 3 or 4 on each Teaching Performance Assessment to be considered passing. Scores of 1 or 2 are not considered passing scores.
- Candidates who are unable to pass any assessment after the allotted number of attempts are permanently removed from the program.
TPA 1 and TPA2 = 3 attempts
TPA 3 and TPA4 = 2 attempts
- Students who transfer into the BSLS program and have documentation of passing TPA 1: Subject-specific Pedagogy and/or TPA 2: Designing Instruction while attending another university are not required to complete the corresponding preparation courses TPA 001 - Subject-specific Pedagogy and/or TPA 002 - Designing Instruction. Students should submit a course waiver request to apply the TPA 1 and/or TPA 2 assessments to the TPA 001 and/or TPA 002 courses at University of Phoenix.

Course Descriptions for the BSLS

EDU 300CA 0 credits

Orientation to Teacher Education

This course is designed to provide an orientation to the primary components of the Teacher Education Program. Students will be introduced to the program's progression and degree completion requirements. Field Experience, E-Portfolio, Student Teaching, Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA), and technology resources will be discussed.

GEN 200 3 credits

Foundations for General Education and Professional Success

This general education course is designed to introduce the intentional learner to communication, collaboration, information utilization, critical thinking, problem solving and professional competence and values. The course uses an interdisciplinary approach for the learner to develop personal, academic strategies in order to reach desired goals and achieve academic success.

EDU 301CA 3 credits

Foundations of Education

This course introduces students to the teaching profession. Historical foundations, professionalism, the role of technology, and trends and issues in education are introduced. Students will examine personal reasons for wanting to teach and will create a personal philosophy of education.

EDU 311CA 3 credits

Models and Theories of Instruction

This course focuses on the theoretical models that underlie teaching and learning for all learners. Effective teaching strategies that promote student learning will be examined. Various lesson plan designs will be explored, and students will create an original lesson plan.

EDU 321CA 3 credits

Classroom Management

This course examines the strategies used in managing a positive elementary classroom. Topics include management models, motivation, disruptive students, classroom expectations and procedures, communication, and record keeping. Managing materials and technology will also be addressed. Students will develop an individual classroom management plan.

EDU 305CA 3 credits

Child Development

This course explores the development of the child from birth through eighth grade. Physical, cognitive/intellectual, social/emotional, and moral development will be examined. The course focuses on defining the various stages as they impact instructional practice and decisions in a pre K-8 environment.

RDG 201CA 3 credits

Reading and Writing Concepts

This course builds a foundation in language acquisition and development to examine the concepts of reading, writing, spelling, and handwriting. Students explore children's development in these areas and the implications for instruction. They also observe and reflect on language arts interactions and activities in a classroom setting.

RDG 350CA 3 credits

Children's Literature

This course will examine the use of children's literature in the elementary school classroom. Various genres will be studied as well as the application of children's literature to instruction and to assessment in reading. Methods for integrating the use of children's literature in all content areas will be examined.

RDG 420CA 3 credits

Elementary Methods: Reading and Language Arts

This course focuses on current research, theory, methods, and state standards related to reading instruction. It provides students with the background knowledge in language arts necessary to prepare comprehensive standards-based lesson plans and integrated units of instruction. Effective instructional and assessment techniques are modeled.

SPE 300CA 3 credits

Orientation to the Exceptional Child

This course provides an overview of the categories of exceptional-ity for elementary age students with special needs. The course focuses on differentiated methods and techniques used for the identification, assessment, and instruction of diverse populations. Historical perspectives and information related to special education law, and current policies and practices are examined.

ELL 300 3 credits

Instruction and Assessment of English Language Learners

This course focuses on instruction for English Language Learners (ELLs). It emphasizes knowledge of and sensitivity to the history and to the culture of other languages and ethnic groups, as well as to multiethnic curriculum and instruction. It provides strategies for effective instruction, including standards-based lesson planning and implementation models, and assessment of linguistically diverse K-12 students. In addition, the course addresses ways in which a learner-centered approach to teaching can provide English Language Learners with a greater opportunity to interact meaningfully with educational materials as they learn subject matter and acquire English.

EED 436CA 3 credits

Elementary Methods: Social Science and Fine Arts

This course focuses on methodology and assessment strategies that enhance learning in social science and fine arts. Integrated content, interdisciplinary teaching, classroom management, and curriculum and assessment issues are emphasized. Multiple perspectives of students as learners of social science and fine arts, along with current research on pedagogy, are explored. This course also provides students with an opportunity to develop the ability to evaluate and to use instructional methods, curricular materials and resources, and appropriate assessment strategies.

EED 438CA 3 credits

Elementary Methods: Mathematics and Science

This course focuses on methodology and assessment strategies that enhance learning in mathematics and science. Integrated content, interdisciplinary teaching, classroom management, and curriculum and assessment issues are emphasized. Multiple perspectives of students as learners of mathematics and science, along with current research on pedagogy, are explored. This course also provides students with an opportunity to develop the ability to evaluate and to use instructional methods, curricular materials and resources, and appropriate assessment strategies.

EED 498CA 4 credits

Elementary Student Teaching, Seminar I

This course emphasizes the practical application of educational theories and methods. The course will focus on the following topics: the student teaching experience, the learning environment, designing and implementing assessments in preparation for the CalTPA Task Three: Assessing Learning Task, and developing as a professional educator. The course also provides a forum for open discussion and problem solving based on student teaching classroom experiences and the ability to use and apply the Teaching Performance Expectations.

EED 499CA 4 credits

Elementary Student Teaching, Seminar II

This course will focus on the elements of the CalTPA Task Four: Culminating Teaching Experience Task. The course explores the following topics: school culture and diversity, pedagogical assignments and tasks, self-reflection, and preparation to serve as a beginning teacher in an induction program. It also provides practical guidance in seeking a teaching position. This course will serve as a forum for open discussion and problem solving based on student teaching classroom experiences and their ability to use and apply the full-range of Teaching Performance Expectations.

TPA 001 1 credit

Subject Specific Pedagogy

This course addresses California's Teaching Performance Assessment: Principles of Content-Specific and Developmentally Appropriate Pedagogy. Students will review the elements of this assessment and will demonstrate their knowledge of principles of content-specific pedagogy and developmentally appropriate pedagogy. Through this assessment process, students will learn the importance of their performance with K-12 students in mastering the knowledge, skills and abilities required of a beginning teacher, as exemplified in the Teacher Performance Expectations.

TPA 002 1 credit

Designing Instruction

This course addresses the second task of California's Teaching Performance Assessment: Designing Instruction, Connecting Instructional Planning to Student Characteristics for Academic Learning. Students will review the elements of the Designing Instruction Teaching Performance Assessment and will demonstrate their ability to learn important details about a classroom of students, an English learner, and a student who presents a different instructional challenge. Students will focus on how instructional planning connects to student characteristics of a whole class and to two focus students who present a different instructional challenge.

ENG 215CA 3 credits

Effective Academic Writing

This course develops the skills used in writing applied research papers for a university-level audience. Students will write position papers, persuasive essays, and case study analyses. Students will study classical rhetorical concepts of authority and the Toulmin method of argument analysis, and will evaluate outside sources for objectivity and utility in constructing persuasive arguments. Students practice giving peer feedback, revising essays in response to feedback, and writing collaboratively as Learning Teams. The course reviews the elements of grammar, mechanics, style, and proper documentation of outside sources.

ENG 135CA 3 credits

Essentials of Contemporary Communications

This course covers the skills necessary for effective written and oral communication in the work environment and in modern society. The course reviews basic communication theories and discusses the fundamentals of interpersonal, written, and oral communication skills. This course emphasizes applying these theories and skills to group processes and professional situations.

ENG 340CA 3 credits

Creative Writing

This course introduces students to creative writing in various genres. The purpose of this course is to develop and expand students' imaginative writing processes and to develop and expand their understanding of the human experience through creative writing. This would include identifying elements of writing and developing skills and techniques for creative writing in poetry, fiction, and nonfiction writings.

ENG 380CA 3 credits

Applied Linguistics

This course introduces students to the nature of language and the way in which language is acquired and used in society. It also addresses grammatical aspects of language such as syntax, semantics, and pragmatics and changes in language over time. Stages of language acquisition and bilingual development will also be discussed.

ENG 437CA 3 credits

Literary Genres Across Cultures

This course introduces literary genres that reflect the human experience across cultures. Past and present voices from the literature of majority and minority writers, as expressed in fiction, poetry, drama, and nonfiction, are surveyed. Students analyze literal and symbolic meanings in texts, and examine the elements and conventions of each literary genre. Students think critically, recognize instances of stereotyping, and make connections between the literature and their lives.

ENG 492CA 3 credits

American Literature Since 1860

This course will survey the writings of 150 years in the historical and cultural context of America. The influence of vast social, political, and philosophical changes in America on literary works will be explored. The major literary movements, works, and authors of four distinct time periods will be read and discussed: the late 19th century, the early 20th century, the late 20th century, and the 21st century.

RDG 201CA 3 credits

Reading and Writing Concepts

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MTH 208CA 3 credits

College Mathematics I

This course begins a demonstration and examination of various concepts of basic algebra. It assists in building skills for performing specific mathematical operations and problem solving. These concepts and skills serve as a foundation for subsequent quantitative business coursework. Applications to real-world problems are emphasized throughout the course. Specific applications to disciplines such as statistics, accounting, finance, and economics are demonstrated and discussed. A variety of other applications, such as geometry, personal finance, science, and engineering are also presented. Math is a language of logical thinking using symbols and numbers to quantify. This course is the first half of the college algebra sequence, which is completed in MTH 209: College Mathematics II.

MTH 209CA 3 credits

College Mathematics II

This course continues the demonstration and examination of various basic algebra concepts that was begun in MTH 208: College Mathematics I. It assists in building skills for performing more complex mathematical operations and problem solving than in earlier courses. These concepts and skills should serve as a foundation for subsequent quantitative business coursework. Applications to real-world problems are emphasized throughout the course. Specific applications to disciplines such as statistics, accounting, finance, and economics are demonstrated and discussed. A variety of other applications, such as geometry, personal finance, science, and engineering, are also demonstrated and discussed.

MTH 213CA 3 credits

Mathematics for Elementary Educators I

This is the first course of a two-part series designed for K-8 pre-service teachers to address the conceptual framework for mathematics taught in elementary school. The focus of part one will be on real number properties, patterns, operations, and algebraic reasoning and problem solving.

MTH 214CA 3 credits

Mathematics for Elementary Educators II

This is the second course in a two-part series designed for K-8 pre-service teachers to address the conceptual framework for mathematics taught in elementary school. The focus of part two will be on measurement, geometry, probability, and data analysis.

BIO 101CA 3 credits

Principles of Biology

This course is designed to introduce biology at an entry level by examining the hierarchy that ranges from the fundamentals of cell biology to the physiology of organisms, and the interactions among those organisms in their environment. The topics in this course include cell biology, genetics, molecular biology, evolution, physiology, and ecology.

GLG 150CA 3 credits

Exploration of the Earth Sciences

This course focuses on the dynamic forces impacting Earth's environment. It is a study of the major constructs in geology, oceanography, meteorology, and astronomy collectively called Earth Science. A scientific approach will be used in orienting students to develop an understanding of the interconnectivity of each of these sciences.

CHM 110CA 3 credits

Introductory Chemistry

This course will examine the basic principles of chemistry conceptually and specifically. The course will apply chemical concepts to address relevant issues ranging from atomic structure and chemical reactions to organic and biological chemistry. The course topics include matter and energy, chemical bonding, intermolecular forces, chemical equilibrium, and nuclear, organic, and biological chemistry. Students will apply these concepts using practical examples, facilitated discussions, and experiments conducted through a virtual laboratory.

PHY 101CA 3 credits

Fundamentals of Physics

This course is designed to introduce physics at an entry level by examining the principle laws of physics leading to a conceptual understanding of how these principles relate to everyday life. The topics in this course include Newton's laws, properties of matter, heat and thermodynamics, electricity and magnetism, and waves.

HIS 110CA 3 credits

U.S. History to 1865

This course recounts the story of the United States by looking at the experiences of the many diverse races and nationalities that, woven together, have created this country. Students will learn to appreciate the contributions the various peoples have made to the American culture. Emphasis is placed on how both compromise and conflict have played major parts in American history.

HIS 120CA 3 credits

U.S. History 1865 to 1945

This course recounts the story of our country by looking at the experiences of the many diverse races and nationalities that, woven together, have created the United States of America. Students will learn to appreciate the contributions various peoples have made to the American culture. Emphasis will be placed on how both compromise and conflict have played major parts in American history.

HIS 275CA 3 credits

Global Civilizations to 1400

This course provides an overview of the establishment of civilizations throughout the world to the 1400s. The principle social, cultural, political, economic, and global developments that influenced multiple civilizations will be explored. The framework of the course will provide a societal understanding by applying historical perspectives to contemporary issues.

HIS 276CA3 credits

Global Civilizations 1400-1700

This course provides an overview of the establishment of world civilizations during the European Middle Ages through the 1700s. The principle social, cultural, political, economic, and global developments that influenced multiple civilizations during this period will be explored. The framework of this course will provide a societal understanding by applying historical perspectives to contemporary issues.

HIS 305CA3 credits

California State History

This course provides students with the political, economic, and social history of California. Topics include Pre-Columbian California; the early exploration and founding of California; the Gold Rush, the Railroad Era, and current challenges faced by the state.

ARTS 100CA3 credits

Introduction to the Visual and Performing Arts

This course examines traditions and developments in the visual and performing arts genres including music, dance, theater, cinema, visual arts, and architecture. Students will be introduced to the elements of each genre, along with an overview of its historical development in Western European tradition.

ARTS 230CA3 credits

Survey of the Visual Arts

This course offers a foundation in the visual arts, elements, styles, and critical analysis for beginning art students. Emphasis is on identifying and explaining styles of visual arts from various cultures, eras, and places. The course focuses on the interpretation of art to understand meaning, and the ability to make critical judgment based on principles of art. Students learn to communicate ideas and expression through their own creative work in a two-dimensional, three-dimensional, video, or other time-based media.

ARTS 340CA3 credits

Exploration of Western Classical Music

This course will introduce students to Western European music from the Baroque period through the beginning of the 20th Century. The course will emphasize the history, musical development, and accomplishments of the Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Early 20th Century periods in music. Students will learn to recognize form, style, texture, and characteristics of each period by studying a variety of composers and the representative masterpieces of each period.

HUM 375CA3 credits

Integrative Studies

This course introduces students to the concept of integrative study, which involves connecting the liberal arts to multiple subject education and integrating disciplines through the curriculum development process. Emphasis is placed on thinking critically and creatively about the relationships that exist among the disciplines of language arts, art, physical education, math, social studies, and science.

PHL 310CA3 credits

Critical Thinking Across Disciplines

This course in critical thinking helps students develop the ability to reason clearly and critically. It includes an introduction to inductive and deductive logic, fallacious reasoning, assumptions, and problem solving techniques. Students will apply critical thinking skills in confirming knowledge, producing new ideas, research, and making connections across disciplines.

SCI 220CA3 credits

Human Nutrition

This course introduces the basic concepts of food and nutrition to highlight ways that students can integrate good nutrition into their lifestyles. Principles of digestion and absorption, the function of nutrients, lifecycle nutritive needs, disease prevention, diet modifications, and weight management are covered. Practical application of these principles to the students' lives is emphasized.

HPE 170CA3 credits

Health and Physical Education

This course will help students understand the importance of a healthy lifestyle with the knowledge of human movement, motor skills, and learning. Students will explore the principles of exercise science and its impact on health, while developing self-confidence and self-worth. It will also help students achieve goals of lifelong health; understand growth and development; and utilize health-related information, products, and services.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Admission Procedures

Application Process

Working adults seeking admission to the University's graduate programs in business, management, information systems, nursing, counseling, or education begin the admission process by submitting a complete and accurate application. An application which is later verified to contain incomplete, false or misleading information may be grounds for dismissal and administrative withdrawal. Once the application has been received by the University, applicants are responsible for ensuring the completion of their admission file. No applicant will be formally accepted for admission until their admission file is complete and officially evaluated. Formal written notice is provided by the central Office of Admissions & Evaluation upon formal acceptance.

The University will advise students which admission file documents are required in order to begin a program of study. Students may attend their first four courses under Registered status. Students, however, must submit all admission documentation and gain unconditional admission status prior to the start of their fifth course. Students failing to submit all documentation prior to the end of the required time frame will be administratively withdrawn until formally admitted by the central Office of Admissions & Evaluation. The University cannot guarantee that a student who begins course work under Registered status will be admitted to the degree program.

Applications of individuals who have not gained admission or enrolled in the University will be kept on file for one year. After that time, the applicant is required to submit a new application and material. A second application fee is not required.

Transcript Requests of Other Institutions

Because institutions vary in the time they take to respond to transcript requests, all transcripts should be requested immediately upon submission of an application and application fee. University staff will process all requests for required transcripts on behalf of the student. However, it remains the student's responsibility to ensure that all transcripts are submitted to the University. The student must sign a "Transcript Request Form" for each transcript being requested from educational institutions. The University's application fee covers the student's expense for requesting official transcripts.

Foreign Academic Records

Students applying to the University with foreign academic records or credentials may have additional requirements that must be met in order to enroll in courses or gain admission due to the differences in educational systems and document requirements.

All academic records from Afghanistan, Somalia or Turkmenistan must be evaluated by an external evaluation service approved by the University of Phoenix.

An applicant submitting academic records from Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Anguilla, Antigua, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Barbuda, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bermuda, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Brunei/Brunei-Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Cayman

Islands, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, French Guiana, French Polynesia, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Montserrat, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Netherland Antilles, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Palestine, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia (Russian Federation), Rwanda, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Martin, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, St. Vincent and The Grenadines, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turks and Caicos Islands, Union of Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.), Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Western Samoa, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia or Zimbabwe may be evaluated internally by the central Office of Admissions and Evaluation or evaluated by an external evaluation service approved by the University of Phoenix. Internal evaluation practices utilized by the central Office of Admissions and Evaluation follow standards and practices defined by the National Association of Foreign Student Administrators (NAFSA) and the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO). Certain programs that lead to certification may require students to have an evaluation performed by an external evaluation agency that is approved by both the University and the state in which the student seeks certification.

Students using foreign academic records to satisfy an admission requirement will not be eligible to attend classes prior to the University receiving a favorable evaluation from an approved credentials evaluation service or evaluation performed by the Central Office of Admissions & Evaluation. Original academic records or copies of academic records that have been verified as authentic by the issuing institution are required to be on file prior to a student gaining unconditional admission to the University. If the academic records are in another language, a certified English translation or translation performed by the central Office of Admissions and Evaluation (Spanish and French only) is required. The University will accept translations from the issuing institution or an official translation service.

Non-Native Speakers of English

An applicant who does not have appropriate English language experience in an academic environment will not be eligible to attend classes under Registered status. Official documentation with an appropriate score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC), International English Language Testing System (IELTS), Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE) or Berlitz Online English Proficiency Exam must be submitted with the admission file and admission granted before the applicant may begin the program.

Admission Appeal Process

Any applicant who has been denied admission to the University has the right to appeal the decision to the Student Appeals Center. All appeals, including any evidence to be considered, must be submitted in writing to the Student Appeals Center. The written appeal may consist of a letter of explanation for academic deficiencies, lack of experience, and any other factors which might be of benefit when the Student Appeals Center conducts its review.

It is incumbent upon the applicant to submit all relevant documents and statements of support attached to the appeal letter to the Student Appeals Center. The Student Appeals Center will carefully review all materials submitted, and notify the applicant in writing of its decision within ten working days.

Graduate Admission Requirements

For graduate education and doctoral admission requirements please refer to the education and doctoral section(s) of the catalog. Most graduate programs have additional admission requirements listed within the program specific information. All applicants are expected to meet the following admission requirements:

- Applicants who completed high school/secondary school outside of the United States, in a country where English is not the official language, must meet one of the following exceptions in order to meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement:
 - Achieved a minimum score of 213 on the computer-based test (cBT), or a score of 79 on the internet-based test (iBT), or a score of 550 on the written-based test (wBT) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) within two years of application to the University.
 - or-
 - Achieved a minimum passing score of 750 on the Test of English as an International Communication (TOEIC) within two years of application to the University.
 - or-
 - Achieved a minimum passing score of 6.5 on the test of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) within two years of application to the University.
 - or-
 - Achieved a minimum score of 75 on the Berlitz Online Test of Reading and Listening Skills - English or a minimum score of 550 on the Berlitz Online English Proficiency Exam within two years of application to the University.
 - or-
 - Successful completion of the approved ESL series of courses completed at: Canadian College of English Language (CCEL), International Language Schools of Canada (ILSC) or Kaplan.
 - or-

- Achieved a minimum score of 59 on the Pearson Test of English Academic Exam within two years of application to the University.
- The following may exempt a non-native speaker from having to take the TOEFL/TOEIC/IELTS, however official documentation may be required:
 - The applicant has successfully completed thirty (30) transferable, academic semester credits at a regionally or nationally accredited college or university in the United States.
 - The applicant has successfully completed the equivalent of thirty (30) transferable, academic semester credits at a recognized college or university in a country in which English is the official language.
 - The applicant has successfully completed the equivalent of thirty (30) transferable, academic semester credits at a recognized institution where English is the medium of instruction.
 - The applicant has previously earned, prior to applying for admission to the University of Phoenix, a U.S. high school diploma or G.E.D. Applicants that list any language other than English as their native language on the admission application and G.E.D is taken, must submit a copy of the G.E.D to verify it was taken in the English version format.
 - The applicant has earned the equivalent of a U.S. high school diploma in a country in which English is the official language.
 - The applicant has earned the equivalent of a U.S. high school diploma at an institution where English is the medium of instruction.
 - The applicant has completed four years of active duty service in a branch of the United States military or the United States Coast Guard as verified by appropriate paperwork.
- Applicants (including re-entry students) attending the Puerto Rico campus must meet the English language proficiency requirement for admission.
- Applicants who reside in the United States must meet one of the following requirements:
 - Be a legal resident of the United States
 - Have been granted permanent residency
 - Have a valid visa that does not prohibit educational studies
 - Have been granted temporary protected status and has been verified through Citizenship and Immigration Service that the country is eligible for TPS status at the time of application sign date. Student must list TPS as the visa type on the admissions application in order for US to verify TPS status.
 - Have been granted asylum along with copy of passport and I-94 bearing the stamp indicating the issue and expiration dates of the Asylee status.
- Applicants who reside in Canada must meet one of the following requirements:
 - Be a legal resident of Canada
 - Be a landed immigrant
 - Have a valid visa that does not prohibit educational studies
- Students may not receive a graduate degree and a graduate-level certificate in the same area of focus.
- A completed and signed graduate application and application fee

- A signed Enrollment/Disclosure Agreement.

Students who begin their studies at campuses located in the states listed below are required to submit immunization information to the University. The state appropriate forms must be completed and sent to University Services.

- Students attending a local campus in Oklahoma must provide written documentation of vaccinations or immunity against Hepatitis B, measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR). Students must demonstrate compliance with the immunization requirement prior to the first attendance in a university course and documentation concerning this requirement must be on file at the time of admission to the university.
- Students attending a physical campus in the state of Tennessee are required to submit a Hepatitis B Waiver form to the University.

Students attending a local campus in the states listed below are required to submit health insurance information to the University. The state appropriate forms must be completed and sent to University Services.

- Full-time students enrolled at a public or private institution of higher learning in New Jersey are required by law to maintain health insurance coverage, either through a school sponsored health insurance plan, or an alternate plan with comparable coverage. All students attending a local campus in New Jersey must complete the Student Health Insurance Election form indicating either that they have either enrolled in the University's sponsored plan or that they decline participation in the University sponsored plan as they have comparable health insurance coverage. Students must complete and submit this form prior to enrolling in any class. Students who do not maintain health insurance coverage throughout the period of enrollment or who do not complete the Health Insurance Election Form each calendar year may not enroll in further courses until the Health Insurance Election Form has been completed, verifying the student has appropriate health insurance coverage in compliance with state law.
- Full and part-time students enrolled in a college, university or other institution of higher learning in Massachusetts must participate in a school sponsored health insurance plan, or an alternate plan with comparable coverage. All full and part-time students attending a Massachusetts local campus must complete the Student Health Insurance Plan Enrollment/Acknowledgement form indicating either that they have either enrolled in the University's sponsored plan or that they decline participation in the University sponsored plan as they have comparable health insurance coverage. Students must complete and submit this form prior to enrolling in any class. Students who do not complete the Enrollment/Acknowledgement form each calendar year may not enroll in further courses until the form has been completed and the student has appropriate health insurance coverage.

Students who begin their studies at campuses located in Hawaii are required to submit immunization information to the University. The state appropriate forms must be completed and sent to University Services.

The Hawaii State Department of Health requires that all students attending school at a campus in this state who were born after December 31, 1956, be immunized for measles-mumps-rubella (MMR). Students shall demonstrate compliance with the immunization requirement prior to the first attendance in a university course and documentation concerning this requirement must be on file at the time of admission to the university.

Exemptions from the MMR immunization requirement may be granted for the following reasons:

- A medical exemption may be granted to specific vaccines.
 - A U.S. licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) must state in writing that giving a specific vaccine would endanger the student's life or health, and specify the reason based on valid medical contraindications.
 - The physician must state the length of time during which the vaccine would endanger the student's health or life.
 - The exemption certification must be signed by the physician on the physician's printed stationery.
- A religious exemption may be granted if the student signs a statement certifying that the student's religious beliefs prohibit the practice of immunization.
- If the State of Hawaii Director of Health determines that there is a danger of an outbreak from any of the diseases for which immunization is required, no exemption shall be recognized and inadequately immunized students shall be excluded from school until the Director has determined that the outbreak is over.
- A copy of each exemption must be kept in the student's health record at school.

The Hawaii State Department of Health requires that all students attending school at a campus in this state shall provide a Certificate of TB Examination issued in the United States within 12 months prior to their first attendance in a post-secondary school in Hawaii. A completed Certificate of TB Examination shall be submitted prior to the first night of class or the student will not be permitted to attend class. Students shall complete Section A of this form, or submit a copy of their TB Clearance Certification received prior to their attendance at another Hawaii post-secondary school.

Students residing in the state of Connecticut are required to submit immunization information to the University. The state appropriate forms must be completed and sent to University Services.

In accordance with Section 10a-155 of the Connecticut general statutes, all full time or matriculating students will be required to demonstrate proof of adequate immunization against measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) and varicella as recommended by the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP). For more specific state information, refer to the link below. Students shall demonstrate compliance with the immunization requirement prior to the first attendance in a university course and documentation concerning this requirement must be on file at the time of admission to the university.

Exemptions from the MMR and varicella immunization requirements may be granted for the following reasons:

- The student was born before January 1, 1957 (applicable to MMR vaccine only).
- The student was born in the United States before January 1, 1980 (applicable to the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine only)

- The student has documentation from a physician stating that it is medically inadvisable to receive the vaccines for the one or more of the diseases as indicated on the immunization form.
- The student has documentation from a physician or director of health that he/she has had a confirmed case of one or more of the diseases as indicated on the immunization form.
- The student has laboratory confirmation of immunity to the disease(s) as indicated on the immunization form.
- The student has submitted a statement that immunization is contrary to his/her religious beliefs.
- The student is enrolled exclusively in the Online Campus and does not congregate with other students on campus or at campus-sponsored events. If the student later decides to attend a class at a University of Phoenix local campus location in Connecticut, the student must meet the immunization requirements before he/she may begin attending classes at a local campus location.
- The student graduated from a public or nonpublic high school in the state of Connecticut in 1999 or later and was not exempt from the measles, rubella and on or after August 1, 2010, the mumps vaccination requirement pursuant to subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection (a) of section 10-204a.

Estimated Program Length

To determine the number of months it takes to complete the program as designed, add all the credit hours in a given program, divide the result by 24 credit hours and then multiply the result by the number of months in the academic year for the degree (Associates = 9 months in an academic year, Bachelors = 10 months in an academic year, Masters/Doctoral = 12 months in an academic year, Undergraduate Certificate = 10 months in an academic year and Graduate Certificate = 12 months in an academic year). Example: Associate program is 60 credits. Divide 60 credit hours by 24 credit hours ($60/24 = 2.5$). Then multiply the result by the number of months in the academic year for the degree (2.5×9 months = 22.5 months).

COLLEGES OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The Colleges of Arts and Sciences offer a variety of graduate degree programs in the following content areas: psychology, counseling and health administration. With the evolution of workplace issues and trends these advanced degrees provide students with a combination of theoretical frameworks and practical applications

related to the professional content areas. Many of the degree offerings also provide an opportunity to select a specialization which can enhance the educational experience as well as adding leverage to the students professional and career development.

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The College of Social Sciences offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in a number of diverse academic areas including counseling, psychology, and human services. In addition, the college offers a certificate program in mediation.

The College provides innovative educational programs designed to enhance the core knowledge, skills and values essential for students seeking to achieve their academic goals in the field of social sciences. These programs are developed and taught by skilled practitioners who work in their respective fields. Through individual and collaborative work, students can acquire the knowledge and skills needed in today's working environment.

Master of Science in Psychology

The following Master of Science in Psychology (MS/P) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Master of Science in Psychology focuses on the scientific study of human behavior, including cognition, motivation and emotion. The program provides training in four core areas: biological bases of behavior, acquired or learned bases of behavior, social, cultural and systemic influences on behavior and individual differences in behavior. Students will learn how the science of psychology is advanced through research. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking, problem-solving and the application of knowledge to problems and issues related to the human experience. This program is not designed to prepare students for professional licensure.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/ms-p>.

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

MS/P Required Course of Study

COM 505	3 credits
Communication Skills for Graduate Study	
PSYCH 500 ~	3 credits
Lifespan Development	
PSYCH 504 ~	3 credits
Personality Theories	
PSYCH 515 ~	3 credits
Advanced Abnormal Psychology	

PSYCH 525 ~	3 credits
Measurements and Statistics	
PSYCH 540 ~	3 credits
Research Methodology	
PSYCH 535 ~	3 credits
Multicultural Psychology	
PSYCH 545 ~	3 credits
Survey of Professional Psychology	
PSYCH 550 ~	3 credits
Psychology of Learning	
PSYCH 555 ~	3 credits
Social Psychology	
PSYCH 560 ~	3 credits
Cognitive Psychology	
PSYCH 570 ~	3 credits
Organizational Psychology	
PSYCH 575 ~	3 credits
Physiological Psychology	

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MS/P

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university, an ABA accredited institution (if coursework was from a graduate level program) or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution. If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- No work experience is required for this program.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.

Degree Requirements for the MS/P

The degree completion requirements for this program are as follows:

- Completion of a minimum of 39 credits.
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MS/P

Students must meet established University residency requirement for degree conferral. The University requires that the majority of coursework, 30 credits in the Required Course of Study, must be completed at University of Phoenix.

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

In order to be granted a waiver for a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.
- The course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years (5 years for IS&T courses) from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better.
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.
- The following courses in the Required Course of Study may not be waived: COM 505

Course Descriptions for the MSP

COM 5053 credits

Communication Skills for Graduate Study

This course provides new graduate students in University of Phoenix programs with an introduction to strategies for academic success within the University of Phoenix adult learning model. Topics include oral and written communication, methods for finding and evaluating course resources, critical thinking, program standards, stress and time management, and Learning Team processes.

PSYCH 5003 credits

Lifespan Development

This course presents students with theoretical frameworks to foster an understanding of the various dimensions of human development across the life span. Emphasis is placed on biological, cognitive, and psychosocial development within the context of gender, family systems, social roles, and culture.

PSYCH 5043 credits

Personality Theories

This course enables students to differentiate among the primary theoretical models of personality theory, such as psychodynamic, affective, cognitive-behavioral, and systems theory. Emphasis is on the importance of students recognizing belief systems and the underlying assumptions inherent in various personality models that accurately reflect their own personal perspectives. Students also learn to recognize strategies and approaches in psychology that reflect identified personality theories as a foundation.

PSYCH 5153 credits

Advanced Abnormal Psychology

This course covers a wide range of definitions and models that focus on the complex or problematic psychological disorders and conditions of psychopathology. Emphasis is on learning accepted conceptualizations of such disorders along with contemporary treatment approaches. Students are introduced to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) and the basis of diagnosis and classification of psychopathology. Critical thinking skills are emphasized, as are multicultural, legal, and ethical issues involved in the field of abnormal psychology.

PSYCH 5253 credits

Measurements and Statistics

This course provides students with a foundation in statistical methods and principles of measurement and assessment necessary for competency in research, evaluation, and treatment planning for professional psychology practice applications. Students learn statistical models, procedures, and measurement practices that are relevant to the mastery of examination procedures in psycho-educational assessment, organizational assessment, and clinical examinations that use standardized testing instruments, criterion based assessments and the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).

PSYCH 5403 credits

Research Methodology

This course is an overview of the fundamentals of research methods applicable to the broad field of psychology. Topics include research design, quantitative and qualitative forms of analysis, ethical issues in research, and appropriate documentation of research processes and outcomes. Students become critical evaluators of research, with emphasis placed on engaging the students in analytical reading of research literature in psychology and the application of skills in conducting primary behavioral research.

PSYCH 5353 credits

Multicultural Psychology

This course provides students with an in depth focus on cultural factors and cross-cultural perspectives in the field of psychology. Students learn to identify and consider cultural variables in the application of psychological theories and practices. Multicultural issues and valued diversity are the main content focus throughout the course.

PSYCH 5453 credits

Survey of Professional Psychology

This course surveys various professional activities in psychology and the legal and ethical responsibilities of the psychology professional. Students learn underlying ethical principles relevant to a broad range of issues in the field of psychology, as well as to interpret and act upon various situations appropriately and effectively. Content includes issues such as subject and client rights, confidentiality, duty to warn and protect, dual relationships, supervision and consulting, ethics with special populations, and ethical decision-making models.

PSYCH 550 3 credits

Psychology of Learning

This course examines major theories of learning with relevance to instrumental and classical (Pavlovian) conditioning, cognitive learning processes, motivation, affect, and memory. The students will explore relevant research on traditional and contemporary issues in learning, with an emphasis on human learning from both behavioral and cognitive perspectives.

PSYCH 555 3 credits

Social Psychology

This course covers the basic theoretical foundations and recurrent themes in social psychology, including attitudes, stereotyping, conformity, power, aggression, prosocial behavior, the social self, emotions, group dynamics, and inter-group relations. Emphasis is on recent empirical and theoretical developments and includes models of social cognition that are a focus of contemporary social psychological theories.

PSYCH 560 3 credits

Cognitive Psychology

This course surveys what modern cognitive psychology says about problem solving and reasoning, memory, language, imagery, and the processes and pathology of language and thought. Cognitive models of information processing in humans and animals are reviewed.

PSYCH 570 3 credits

Organizational Psychology

This course is an in-depth look at organizational psychology and therefore covers the organizational side of the field, including the impact of the organizations on the individual and on groups of individuals. The dynamics and cultural characteristics of organizations are identified and described in-depth, and organizational development and change are given particular emphasis as well.

PSYCH 575 3 credits

Physiological Psychology

This course is a survey of biological and biochemical correlates of behavior, focusing on the structure and function of the central nervous system, the autonomic nervous system, and the endocrine system as they relate to psychological processes of sensation, drive, emotion, learning, and memory.

COLLEGES OF NATURAL SCIENCES

The foundation of today's technological world is rooted in the natural sciences. As part of any academic program, studying the natural sciences gives students insight into the fundamental processes of nature and provides the basic knowledge needed to understand modern scientific accomplishments. Students also develop the critical thinking, independent thinking, and problem solving skills that form the basis for lifelong learning.

The College of Natural Sciences offers a variety of courses in natural, environmental, and life sciences as well as programs in health administration, environmental sciences, and biology.

Master of Health Administration

The following Master of Health Administration (MHA) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Master of Health Administration (MHA) program prepares leaders who can effectively respond to the dynamic and ever-changing health care industry. These individuals have a capacity to critically examine and evaluate issues and trends and are empowered to influence the destiny of a broad and dynamic health care system. Curriculum is tailored to the needs of the health care leader/manager by providing content in finance, policy, research, technology, quality improvement, economics, marketing and strategic planning. In addition, students have the option to complete a specialization related to their area of interest. Specialization options include gerontology, informatics and education.

Graduates of the MHA program will have enhanced their management/administrative background and specialty area through the completion of a curriculum that provides students with the latest theories and contemporary practice applications. Graduates are able to define their role within the health care system and understand how to make necessary changes to create a work environment, which is team oriented and motivating to others.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mha>.

MHA Required Course of Study

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

HCS 504 1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

HCS 514 ~ 3 credits

Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations

HCS 545 ~ 3 credits

Health Law and Ethics

HCS 539 ~ 3 credits

Marketing for Health Care

HCS 531 ~ 3 credits

Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems

HCS 577 ~ 3 credits

Financial Management in Health Care

HCS 533 ~ 3 credits

Health Information Systems

HCS 535 ~ 3 credits

Concepts of Population Health

HCS 587 ~.....	3 credits
Creating Change within Organizations	
HCS 552 ~.....	3 credits
Health Care Economics	
HCS 588 ~.....	3 credits
Measuring Performance Standards	
HCS 525 ~.....	3 credits
Leadership	
HCS 567 ~.....	3 credits
Entrepreneurship in Health Care	
HCS 549 ~.....	3 credits
Evaluation Methodology	
HCS 586 ~.....	3 credits
Health Care Strategic Management	
The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.	

Additional Admission Requirements for the MHA

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university, an ABA accredited institution (if coursework was from a graduate level program) or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution. If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.
- A minimum equivalent of three (3) years of full-time, post-high school professional work experience, within the past ten years, of which one year must be in a health care environment. Students who have an undergraduate Health Care degree (includes completion of a major/minor/focus or concentrations of at least 18 credit hours in health care coursework) do not need the one (1) year health care work experience for admission.
- All applicants must be currently employed in a suitable Health Care work environment or have access to a suitable Health Care work environment for the completion of course assignments.

Degree Requirements for the MHA

- Completion of a minimum of 43 credits.
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- The diploma awarded for this program will read as: Master of Health Administration and will not reflect the Specialization. Specializations are reflected on the transcript only.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the MHA

- Students in this program are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in the following courses: HSN 540, HSN 544, HSN 548 and HSN 552. A "C-" grade is not acceptable. Students who fail to receive a minimum grade of "C" will be scholastically disqualified from the University.

- Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement and have been scholastically disqualified will not be allowed to continue in the program until the course has been successfully repeated. Students will be allowed to repeat each class in which the minimum grade was not achieved one time. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt will be Scholastically Suspended and will not be able to continue in the MHA program.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MHA

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

In order to waive a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university;
- The course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better; and
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

The following courses may not be waived in the MHA program:

HCS 504, HCS 586, HSN 552, HCS 565

The School of Advanced Studies offers a bridge opportunity for master's degree students who are interested in taking doctoral courses as part of the master's degree program. In the bridge program, a master's degree student would be allowed to substitute up to two graduate level courses with doctoral level courses. Students who choose this option would then be eligible to waive these courses in the doctoral program since they were already taken in the master's degree program.

All credit-bearing doctoral courses must be completed with a grade of "B-" or better. Students who earn a grade lower than a "B-" will not receive credit for the course and will not be able to use the bridge course to waive credits upon enrollment in a doctoral program.

Course Descriptions for the MHA

HCS 504.....1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

This course provides new graduate students in the college with an introduction to strategies for success within the University's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives, graduate-level oral and written communication, locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources, and purposes and use of portfolios.

HCS 5143 credits

Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations

This course focuses on the adaptation of organizational management to evolving health systems. Students will examine organizational theory, organizational performance, structure, change management and human resource management. Students apply various organizational theories to contemporary issues.

HCS 545 3 credits

Health Law and Ethics

Students explore and analyze current ethical issues such as biomedical research, insurance statutes, and demand management. Students survey the extensive legal foundations of health care, and apply current case law to contemporary situations. Topics include legal aspects of legislation, patient rights, data security, professional liability, and labor relations.

HCS 539 3 credits

Marketing for Health Care

This course examines marketing principles as they are applied within various health delivery systems. Special attention is focused on consumer behavior, market segmentation, environmental scanning, and identification of new market opportunities. The role of social marketing, data base research, and evaluation design and interpretation are addressed.

HCS 531 3 credits

Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems

This course is a comprehensive approach to health care delivery systems that provides the student with an in-depth understanding of health systems and organizations. Students will examine historical evolutions of the health care industry and recent impacts that influence the delivery of health care.

HCS 577 3 credits

Financial Management in Health Care

This course presents the concepts of financial accounting important to the understanding of the financial environment of the health care industry. Students interpret financial statements, prepare analyses of financial data necessary to make decisions, describe the different third party payment methods, experiment with cost finding and price setting, and conduct break-even analyses. The course provides students with experience in capital and operating budgets, and financial forecasts.

HCS 533 3 credits

Health Information Systems

This course provides administrators and managers an overview of the information systems used in the health care industry. The effective use of data requires an understanding of how the data is captured as well as the HIPAA and security issues related to this confidential material. The course provides students with a general background to communicate more effectively with technical personnel and provide general management oversight of information systems within health care organizations.

HCS 535 3 credits

Concepts of Population Health

This course addresses the epidemiological and sociological perspectives and techniques for analyzing the health status of populations. Topics focus on disease trends, distribution and detriments of health and disease, models and concepts of health and wellness, and the development of a proactive response to community health issues.

HCS 587 3 credits

Creating Change Within Organizations

Diffusion of innovations models in health care systems use principles of planned change within a dynamic organizational environment. Communication skills, such as negotiation and conflict resolution, help leaders analyze and respond to health care needs while using resources efficiently.

HCS 552 3 credits

Health Care Economics

This course focuses on the application of macro and micro economic tools to the health care industry. Content includes demand management; concepts of efficiency, production and distribution of health care services; impact of regulation and reimbursement; and economic incentives in health care. Students apply principles to a variety of business models.

HCS 588 3 credits

Measuring Performance Standards

Quality improvement initiatives rely upon data from monitoring program implementation and evaluating program outcomes to determine achievement of program objectives. The processes of developing and revising monitoring and outcome measures are used to help determine progress toward meeting accreditation and regulatory standards.

HCS 525 3 credits

Leadership

This course examines organizational leadership in the context of the health care organization. Principles, theories and models of leadership are explored. Collaborative relationships, concepts of power and professional culture are explored. Students will articulate a personal vision of leadership and ways of providing direction within today's complex health care system.

HCS 567 3 credits

Entrepreneurship in Health Care

This course will set up the context of entrepreneurship and new business development; examine the characteristics of entrepreneurs, identifying and quantifying market opportunities in the health care market, as well as conceptualizing the resources and capabilities needed. Topics include opportunity assessment, regulated industry implications and requirements, as well as the challenges of expansion within an existing enterprise.

HCS 549 3 credits

Evaluation Methodology

This course provides the student with the research methodology for health services research. Models of evaluation are examined and components such as stakeholder analysis, cost benefit effectiveness, decision-modeling, and statistical techniques are applied to decision making health care organizations.

HCS 586 3 credits

Health Care Strategic Management

This is the capstone course for the graduate health care programs. The development and presentation of health care organization's strategic plan will demonstrate mastery of the critical content as the principles relate to the health care industry. Special emphasis is placed upon consumer demand, market volatility, regulatory and fiscal constraints from the perspective of strategic management. The learner will demonstrate understanding of the critical importance of strategic management and planning within the dynamic, complex, and evolving nature of the health care industry.

Master of Health Administration Bridge

The following Master of Health Administration (MHA) Bridge program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Master of Health Administration (MHA) Bridge program is designed for students who do not have a background in health care and want to gain skills and knowledge to enter today's evolving health care delivery systems. Students in the Bridge program are required to complete courses in health care delivery systems, health care economics, and health care policy before entering the core MHA degree program. These bridge courses are designed to provide students with a foundational framework needed to examine and understand the issues and trends impacting health care. The MHA curriculum is tailored to support the development of health care leaders and managers by providing content in finance, policy, research, technology, quality improvement, economics, marketing and strategic planning. In addition, students have the option to complete a specialization related to their area of interest. Specialization options include gerontology, informatics and education.

Graduates will have enhanced their management/administrative backgrounds through a curriculum that provides students with the ability to apply theory to contemporary practice applications. Graduates are able to define their role within the health care system and understand how to make necessary changes to create a work environment which is team oriented and motivating to others.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mha>.

MHA Required Course of Study

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

HCS 504.....	1 credit
Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing	
HCS 310 ~.....	3 credits
Health Care Delivery in the United States	
HCS 440 ~.....	3 credits
Economics: The Financing of Health Care	
HCS 455 ~.....	3 credits
Health Care Policy: The Past and the Future	
HCS 514 ~.....	3 credits
Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations	
HCS 545 ~.....	3 credits
Health Law and Ethics	
HCS 539 ~.....	3 credits
Marketing for Health Care	
HCS 531 ~.....	3 credits
Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems	

HCS 577 ~	3 credits
Financial Management in Health Care	
HCS 533 ~	3 credits
Health Information Systems	
HCS 535 ~	3 credits
Concepts of Population Health	
HCS 587 ~	3 credits
Creating Change within Organizations	
HCS 552 ~	3 credits
Health Care Economics	
HCS 588 ~	3 credits
Measuring Performance Standards	
HCS 525 ~	3 credits
Leadership	
HCS 549 ~	3 credits
Evaluation Methodology	
HCS 567 ~	3 credits
Entrepreneurship in Health Care	
HCS 586 ~	3 credits
Health Care Strategic Management	
The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.	

Additional Admission Requirements for the MHA

All applicants are expected to meet the following admissions requirements:

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university, an ABA accredited institution (if coursework was from a graduate level program) or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution. If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A minimum equivalent of three years of full-time, post-high school work or volunteer experience with exposure to organizational systems and management processes is required.
- All applicants must be currently employed or have access to a suitable work environment for the completion of course assignments.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.

Degree Requirements for the MHA

- Completion of a minimum of 52 credits.
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.

Grades earned in MHA bridge courses are calculated in the MHA grade point average (GPA).

- The diploma for this program will read as follows: Master of Health Administration and will not reflect the Specialization. Specializations are reflected on the transcript only.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the MHA

- Students in this program are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in the following courses: HSN 540, HSN 544, HSN 548 and HSN 552. A "C-" grade is not acceptable. Students who fail to receive a minimum grade of "C" will be scholastically disqualified from the University.
- Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement and have been scholastically disqualified will not be allowed to continue in the program until the course has been successfully repeated. Students will be allowed to repeat each class in which the minimum grade was not achieved one time. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt will be Scholastically Suspended and will not be able to continue in the MHA program.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MHA

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

Students enrolled in this bridge program may waive the three (3) undergraduate bridge courses.

In order to be granted a waiver for a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.
- The course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better.
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

The following courses may not be waived in the MHA program:

HCS 504, HCS 586, HSN 552, HCS 565

The School of Advanced Studies offers a bridge opportunity for master's degree students who are interested in taking doctoral courses as part of the master's degree program. In the bridge program, a master's degree student would be allowed to substitute up to two graduate level courses with doctoral level courses. Students who choose this option would then be eligible to waive these courses in the doctoral program since they were already taken in the master's degree program.

All credit-bearing doctoral courses must be completed with a grade of "B-" or better. Students who earn a grade lower than a "B-" will not receive credit for the course and will not be able to use the bridge course to waive credits upon enrollment in a doctoral program.

Course Descriptions for the MHA

HCS 504 1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

This course provides new graduate students in the college with an introduction to strategies for success within the University's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives, graduate-level oral and written communication, locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources, and purposes and use of portfolios.

HCS 310 3 credits

Health Care Delivery in the United States

This course provides a broad overview of the various functions of the United States health care system. The historical evolution of health care is examined. The student is introduced to the various forms of provider models and service delivery systems found in private and public health sectors, including ambulatory, acute, mental, and long-term care. The financing aspects of health care and their influence on health care delivery and quality are outlined.

HCS 440 3 credits

Economics: The Financing of Health Care

This course provides an overview of the economics of health care. The various payers are examined, including private, state, and federal entities. Issues such as the cost effectiveness of prevention, the management of patients and their diseases, as well as the cost of treatment settings are discussed. Third-party reimbursement from various sources, ranging from for-profit insurance carriers to charitable donations, are reviewed. The health care system's use of grant funding and research dollars is described.

HCS 455 3 credits

Healthcare Policy: The Past and the Future

This course will introduce the student to the intricate processes that public policy makers use to influence the health status of a society. The role of economic theory, interest groups, and the various levels of government involved in policy making will be examined. A historic review of trends will be evaluated, and the challenges of future health care delivery will be examined.

HCS 514 3 credits

Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations

This course focuses on the adaptation of organizational management to evolving health systems. Students will examine organizational theory, organizational performance, structure, change management and human resource management. Students apply various organizational theories to contemporary issues.

HCS 545 3 credits

Health Law and Ethics

Students explore and analyze current ethical issues such as biomedical research, insurance statutes, and demand management. Students survey the extensive legal foundations of health care, and apply current case law to contemporary situations. Topics include legal aspects of legislation, patient rights, data security, professional liability, and labor relations.

HCS 539 3 credits

Marketing for Health Care

This course examines marketing principles as they are applied within various health delivery systems. Special attention is focused on consumer behavior, market segmentation, environmental scanning, and identification of new market opportunities. The role of social marketing, data base research, and evaluation design and interpretation are addressed.

HCS 531 3 credits

Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems

This course is a comprehensive approach to health care delivery systems that provides the student with an in-depth understanding of health systems and organizations. Students will examine historical evolutions of the health care industry and recent impacts that influence the delivery of health care.

HCS 5773 credits

Financial Management in Health Care

This course presents the concepts of financial accounting important to the understanding of the financial environment of the health care industry. Students interpret financial statements, prepare analyses of financial data necessary to make decisions, describe the different third party payment methods, experiment with cost finding and price setting, and conduct break-even analyses. The course provides students with experience in capital and operating budgets, and financial forecasts.

HCS 5333 credits

Health Information Systems

This course provides administrators and managers an overview of the information systems used in the health care industry. The effective use of data requires an understanding of how the data is captured as well as the HIPAA and security issues related to this confidential material. The course provides students with a general background to communicate more effectively with technical personnel and provide general management oversight of information systems within health care organizations.

HCS 5353 credits

Concepts of Population Health

This course addresses the epidemiological and sociological perspectives and techniques for analyzing the health status of populations. Topics focus on disease trends, distribution and detriments of health and disease, models and concepts of health and wellness, and the development of a proactive response to community health issues.

HCS 5873 credits

Creating Change Within Organizations

Diffusion of innovations models in health care systems use principles of planned change within a dynamic organizational environment. Communication skills, such as negotiation and conflict resolution, help leaders analyze and respond to health care needs while using resources efficiently.

HCS 5523 credits

Health Care Economics

This course focuses on the application of macro and micro economic tools to the health care industry. Content includes demand management; concepts of efficiency, production and distribution of health care services; impact of regulation and reimbursement; and economic incentives in health care. Students apply principles to a variety of business models.

HCS 5883 credits

Measuring Performance Standards

Quality improvement initiatives rely upon data from monitoring program implementation and evaluating program outcomes to determine achievement of program objectives. The processes of developing and revising monitoring and outcome measures are used to help determine progress toward meeting accreditation and regulatory standards.

HCS 5253 credits

Leadership

This course examines organizational leadership in the context of the health care organization. Principles, theories and models of leadership are explored. Collaborative relationships, concepts of power and professional culture are explored. Students will articulate a personal vision of leadership and ways of providing direction within today's complex health care system.

HCS 5493 credits

Evaluation Methodology

This course provides the student with the research methodology for health services research. Models of evaluation are examined and components such as stakeholder analysis, cost benefit effectiveness, decision-modeling, and statistical techniques are applied to decision making health care organizations.

HCS 5673 credits

Entrepreneurship in Health Care

This course will set up the context of entrepreneurship and new business development; examine the characteristics of entrepreneurs, identifying and quantifying market opportunities in the health care market, as well conceptualizing the resources and capabilities needed. Topics include opportunity assessment, regulated industry implications and requirements, as well as the challenges of expansion within an existing enterprise.

HCS 5863 credits

Health Care Strategic Management

This is the capstone course for the graduate health care programs. The development and presentation of health care organization's strategic plan will demonstrate mastery of the critical content as the principles relate to the health care industry. Special emphasis is placed upon consumer demand, market volatility, regulatory and fiscal constraints from the perspective of strategic management. The learner will demonstrate understanding of the critical importance of strategic management and planning within the dynamic, complex, and evolving nature of the health care industry.

Master of Health Administration/Education

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The Master of Health Administration (MHA) program prepares leaders who can effectively respond to the dynamic and ever-changing health care industry. These individuals have a capacity to critically examine and evaluate issues and trends and are empowered to influence the destiny of a broad and dynamic health care system. Curriculum is tailored to the needs of the health care leader/manager by providing content in finance, policy, research, technology, quality improvement, economics, marketing and strategic planning. In addition, students have the option to complete a specialization related to their area of interest. Specialization options include gerontology, informatics and education.

Graduates of the MHA program will have enhanced their management/administrative background and specialty area through the completion of a curriculum that provides students with the latest theories and contemporary practice applications. Graduates are able to define their role within the health care system and understand how to make necessary changes to create a work environment, which is team oriented and motivating to others.

This program specialization option is designed for health care and nursing professionals interested in pursuing careers in educational or service settings. Current educators can update or expand their knowledge in curriculum development, assessment and evaluation, and revitalize their teaching and learning strategies. Combining your current professional expertise with the knowledge of teaching and learning strategies, assessment and evaluation and curriculum, and program design will expand and enhance your role as a health care educator. Content can be applied to patient teaching, continuing education or in-service education, community health education, as well as to the role and delivery of academic education.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mha-ed>.

MHA/ED Required Course of Study

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

HCS 504	1 credit
Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing	
HCS 514 ~	3 credits
Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations	
HCS 545 ~	3 credits
Health Law and Ethics	
HCS 539 ~	3 credits
Marketing for Health Care	
HCS 531 ~	3 credits
Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems	
HCS 577 ~	3 credits
Financial Management in Health Care	

HCS 533 ~	3 credits
Health Information Systems	
HCS 535 ~	3 credits
Concepts of Population Health	
HCS 587 ~	3 credits
Creating Change within Organizations	
HCS 552 ~	3 credits
Health Care Economics	
HCS 588 ~	3 credits
Measuring Performance Standards	
HSN 540 ~	3 credits
Teaching and Learning Strategies	
HSN 548 ~	3 credits
Role of the Health Care/Nursing Educator	
HSN 544 ~	3 credits
Design and Process of Curriculum Development	
HSN 552 ~	3 credits
Assessment and Evaluation of Learning	

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MHA

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university, an ABA accredited institution (if coursework was from a graduate level program) or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution. If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.
- A minimum equivalent of three (3) years of full-time, post-high school professional work experience, within the past ten years, of which one year must be in a health care environment. Students who have an undergraduate Health Care degree (includes completion of a major/minor/focus or concentrations of at least 18 credit hours in health care coursework) do not need the one (1) year health care work experience for admission.

All applicants must be currently employed in a suitable Health Care work environment or have access to a suitable Health Care work environment for the completion of course assignments.

Degree Requirements for the MHA/ED

- Completion of a minimum of 43 credits.
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- The diploma awarded for this program will read as: Master of Health Administration and will not reflect the Specialization. Specializations are reflected on the transcript only.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the MHA/ED

- Students in this program are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in the following courses: HSN 540, HSN 544, HSN 548 and HSN 552. A "C-" grade is not acceptable. Students who fail to receive a minimum grade of "C" will be scholastically disqualified from the University.

- Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement and have been scholastically disqualified will not be allowed to continue in the program until the course has been successfully repeated. Students will be allowed to repeat each class in which the minimum grade was not achieved one time. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt will be Scholastically Suspended and will not be able to continue in the MHA program.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MHA/ED

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

In order to waive a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university;
- The course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better; and
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

The following courses may not be waived in the MHA program:

HCS 504, HCS 586, HSN 552, HCS 565

The School of Advanced Studies offers a bridge opportunity for master's degree students who are interested in taking doctoral courses as part of the master's degree program. In the bridge program, a master's degree student would be allowed to substitute up to two graduate level courses with doctoral level courses. Students who choose this option would then be eligible to waive these courses in the doctoral program since they were already taken in the master's degree program.

All credit-bearing doctoral courses must be completed with a grade of "B-" or better. Students who earn a grade lower than a "B-" will not receive credit for the course and will not be able to use the bridge course to waive credits upon enrollment in a doctoral program.

Course Descriptions for the MHA/ED

HCS 5041 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

This course provides new graduate students in the college with an introduction to strategies for success within the University's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives, graduate-level oral and written communication, locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources, and purposes and use of portfolios.

HCS 5143 credits

Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations

This course focuses on the adaptation of organizational management to evolving health systems. Students will examine organizational theory, organizational performance, structure, change management and human resource management. Students apply various organizational theories to contemporary issues.

HCS 5453 credits

Health Law and Ethics

Students explore and analyze current ethical issues such as biomedical research, insurance statutes, and demand management. Students survey the extensive legal foundations of health care, and apply current case law to contemporary situations. Topics include legal aspects of legislation, patient rights, data security, professional liability, and labor relations.

HCS 5393 credits

Marketing for Health Care

This course examines marketing principles as they are applied within various health delivery systems. Special attention is focused on consumer behavior, market segmentation, environmental scanning, and identification of new market opportunities. The role of social marketing, data base research, and evaluation design and interpretation are addressed.

HCS 5313 credits

Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems

This course is a comprehensive approach to health care delivery systems that provides the student with an in-depth understanding of health systems and organizations. Students will examine historical evolutions of the health care industry and recent impacts that influence the delivery of health care.

HCS 5773 credits

Financial Management in Health Care

This course presents the concepts of financial accounting important to the understanding of the financial environment of the health care industry. Students interpret financial statements, prepare analyses of financial data necessary to make decisions, describe the different third party payment methods, experiment with cost finding and price setting, and conduct break-even analyses. The course provides students with experience in capital and operating budgets, and financial forecasts.

HCS 5333 credits

Health Information Systems

This course provides administrators and managers an overview of the information systems used in the health care industry. The effective use of data requires an understanding of how the data is captured as well as the HIPAA and security issues related to this confidential material. The course provides students with a general background to communicate more effectively with technical personnel and provide general management oversight of information systems within health care organizations.

HCS 5353 credits

Concepts of Population Health

This course addresses the epidemiological and sociological perspectives and techniques for analyzing the health status of populations. Topics focus on disease trends, distribution and detriments of health and disease, models and concepts of health and wellness, and the development of a proactive response to community health issues.

HCS 5873 credits

Creating Change Within Organizations

Diffusion of innovations models in health care systems use principles of planned change within a dynamic organizational environment. Communication skills, such as negotiation and conflict resolution, help leaders analyze and respond to health care needs while using resources efficiently.

HCS 552 3 credits

Health Care Economics

This course focuses on the application of macro and micro economic tools to the health care industry. Content includes demand management; concepts of efficiency, production and distribution of health care services; impact of regulation and reimbursement; and economic incentives in health care. Students apply principles to a variety of business models.

HCS 588 3 credits

Measuring Performance Standards

Quality improvement initiatives rely upon data from monitoring program implementation and evaluating program outcomes to determine achievement of program objectives. The processes of developing and revising monitoring and outcome measures are used to help determine progress toward meeting accreditation and regulatory standards.

HSN 540 3 credits

Teaching and Learning Strategies

This course will focus on the concepts of learning, cognitive, and psychomotor learning, and the principles of adult learning. Selection and development of teaching strategies that enhance and facilitate learning will be explored.

HSN 548 3 credits

Role of the Health Care/Nursing Educator

Responsibilities of faculty within various higher education settings are explored. Trends and issues that impact the educator role within changing health care and educational environments are discussed. Topics such as technological, legal, ethical, and professional dynamics are included.

HSN 544 3 credits

Design and Process of Curriculum Development

Development of curriculum for programs in higher education settings are examined. This course focuses on curriculum planning and design, as well as development of individual courses and their relationship to program mission, objectives, and outcomes.

HSN 552 3 credits

Assessment and Evaluation of Learning

Methods of assessing learning in higher education are analyzed and applied in different learning situations. Processes and problems related to course learning assessments as well as evaluating programmatic outcomes are examined. Designing measures to evaluate learner and curricular outcomes are addressed.

Master of Health Administration/Education Bridge

The following Master of Health Administration/Education (MHA) Bridge program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Master of Health Administration (MHA) Bridge program is designed for students who do not have a background in health care and want to gain skills and knowledge to enter today's evolving health care delivery systems. Students in the Bridge program are required to complete courses in health care delivery systems, health care economics, and health care policy before entering the core MHA degree program. These bridge courses are designed to provide students with a foundational framework needed to examine and understand the issues and trends impacting health care.

The MHA curriculum is tailored to support the development of health care leaders and managers by providing content in finance, policy, research, technology, quality improvement, economics, marketing and strategic planning. In addition, students have the option to complete a specialization related to their area of interest. Specialization options include gerontology, informatics and education.

Graduates will have enhanced their management/administrative backgrounds through a curriculum that provides students with the ability to apply theory to contemporary practice applications. Graduates are able to define their role within the health care system and understand how to make necessary changes to create a work environment which is team oriented and motivating to others.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mha-ed>.

MHA/ED Required Course of Study

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

HCS 504 1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

HCS 310 ~ 3 credits

Health Care Delivery in the United States

HCS 440 ~ 3 credits

Economics: The Financing of Health Care

HCS 455 ~ 3 credits

Health Care Policy: The Past and the Future

HCS 514 ~ 3 credits

Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations

HCS 545 ~ 3 credits

Health Law and Ethics

HCS 539 ~	3 credits
Marketing for Health Care	
HCS 531 ~	3 credits
Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems	
HCS 577 ~	3 credits
Financial Management in Health Care	
HCS 533 ~	3 credits
Health Information Systems	
HCS 535 ~	3 credits
Concepts of Population Health	
HCS 587 ~	3 credits
Creating Change within Organizations	
HCS 552 ~	3 credits
Health Care Economics	
HCS 588 ~	3 credits
Measuring Performance Standards	
HSN 540 ~	3 credits
Teaching and Learning Strategies	
HSN 548 ~	3 credits
Role of the Health Care/Nursing Educator	
HSN 544 ~	3 credits
Design and Process of Curriculum Development	
HSN 552 ~	3 credits
Assessment and Evaluation of Learning	
The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.	

Additional Admission Requirements for the MHA/ED

All applicants are expected to meet the following admissions requirements:

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university, an ABA accredited institution (if coursework was from a graduate level program) or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution. If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A minimum equivalent of three years of full-time, post-high school work or volunteer experience with exposure to organizational systems and management processes is required.
- All applicants must be currently employed or have access to a suitable work environment for the completion of course assignments.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.

Degree Requirements for the MHA/ED

- Completion of a minimum of 52 credits.
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.

Grades earned in MHA/ED bridge courses are calculated in the MHA/ED grade point average (GPA).

- The diploma for this program will read as follows:
Master of Health Administration and will not reflect the Specialization. Specializations are reflected on the transcript only.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the MHA/ED

- Students in this program are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in the following courses: HSN 540, HSN 544, HSN 548 and HSN 552. A "C-" grade is not acceptable. Students who fail to receive a minimum grade of "C" will be scholastically disqualified from the University.
- Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement and have been scholastically disqualified will not be allowed to continue in the program until the course has been successfully repeated. Students will be allowed to repeat each class in which the minimum grade was not achieved one time. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt will be Scholastically Suspended and will not be able to continue in the MHA program.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MHA/ED

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

Students enrolled in this bridge program may waive the three (3) undergraduate bridge courses.

In order to be granted a waiver for a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.
- The course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better.
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

The following courses may not be waived in the MHA program:
HCS 504, HCS 586, HSN 552, HCS 565

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All credit-bearing doctoral courses must be completed with a grade of "B-" or better. Students who earn a grade lower than a "B-" will not receive credit for the course and will not be able to use the bridge course to waive credits upon enrollment in a doctoral program.

Course Descriptions for the MHA/ED

HCS 504 1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

This course provides new graduate students in the college with an introduction to strategies for success within the University's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives, graduate-level oral and written communication, locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources, and purposes and use of portfolios.

HCS 310 3 credits

Health Care Delivery in the United States

This course provides a broad overview of the various functions of the United States health care system. The historical evolution of health care is examined. The student is introduced to the various forms of provider models and service delivery systems found in private and public health sectors, including ambulatory, acute, mental, and long-term care. The financing aspects of health care and their influence on health care delivery and quality are outlined.

HCS 440 3 credits

Economics: The Financing of Health Care

This course provides an overview of the economics of health care. The various payers are examined, including private, state, and federal entities. Issues such as the cost effectiveness of prevention, the management of patients and their diseases, as well as the cost of treatment settings are discussed. Third-party reimbursement from various sources, ranging from for-profit insurance carriers to charitable donations, are reviewed. The health care system's use of grant funding and research dollars is described.

HCS 455 3 credits

Healthcare Policy: The Past and the Future

This course will introduce the student to the intricate processes that public policy makers use to influence the health status of a society. The role of economic theory, interest groups, and the various levels of government involved in policy making will be examined. A historic review of trends will be evaluated, and the challenges of future health care delivery will be examined.

HCS 514 3 credits

Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations

This course focuses on the adaptation of organizational management to evolving health systems. Students will examine organizational theory, organizational performance, structure, change management and human resource management. Students apply various organizational theories to contemporary issues.

HCS 545 3 credits

Health Law and Ethics

Students explore and analyze current ethical issues such as biomedical research, insurance statutes, and demand management. Students survey the extensive legal foundations of health care, and apply current case law to contemporary situations. Topics include legal aspects of legislation, patient rights, data security, professional liability, and labor relations.

HCS 539 3 credits

Marketing for Health Care

This course examines marketing principles as they are applied within various health delivery systems. Special attention is focused on consumer behavior, market segmentation, environmental scanning, and identification of new market opportunities. The role of social marketing, data base research, and evaluation design and interpretation are addressed.

HCS 531 3 credits

Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems

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HCS 577 3 credits

Financial Management in Health Care

This course presents the concepts of financial accounting important to the understanding of the financial environment of the health care industry. Students interpret financial statements, prepare analyses of financial data necessary to make decisions, describe the different third party payment methods, experiment with cost finding and price setting, and conduct break-even analyses. The course provides students with experience in capital and operating budgets, and financial forecasts.

HCS 533 3 credits

Health Information Systems

This course provides administrators and managers an overview of the information systems used in the health care industry. The effective use of data requires an understanding of how the data is captured as well as the HIPAA and security issues related to this confidential material. The course provides students with a general background to communicate more effectively with technical personnel and provide general management oversight of information systems within health care organizations.

HCS 535 3 credits

Concepts of Population Health

This course addresses the epidemiological and sociological perspectives and techniques for analyzing the health status of populations. Topics focus on disease trends, distribution and detriments of health and disease, models and concepts of health and wellness, and the development of a proactive response to community health issues.

HCS 587 3 credits

Creating Change Within Organizations

Diffusion of innovations models in health care systems use principles of planned change within a dynamic organizational environment. Communication skills, such as negotiation and conflict resolution, help leaders analyze and respond to health care needs while using resources efficiently.

HCS 552 3 credits

Health Care Economics

This course focuses on the application of macro and micro economic tools to the health care industry. Content includes demand management; concepts of efficiency, production and distribution of health care services; impact of regulation and reimbursement; and economic incentives in health care. Students apply principles to a variety of business models.

HCS 5883 credits

Measuring Performance Standards

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HSN 5403 credits

Teaching and Learning Strategies

This course will focus on the concepts of learning, cognitive, and psychomotor learning, and the principles of adult learning. Selection and development of teaching strategies that enhance and facilitate learning will be explored.

HSN 5483 credits

Role of the Health Care/Nursing Educator

Responsibilities of faculty within various higher education settings are explored. Trends and issues that impact the educator role within changing health care and educational environments are discussed. Topics such as technological, legal, ethical, and professional dynamics are included.

HSN 5443 credits

Design and Process of Curriculum Development

Development of curriculum for programs in higher education settings are examined. This course focuses on curriculum planning and design, as well as development of individual courses and their relationship to program mission, objectives, and outcomes.

HSN 5523 credits

Assessment and Evaluation of Learning

Methods of assessing learning in higher education are analyzed and applied in different learning situations. Processes and problems related to course learning assessments as well as evaluating programmatic outcomes are examined. Designing measures to evaluate learner and curricular outcomes are addressed.

Master of Health Administration/Gerontology

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The Master of Health Administration (MHA) program prepares leaders who can effectively respond to the dynamic and ever-changing health care industry. These individuals have a capacity to critically examine and evaluate issues and trends and are empowered to influence the destiny of a broad and dynamic health care system. Curriculum is tailored to the needs of the health care leader/manager by providing content in finance, policy, research, technology, quality improvement, economics, marketing and strategic planning. In addition, students have the option to complete a specialization related to their area of interest. Specialization options include gerontology, informatics and education. Graduates of the MHA program will have enhanced their management/administrative background and specialty area through the completion of a curriculum that provides students with the latest theories and contemporary practice applications.

Graduates are able to define their role within the health care system and understand how to make necessary changes to create a work environment, which is team oriented and motivating to others.

This program specialization option is designed to provide health care professionals with diverse interdisciplinary backgrounds with the knowledge and process of aging. Content is designed to provide students with relevant information related to the physical, mental, and social aspects of gerontology as well as human services, economic and legal factors that influence elders.

With an emerging proportion of older adults in our society there is a growing market for aging services which are fueled by products and services for well elders as well as those elders compromised by chronic illnesses or disabilities. Career opportunities are increasing and are not limited to just long term care. Business, industry, community health, federal and local governments and professional organizations will look to include workers prepared to understand the needs of this population as a major consumer of their products and services.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mha-ger>.

MHA/GER Required Course of Study

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

HCS 504.....1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

HCS 514 ~3 credits

Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations

HCS 545 ~3 credits

Health Law and Ethics

HCS 539 ~3 credits

Marketing for Health Care

HCS 531 ~3 credits

Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems

HCS 577 ~3 credits

Financial Management in Health Care

HCS 533 ~3 credits

Health Information Systems

HCS 535 ~3 credits

Concepts of Population Health

HCS 587~3 credits

Creating Change within Organizations

HCS 552 ~3 credits

Health Care Economics

HCS 588 ~3 credits

Measuring Performance Standards

HCS 548 ~3 credits

Foundations of Gerontology

HCS 551 ~3 credits

Biological and Psychological Aspects of Aging

HCS 557 ~3 credits

Social and Cultural Aspects of Aging

HCS 565 ~ 3 credits
Organization and Management of Aging Services

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MHA/GER

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university, an ABA accredited institution (if coursework was from a graduate level program) or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution. If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.
- A minimum equivalent of three (3) years of full-time, post-high school professional work experience, within the past ten years, of which one year must be in a health care environment. Students who have an undergraduate Health Care degree (includes completion of a major/minor/focus or concentrations of at least 18 credit hours in health care coursework) do not need the one (1) year health care work experience for admission.

All applicants must be currently employed in a suitable Health Care work environment or have access to a suitable Health Care work environment for the completion of course assignments.

Degree Requirements for the MHA/GER

- Completion of a minimum of 43 credits.
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- The diploma awarded for this program will read as: Master of Health Administration and will not reflect the Specialization. Specializations are reflected on the transcript only.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the MHA/GER

- Students in this program are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in the following courses: HSN 540, HSN 544, HSN 548 and HSN 552. A "C-" grade is not acceptable. Students who fail to receive a minimum grade of "C" will be scholastically disqualified from the University.
- Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement and have been scholastically disqualified will not be allowed to continue in the program until the course has been successfully repeated. Students will be allowed to repeat each class in which the minimum grade was not achieved one time. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt will be Scholastically Suspended and will not be able to continue in the MHA program.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MHA/GER

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

In order to waive a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university;

- The course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better; and
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

The following courses may not be waived in the MHA program:

HCS 504, HCS 586, HSN 552, HCS 565

The School of Advanced Studies offers a bridge opportunity for master's degree students who are interested in taking doctoral courses as part of the master's degree program. In the bridge program, a master's degree student would be allowed to substitute up to two graduate level courses with doctoral level courses. Students who choose this option would then be eligible to waive these courses in the doctoral program since they were already taken in the master's degree program.

All credit-bearing doctoral courses must be completed with a grade of "B-" or better. Students who earn a grade lower than a "B-" will not receive credit for the course and will not be able to use the bridge course to waive credits upon enrollment in a doctoral program.

Course Descriptions for the MHA/GER

HCS 504 1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

This course provides new graduate students in the college with an introduction to strategies for success within the University's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives, graduate-level oral and written communication, locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources, and purposes and use of portfolios.

HCS 514 3 credits

Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations

This course focuses on the adaptation of organizational management to evolving health systems. Students will examine organizational theory, organizational performance, structure, change management and human resource management. Students apply various organizational theories to contemporary issues.

HCS 545 3 credits

Health Law and Ethics

Students explore and analyze current ethical issues such as biomedical research, insurance statutes, and demand management. Students survey the extensive legal foundations of health care, and apply current case law to contemporary situations. Topics include legal aspects of legislation, patient rights, data security, professional liability, and labor relations.

HCS 539 3 credits

Marketing for Health Care

This course examines marketing principles as they are applied within various health delivery systems. Special attention is focused on consumer behavior, market segmentation, environmental scanning, and identification of new market opportunities. The role of social marketing, data base research, and evaluation design and interpretation are addressed.

HCS 5313 credits

Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems

This course is a comprehensive approach to health care delivery systems that provides the student with an in-depth understanding of health systems and organizations. Students will examine historical evolutions of the health care industry and recent impacts that influence the delivery of health care.

HCS 5773 credits

Financial Management in Health Care

This course presents the concepts of financial accounting important to the understanding of the financial environment of the health care industry. Students interpret financial statements, prepare analyses of financial data necessary to make decisions, describe the different third party payment methods, experiment with cost finding and price setting, and conduct break-even analyses. The course provides students with experience in capital and operating budgets, and financial forecasts.

HCS 5333 credits

Health Information Systems

This course provides administrators and managers an overview of the information systems used in the health care industry. The effective use of data requires an understanding of how the data is captured as well as the HIPAA and security issues related to this confidential material. The course provides students with a general background to communicate more effectively with technical personnel and provide general management oversight of information systems within health care organizations.

HCS 5353 credits

Concepts of Population Health

This course addresses the epidemiological and sociological perspectives and techniques for analyzing the health status of populations. Topics focus on disease trends, distribution and detriments of health and disease, models and concepts of health and wellness, and the development of a proactive response to community health issues.

HCS 5873 credits

Creating Change Within Organizations

Diffusion of innovations models in health care systems use principles of planned change within a dynamic organizational environment. Communication skills, such as negotiation and conflict resolution, help leaders analyze and respond to health care needs while using resources efficiently.

HCS 5523 credits

Health Care Economics

This course focuses on the application of macro and micro economic tools to the health care industry. Content includes demand management; concepts of efficiency, production and distribution of health care services; impact of regulation and reimbursement; and economic incentives in health care. Students apply principles to a variety of business models.

HCS 5883 credits

Measuring Performance Standards

Quality improvement initiatives rely upon data from monitoring program implementation and evaluating program outcomes to determine achievement of program objectives. The processes of developing and revising monitoring and outcome measures are used to help determine progress toward meeting accreditation and regulatory standards.

HCS 5483 credits

Foundations of Gerontology

This course introduces students to the field of gerontology and focuses on the aspect of aging. Emphasis will be placed on the basic conceptual and theoretical perspectives on aging using a multidisciplinary framework. Students will uncover the myths and stereotypes of aging, demographic changes occurring in the U.S., available programs and services, and current issues affecting older adults.

HCS 5513 credits

Biological and Psychological Aspects of Aging

This course examines the physical process of aging and the effects on physical and mental health. These topics are applied to disease prevention, health maintenance, and selected disorders that effect health and independent living. Public policy and program development issues will also be addressed to promote the health of the aging population.

HCS 5573 credits

Social and Cultural Aspects of Aging

This course examines the social and cultural perspectives on aging. Public and personal aspects of aging will be addressed through historical, theoretical, cultural, and social venues. Topics will include work and retirement, social policy, older people as social and political forces, care needs, diversity, economics, social support, and disability.

HCS 5653 credits

Organization and Management of Aging Services

This course examines a variety of services currently available for aging adults and their families. Students will learn the basic principles for planning, organizing, implementing, and coordinating programs and services intended for maturing adults. Topics include community programs, policy, institutional services, religious-based and other nonprofit resources, contracted service providers, and residential facilities.

Master of Health Administration/Gerontology Bridge

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The Master of Health Administration (MHA) Bridge program is designed for students who do not have a background in health care and want to gain skills and knowledge to enter today's evolving health care delivery systems. Students in the Bridge program are required to complete courses in health care delivery systems, health care economics, and health care policy before entering the core MHA degree program. These bridge courses are designed to provide students with a foundational framework needed to examine and understand the issues and trends impacting health care. The MHA curriculum is tailored to support the development of health care leaders and managers by providing content in finance, policy, research, technology, quality improvement, economics, marketing and strategic planning. In addition, students have the option to complete a specialization related to their area of interest. Specialization options include gerontology, informatics and education.

Graduates will have enhanced their management/administrative backgrounds through a curriculum that provides students with the ability to apply theory to contemporary practice applications. Graduates are able to define their role within the health care system and understand how to make necessary changes to create a work environment which is team oriented and motivating to others.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mha-ger>.

MHA/GER Required Course of Study

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

HCS 504	1 credit
Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing	
HCS 310 ~	3 credits
Health Care Delivery in the United States	
HCS 440 ~	3 credits
Economics: The Financing of Health Care	
HCS 455 ~	3 credits
Health Care Policy: The Past and the Future	
HCS 514 ~	3 credits
Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations	
HCS 545 ~	3 credits
Health Law and Ethics	
HCS 539 ~	3 credits
Marketing for Health Care	
HCS 531 ~	3 credits
Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems	

HCS 577 ~	3 credits
Financial Management in Health Care	
HCS 533 ~	3 credits
Health Information Systems	
HCS 535 ~	3 credits
Concepts of Population Health	
HCS 587 ~	3 credits
Creating Change within Organizations	
HCS 552 ~	3 credits
Health Care Economics	
HCS 588 ~	3 credits
Measuring Performance Standards	
HCS 548 ~	3 credits
Foundations of Gerontology	
HCS 551 ~	3 credits
Biological and Psychological Aspects of Aging	
HCS 557 ~	3 credits
Social and Cultural Aspects of Aging	
HCS 565 ~	3 credits
Organization and Management of Aging Services	
The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.	

Additional Admission Requirements for the MHA/GER

All applicants are expected to meet the following admissions requirements:

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university, an ABA accredited institution (if coursework was from a graduate level program) or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution. If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A minimum equivalent of three years of full-time, post-high school work or volunteer experience with exposure to organizational systems and management processes is required.
- All applicants must be currently employed or have access to a suitable work environment for the completion of course assignments.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.

Degree Requirements for the MHA/GER

- Completion of a minimum of 52 credits.
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.

Grades earned in MHA/GER bridge courses are calculated in the MHA/GER grade point average (GPA).

- The diploma for this program will read as follows: Master of Health Administration and will not reflect the Specialization. Specializations are reflected on the transcript only.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the MHA/GER

- Students in this program are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in the following courses: HSN 540, HSN 544, HSN 548 and HSN 552. A "C-" grade is not acceptable. Students who fail to receive a minimum grade of "C" will be scholastically disqualified from the University.
- Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement and have been scholastically disqualified will not be allowed to continue in the program until the course has been successfully repeated. Students will be allowed to repeat each class in which the minimum grade was not achieved one time. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt will be Scholastically Suspended and will not be able to continue in the MHA program.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MHA/GER

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

Students enrolled in this bridge program may waive the three (3) undergraduate bridge courses.

In order to be granted a waiver for a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.
- The course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better.
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

The following courses may not be waived in the MHA program:

HCS 504, HCS 586, HSN 552, HCS 565

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All credit-bearing doctoral courses must be completed with a grade of "B-" or better. Students who earn a grade lower than a "B-" will not receive credit for the course and will not be able to use the bridge course to waive credits upon enrollment in a doctoral program.

Course Descriptions for the MHA/GER

HCS 504.....1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

This course provides new graduate students in the college with an introduction to strategies for success within the University's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives, graduate-level oral and written communication, locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources, and purposes and use of portfolios.

HCS 310.....3 credits

Health Care Delivery in the United States

This course provides a broad overview of the various functions of the United States health care system. The historical evolution of health care is examined. The student is introduced to the various forms of provider models and service delivery systems found in private and public health sectors, including ambulatory, acute, mental, and long-term care. The financing aspects of health care and their influence on health care delivery and quality are outlined.

HCS 4403 credits

Economics: The Financing of Health Care

This course provides an overview of the economics of health care. The various payers are examined, including private, state, and federal entities. Issues such as the cost effectiveness of prevention, the management of patients and their diseases, as well as the cost of treatment settings are discussed. Third-party reimbursement from various sources, ranging from for-profit insurance carriers to charitable donations, are reviewed. The health care system's use of grant funding and research dollars is described.

HCS 4553 credits

Healthcare Policy: The Past and the Future

This course will introduce the student to the intricate processes that public policy makers use to influence the health status of a society. The role of economic theory, interest groups, and the various levels of government involved in policy making will be examined. A historic review of trends will be evaluated, and the challenges of future health care delivery will be examined.

HCS 5143 credits

Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations

This course focuses on the adaptation of organizational management to evolving health systems. Students will examine organizational theory, organizational performance, structure, change management and human resource management. Students apply various organizational theories to contemporary issues.

HCS 5453 credits

Health Law and Ethics

Students explore and analyze current ethical issues such as biomedical research, insurance statutes, and demand management. Students survey the extensive legal foundations of health care, and apply current case law to contemporary situations. Topics include legal aspects of legislation, patient rights, data security, professional liability, and labor relations.

HCS 5393 credits

Marketing for Health Care

This course examines marketing principles as they are applied within various health delivery systems. Special attention is focused on consumer behavior, market segmentation, environmental scanning, and identification of new market opportunities. The role of social marketing, data base research, and evaluation design and interpretation are addressed.

HCS 5313 credits

Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems

This course is a comprehensive approach to health care delivery systems that provides the student with an in-depth understanding of health systems and organizations. Students will examine historical evolutions of the health care industry and recent impacts that influence the delivery of health care.

HCS 577 3 credits

Financial Management in Health Care

This course presents the concepts of financial accounting important to the understanding of the financial environment of the health care industry. Students interpret financial statements, prepare analyses of financial data necessary to make decisions, describe the different third party payment methods, experiment with cost finding and price setting, and conduct break-even analyses. The course provides students with experience in capital and operating budgets, and financial forecasts.

HCS 533 3 credits

Health Information Systems

This course provides administrators and managers an overview of the information systems used in the health care industry. The effective use of data requires an understanding of how the data is captured as well as the HIPAA and security issues related to this confidential material. The course provides students with a general background to communicate more effectively with technical personnel and provide general management oversight of information systems within health care organizations.

HCS 535 3 credits

Concepts of Population Health

This course addresses the epidemiological and sociological perspectives and techniques for analyzing the health status of populations. Topics focus on disease trends, distribution and detriments of health and disease, models and concepts of health and wellness, and the development of a proactive response to community health issues.

HCS 587 3 credits

Creating Change Within Organizations

Diffusion of innovations models in health care systems use principles of planned change within a dynamic organizational environment. Communication skills, such as negotiation and conflict resolution, help leaders analyze and respond to health care needs while using resources efficiently.

HCS 552 3 credits

Health Care Economics

This course focuses on the application of macro and micro economic tools to the health care industry. Content includes demand management; concepts of efficiency, production and distribution of health care services; impact of regulation and reimbursement; and economic incentives in health care. Students apply principles to a variety of business models.

HCS 588 3 credits

Measuring Performance Standards

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HCS 548 3 credits

Foundations of Gerontology

This course introduces students to the field of gerontology and focuses on the aspect of aging. Emphasis will be placed on the basic conceptual and theoretical perspectives on aging using a multidisciplinary framework. Students will uncover the myths and stereotypes of aging, demographic changes occurring in the U.S., available programs and services, and current issues affecting older adults.

HCS 551 3 credits

Biological and Psychological Aspects of Aging

This course examines the physical process of aging and the effects on physical and mental health. These topics are applied to disease prevention, health maintenance, and selected disorders that effect health and independent living. Public policy and program development issues will also be addressed to promote the health of the aging population.

HCS 557 3 credits

Social and Cultural Aspects of Aging

This course examines the social and cultural perspectives on aging. Public and personal aspects of aging will be addressed through historical, theoretical, cultural, and social venues. Topics will include work and retirement, social policy, older people as social and political forces, care needs, diversity, economics, social support, and disability.

HCS 565 3 credits

Organization and Management of Aging Services

This course examines a variety of services currently available for aging adults and their families. Students will learn the basic principles for planning, organizing, implementing, and coordinating programs and services intended for maturing adults. Topics include community programs, policy, institutional services, religious-based and other nonprofit resources, contracted service providers, and residential facilities.

Master of Health Administration/Informatics

The following Master of Health Administration/Informatics (MHA/INF) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Master of Health Administration (MHA) program prepares leaders who can effectively respond to the dynamic and ever-changing health care industry. These individuals have a capacity to critically examine and evaluate issues and trends and are empowered to influence the destiny of a broad and dynamic health care system. Curriculum is tailored to the needs of the health care leader/manager by providing content in finance, policy, research, technology, quality improvement, economics, marketing and strategic planning. In addition, students have the option to complete a specialization related to their area of interest. Specialization options include gerontology, informatics and education.

Graduates of the MHA program will have enhanced their management/administrative background and specialty area through the completion of a curriculum that provides students with the latest theories and contemporary practice applications. Graduates are able to define their role within the health care system and understand how to make necessary changes to create a work environment, which is team oriented and motivating to others.

This program specialization option is designed for health care and nursing professionals interested in pursuing or advancing in careers associated with health care informatics and technology. Individuals with no background in informatics receive an overview of informatics as it relates to delivery within a health care facility. The program is designed to provide the learner with current knowledge in concepts of health care informatics, systems life cycle, and data management.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mha-inf>.

MHA/INF Required Course of Study

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

HCS 504.....	1 credit
Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing	
HCS 514 ~.....	3 credits
Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations	
HCS 545 ~.....	3 credits
Health Law and Ethics	
HCS 539 ~.....	3 credits
Marketing for Health Care	
HCS 531 ~.....	3 credits
Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems	

HCS 577 ~	3 credits
Financial Management in Health Care	
HCS 533 ~	3 credits
Health Information Systems	
HCS 535 ~	3 credits
Concepts of Population Health	
HCS 587 ~	3 credits
Creating Change within Organizations	
HCS 552 ~	3 credits
Health Care Economics	
HCS 588 ~	3 credits
Measuring Performance Standards	
HCI 500 ~	3 credits
Concepts of Health Care Informatics	
HCI 510 ~	3 credits
Systems Life Cycle	
HCI 520 ~	3 credits
Data Management and Design	

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MHA/INF

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university, an ABA accredited institution (if coursework was from a graduate level program) or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution. If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.
- A minimum equivalent of three (3) years of full-time, post-high school professional work experience, within the past ten years, of which one year must be in a health care environment. Students who have an undergraduate Health Care degree (includes completion of a major/minor/focus or concentrations of at least 18 credit hours in health care coursework) do not need the one (1) year health care work experience for admission.
- All applicants must be currently employed in a suitable Health Care work environment or have access to a suitable Health Care work environment for the completion of course assignments.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the MHA/INF

- Students in this program are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in the following courses: HSN 540, HSN 544, HSN 548 and HSN 552. A "C-" grade is not acceptable. Students who fail to receive a minimum grade of "C" will be scholastically disqualified from the University.
- Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement and have been scholastically disqualified will not be allowed to continue in the program until the course has been successfully repeated. Students will be allowed to repeat each class in which the minimum grade was not achieved one time. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt will be Scholastically Suspended and will not be able to continue in the MHA program.

Degree Requirements for the MHA/INF

- Completion of a minimum of 40 credits.
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- The diploma awarded for this program will read as: Master of Health Administration and will not reflect the Specialization. Specializations are reflected on the transcript only.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MHA/INF

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

In order to waive a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university;
- The course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better; and
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

The following courses may not be waived in the MHA program:

HCS 504, HCS 586, HSN 552, HCS 565

The School of Advanced Studies offers a bridge opportunity for master's degree students who are interested in taking doctoral courses as part of the master's degree program. In the bridge program, a master's degree student would be allowed to substitute up to two graduate level courses with doctoral level courses. Students who choose this option would then be eligible to waive these courses in the doctoral program since they were already taken in the master's degree program.

All credit-bearing doctoral courses must be completed with a grade of "B-" or better. Students who earn a grade lower than a "B-" will not receive credit for the course and will not be able to use the bridge course to waive credits upon enrollment in a doctoral program.

Course Descriptions for the MHA/INF

HCS 504 1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

This course provides new graduate students in the college with an introduction to strategies for success within the University's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives, graduate-level oral and written communication, locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources, and purposes and use of portfolios.

HCS 514 3 credits

Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations

This course focuses on the adaptation of organizational management to evolving health systems. Students will examine organizational theory, organizational performance, structure, change management and human resource management. Students apply various organizational theories to contemporary issues.

HCS 545 3 credits

Health Law and Ethics

Students explore and analyze current ethical issues such as biomedical research, insurance statutes, and demand management. Students survey the extensive legal foundations of health care, and apply current case law to contemporary situations. Topics include legal aspects of legislation, patient rights, data security, professional liability, and labor relations.

HCS 539 3 credits

Marketing for Health Care

This course examines marketing principles as they are applied within various health delivery systems. Special attention is focused on consumer behavior, market segmentation, environmental scanning, and identification of new market opportunities. The role of social marketing, data base research, and evaluation design and interpretation are addressed.

HCS 531 3 credits

Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems

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HCS 577 3 credits

Financial Management in Health Care

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HCS 533 3 credits

Health Information Systems

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HCS 535 3 credits

Concepts of Population Health

This course addresses the epidemiological and sociological perspectives and techniques for analyzing the health status of populations. Topics focus on disease trends, distribution and determinants of health and disease, models and concepts of health and wellness, and the development of a proactive response to community health issues.

HCS 587 3 credits

Creating Change Within Organizations

Diffusion of innovations models in health care systems use principles of planned change within a dynamic organizational environment. Communication skills, such as negotiation and conflict resolution, help leaders analyze and respond to health care needs while using resources efficiently.

HCS 5523 credits

Health Care Economics

This course focuses on the application of macro and micro economic tools to the health care industry. Content includes demand management; concepts of efficiency, production and distribution of health care services; impact of regulation and reimbursement; and economic incentives in health care. Students apply principles to a variety of business models.

HCS 5883 credits

Measuring Performance Standards

Quality improvement initiatives rely upon data from monitoring program implementation and evaluating program outcomes to determine achievement of program objectives. The processes of developing and revising monitoring and outcome measures are used to help determine progress toward meeting accreditation and regulatory standards.

HCI 5003 credits

Concepts of Health Care Informatics

This course will introduce the student to the basic concepts of health care informatics and health information management. It will build on a historical foundation of informatics and roles of the informatics specialist.

HCI 510.....3 credits

Systems Life Cycle

This course will focus on the selection and implementation of an information system within a health facility. The course will review the phases of the life cycle: planning, analysis, design, implementation and evaluation.

HCI 5203 credits

Data Management and Design

This course will provide an overview of the understanding of how data, information and knowledge provides the foundation for healthcare information systems. The course will focus on the concepts of information and knowledge in relation to databases, systems operations and information systems.

Master of Health Administration/Informatics Bridge

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The Master of Health Administration (MHA) Bridge program is designed for students who do not have a background in health care and want to gain skills and knowledge to enter today's evolving health care delivery systems. Students in the Bridge program are required to complete courses in health care delivery systems, health care economics, and health care policy before entering the core MHA degree program. These bridge courses are designed to provide students with a foundational framework needed to examine and understand the issues and trends impacting health care. The MHA curriculum is tailored to support the development of health care leaders and managers by providing content in finance, policy, research, technology, quality improvement, economics, marketing and strategic planning.

In addition, students have the option to complete a specialization related to their area of interest. Specialization options include gerontology, informatics and education.

Graduates will have enhanced their management/administrative backgrounds through a curriculum that provides students with the ability to apply theory to contemporary practice applications.

Graduates are able to define their role within the health care system and understand how to make necessary changes to create a work environment which is team oriented and motivating to others.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mha-inf>.

MHA/INF Required Course of Study

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

HCS 504.....1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

HCS 310 ~3 credits

Health Care Delivery in the United States

HCS 440 ~3 credits

Economics: The Financing of Health Care

HCS 455 ~3 credits

Health Care Policy: The Past and the Future

HCS 514 ~3 credits

Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations

HCS 545 ~3 credits

Health Law and Ethics

HCS 539 ~3 credits

Marketing for Health Care

HCS 531 ~3 credits

Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems

HCS 577 ~3 credits

Financial Management in Health Care

HCS 533 ~3 credits

Health Information Systems

HCS 535 ~3 credits

Concepts of Population Health

HCS 587 ~3 credits

Creating Change within Organizations

HCS 552 ~3 credits

Health Care Economics

HCS 588 ~3 credits

Measuring Performance Standards

HCI 5003 credits

Concepts of Health Care Informatics

HCI 510 ~3 credits

Systems Life Cycle

HCI 520 ~3 credits

Data Management and Design

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MHA/INF

All applicants are expected to meet the following admissions requirements:

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university, an ABA accredited institution (if coursework was from a graduate level program) or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution. If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A minimum equivalent of three years of full-time, post-high school work or volunteer experience with exposure to organizational systems and management processes is required.
- All applicants must be currently employed or have access to a suitable work environment for the completion of course assignments.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.

Degree Requirements for the MHA/INF

- Completion of a minimum of 49 credits.
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.

Grades earned in MHA/INF bridge courses are calculated in the MHA/INF grade point average (GPA).

- The diploma for this program will read as follows:
Master of Health Administration and will not reflect the Specialization. Specializations are reflected on the transcript only.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the MHA/INF

- Students in this program are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in the following courses: HSN 540, HSN 544, HSN 548 and HSN 552. A "C-" grade is not acceptable. Students who fail to receive a minimum grade of "C" will be scholastically disqualified from the University.
- Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement and have been scholastically disqualified will not be allowed to continue in the program until the course has been successfully repeated. Students will be allowed to repeat each class in which the minimum grade was not achieved one time. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt will be Scholastically Suspended and will not be able to continue in the MHA program.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MHA/INF

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

Students enrolled in this bridge program may waive the three (3) undergraduate bridge courses.

In order to be granted a waiver for a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.
- The course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better.

- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

The following courses may not be waived in the MHA program:

HCS 504, HCS 586, HSN 552, HCS 565

The School of Advanced Studies offers a bridge opportunity for master's degree students who are interested in taking doctoral courses as part of the master's degree program. In the bridge program, a master's degree student would be allowed to substitute up to two graduate level courses with doctoral level courses. Students who choose this option would then be eligible to waive these courses in the doctoral program since they were already taken in the master's degree program.

All credit-bearing doctoral courses must be completed with a grade of "B-" or better. Students who earn a grade lower than a "B-" will not receive credit for the course and will not be able to use the bridge course to waive credits upon enrollment in a doctoral program.

Course Descriptions for the MHA/INF

HCS 504 1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

This course provides new graduate students in the college with an introduction to strategies for success within the University's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives, graduate-level oral and written communication, locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources, and purposes and use of portfolios.

HCS 310 3 credits

Health Care Delivery in the United States

This course provides a broad overview of the various functions of the United States health care system. The historical evolution of health care is examined. The student is introduced to the various forms of provider models and service delivery systems found in private and public health sectors, including ambulatory, acute, mental, and long-term care. The financing aspects of health care and their influence on health care delivery and quality are outlined.

HCS 440 3 credits

Economics: The Financing of Health Care

This course provides an overview of the economics of health care. The various payers are examined, including private, state, and federal entities. Issues such as the cost effectiveness of prevention, the management of patients and their diseases, as well as the cost of treatment settings are discussed. Third-party reimbursement from various sources, ranging from for-profit insurance carriers to charitable donations, are reviewed. The health care system's use of grant funding and research dollars is described.

HCS 455 3 credits

Healthcare Policy: The Past and the Future

This course will introduce the student to the intricate processes that public policy makers use to influence the health status of a society. The role of economic theory, interest groups, and the various levels of government involved in policy making will be examined. A historic review of trends will be evaluated, and the challenges of future health care delivery will be examined.

HCS 5143 credits

Managing in Today's Health Care Organizations

This course focuses on the adaptation of organizational management to evolving health systems. Students will examine organizational theory, organizational performance, structure, change management and human resource management. Students apply various organizational theories to contemporary issues.

HCS 5453 credits

Health Law and Ethics

Students explore and analyze current ethical issues such as biomedical research, insurance statutes, and demand management. Students survey the extensive legal foundations of health care, and apply current case law to contemporary situations. Topics include legal aspects of legislation, patient rights, data security, professional liability, and labor relations.

HCS 5393 credits

Marketing for Health Care

This course examines marketing principles as they are applied within various health delivery systems. Special attention is focused on consumer behavior, market segmentation, environmental scanning, and identification of new market opportunities. The role of social marketing, data base research, and evaluation design and interpretation are addressed.

HCS 5313 credits

Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems

This course is a comprehensive approach to health care delivery systems that provides the student with an in-depth understanding of health systems and organizations. Students will examine historical evolutions of the health care industry and recent impacts that influence the delivery of health care.

HCS 5773 credits

Financial Management in Health Care

This course presents the concepts of financial accounting important to the understanding of the financial environment of the health care industry. Students interpret financial statements, prepare analyses of financial data necessary to make decisions, describe the different third party payment methods, experiment with cost finding and price setting, and conduct break-even analyses. The course provides students with experience in capital and operating budgets, and financial forecasts.

HCS 5333 credits

Health Information Systems

This course provides administrators and managers an overview of the information systems used in the health care industry. The effective use of data requires an understanding of how the data is captured as well as the HIPAA and security issues related to this confidential material. The course provides students with a general background to communicate more effectively with technical personnel and provide general management oversight of information systems within health care organizations.

HCS 5353 credits

Concepts of Population Health

This course addresses the epidemiological and sociological perspectives and techniques for analyzing the health status of populations. Topics focus on disease trends, distribution and detriments of health and disease, models and concepts of health and wellness, and the development of a proactive response to community health issues.

HCS 5873 credits

Creating Change Within Organizations

Diffusion of innovations models in health care systems use principles of planned change within a dynamic organizational environment. Communication skills, such as negotiation and conflict resolution, help leaders analyze and respond to health care needs while using resources efficiently.

HCS 5523 credits

Health Care Economics

This course focuses on the application of macro and micro economic tools to the health care industry. Content includes demand management; concepts of efficiency, production and distribution of health care services; impact of regulation and reimbursement; and economic incentives in health care. Students apply principles to a variety of business models.

HCS 5883 credits

Measuring Performance Standards

Quality improvement initiatives rely upon data from monitoring program implementation and evaluating program outcomes to determine achievement of program objectives. The processes of developing and revising monitoring and outcome measures are used to help determine progress toward meeting accreditation and regulatory standards.

HCI 5003 credits

Concepts of Health Care Informatics

This course will introduce the student to the basic concepts of health care informatics and health information management. It will build on a historical foundation of informatics and roles of the informatics specialist.

HCI 510.....3 credits

Systems Life Cycle

This course will focus on the selection and implementation of an information system within a health facility. The course will review the phases of the life cycle: planning, analysis, design, implementation and evaluation.

HCI 5203 credits

Data Management and Design

This course will provide an overview of the understanding of how data, information and knowledge provides the foundation for healthcare information systems. The course will focus on the concepts of information and knowledge in relation to databases, systems operations and information systems.

COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SECURITY

The College of Criminal Justice and Security prepares students for professional and management-related careers in criminal justice and security by applying a multidisciplinary comparative management approach to criminal justice theory and application. Students will be prepared to understand, explain, and predict criminal justice and security concepts and to contribute to the development of public and private policy within communities. Our mission is to enhance the academic preparation and professionalism of the nation's criminal justice and security communities through access to quality criminal justice and security higher education. The College of Criminal Justice and Security provides innovative, respected, relevant, affordable, and student-focused programs, designed to prepare students for service and leadership in a diverse, global society. Curriculum is delivered by experts who relate both theory and practice in this evolving field. The College has earned respect through continuous improvement driven by a combination of innovation in the field and empirical evidence of learning outcomes, all of which is accomplished through the integrity, teamwork, and creativity of college faculty and staff. We are a respected criminal justice and security college, known for its distinctive strengths in providing superior and relevant educational programs to its students.

It is the student's responsibility to ascertain whether their past history and conduct may prohibit their placement or participation in the criminal justice and security field. The University makes no guarantee or representation that the student will meet all qualifications for such employment or licensure for the occupation or profession related to the chosen program.

Master of Science/Administration of Justice and Security

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The Master of Science/Administration of Justice and Security degree provides the required knowledge for the student to develop competence in administering criminal justice or security programs. While distinctions between the roles of justice and security organizations are understood, the degree emphasizes an understanding of administrative responsibilities common to both disciplines. The value of cooperative interaction is also addressed. The degree provides the student with administrative program development and problem solving skills in preparation for promotional or transitional opportunities in the management of police, corrections, security or court operations.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/ms-ajs>.

MS/AJS Required Course of Study

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

AJS 501	1 credit
Introduction to Graduate Study in Criminal Justice and Security	
AJS 502 ~	3 credits
Survey of Justice and Security	
AJS 512 ~	3 credits
Organizational Administration in Justice and Security	
AJS 522 ~	3 credits
Finance and Budgeting in Justice and Security	
AJS 532 ~	3 credits
Ethics in Justice and Security	
AJS 542 ~	3 credits
Criminological Theory	
AJS 552 ~	3 credits
Legal Issues in Justice and Security	
AJS 562 ~	3 credits
Organizational Risk and Incident Management	
AJS 572 ~	3 credits
Cyber Crime and Information Systems Security	
AJS 582 ~	3 credits
Public Policy Issues	
AJS 585 ~	3 credits
Concepts of Physical and Personal Protection	
AJS 592 ~	3 credits
Forensic Science and Psychological Profiling	
AJS 595 ~	3 credits
Program Development and Evaluation	

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MS/AJS

All applicants are expected to meet the following admissions requirements:

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution or a graduate degree from an ABA accredited institution (i.e.- JD, LLB, LLM). If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.
- A minimum equivalent of three (3) years of full-time, post-high school professional work experience in policing, criminal courts or correctional service (community or institutional), or security AND a minimum of 15 semester credit hours (minimum "C-" grade or better) in Criminal Justice, Justice Studies or Administration of Justice or Security

OR

An undergraduate degree (includes completion of a major/minor/focus or concentrations of at least 21 credit hours) in any field of Criminal Justice, Justice Studies, Administration of Justice, or Security AND a minimum equivalent of three (3) years of full-time, post-high school professional work experience which can be in any field.

- All applicants must be currently employed or have access to a suitable work environment for the completion of course assignments.
- Signed Criminal Conviction Prohibition Acknowledgement Form

Degree Requirements for the MS/AJS

- Completion of a minimum of 37 credits.
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- The diploma awarded for this program will read as:
Master of Science
Administration of Justice and Security

Minimum Grade Requirements for the MS/AJS

- Students in this program are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in the following courses: CJA 490, CJA 491, CJA 492 and SEC 493. A "C-" grade is not acceptable. Students who fail to receive a minimum grade of "C" will be scholastically disqualified from the University.
- Students who have been scholastically disqualified will not be allowed to continue in their degree program until they have retaken the course which placed them on scholastic disqualification, satisfied the grade requirement, and fulfilled any additional criteria for reentry, as determined by the faculty member and the Campus College Chair or appropriate Dean.
- If the student does not receive a grade of "C" or better on the second attempt, the candidate will be Scholastically Suspended, permanently withdrawn, from the program.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MS/AJS

- Students must meet established University residency requirement for degree conferral. The University requires that the majority of coursework, 28 credits in the Required Course of Study, must be completed at University of Phoenix.
- Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.
- In order to be granted a waiver for a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:
 - The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.
 - The course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better.
 - The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

The following courses in the Required Course of Study may not be waived: AJS 595

Course Descriptions for the MS/AJS

AJS 5011 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Criminal Justice and Security

This course provides new graduate students in the college with an introduction to strategies for success within the university's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives, graduate-level oral and written communication, locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources, and purposes and use of portfolios.

AJS 5023 credits

Survey of Justice and Security

This is a survey course that introduces policing, the court systems, corrections, and private security and how they relate to each other. Challenges in these relationships are also presented.

AJS 5123 credits

Organizational Administration in Justice and Security

This course explores the various elements of organizational administration, behavior, and management in criminal justice organizations and provides the student with an understanding of individual and group dynamics, problem solving concepts, and administrative processes associated with organizational behavior and structures that exist in the criminal justice system.

AJS 5223 credits

Finance and Budgeting in Justice and Security

This course introduces fundamental concepts of using financial tools and analysis for effective managerial decision making in criminal justice and security. Topics include the role of the financial management in the criminal justice organization, concepts and principles underlying financial practices, and operational planning and budgeting.

AJS 5323 credits

Ethics in Justice and Security

This course will examine the theoretical and philosophical basis of ethics and the standards of professional conduct and leadership applicable to justice and security agencies. Applicable case studies will be used as well as contemporary situations in ethics.

AJS 5423 credits

Criminological Theory

This is an advanced course in theories of crime causation, including classical, biological, psychological, sociological, and social-psychological approaches. Victimology, to include victimization statistics, victimogenesis, and the prevention of victimization, is included.

AJS 5523 credits

Legal Issues in Justice and Security

This course examines the competing legal and social issues that influence the actions of public officials, security personnel, and private citizens with respect to the provision of law enforcement, safety, and security services for various elements of society. The potential conflicts between public policy and civil rights will be discussed.

AJS 562 3 credits
Organizational Risk and Incident Management

This course provides an overview of the relationship between risk assessment and consequence management within the context of justice and security organizations. Specifically, it will examine the factors that go into mitigating risk and when these measures fail, how critical incident response can maintain order. Topics include defining risk, planning factors for critical incident response, lessons learned.

AJS 572 3 credits
Cyber Crimes and Information Systems Security

This course provides an overview of the nature of criminal activity that is facilitated through or that targets information systems. The course also reviews security measures that are designed to protect the software, hardware and data associated with information systems.

AJS 582 3 credits
Public Policy Issues

This course addresses the development and influence of public policy with respect to specific justice and security issues facing the American society.

AJS 585 3 credits
Concepts of Physical and Personal Protection

This course provides the student with an understanding of contemporary concepts of physical facility security and personal protection.

AJS 592 3 credits
Forensic Science and Psychological Profiling

This course provides the student with a fundamental understanding of forensic science and technology, psychological profiling, and the application of scientific methodologies to the investigative process.

AJS 595 3 credits
Program Development and Evaluation

This course prepares the student to identify operational goals and to design programs with associated policies and procedures required for the successful achievement of performance objectives.

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The Master of Science/ Administration of Justice and Security (MS/ AJS) Bridge program is designed for students who are interested in pursuing the MS/ AJS degree, but may not have a background in the criminal justice (law enforcement, criminal courts, or corrections) and/or security fields. The Bridge program consists of four courses that provide a foundational framework for student success in the MS/ AJS program. Students are required to complete courses in criminal justice, criminal court systems, correctional processes and penal systems, and security before entering the core MS/ AJS degree program. Upon completion of these courses, students will be familiar with issues and trends influencing criminal justice and security and will be prepared to gain skills and knowledge to enter today's dynamic criminal justice and security fields. For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/ms-ajs>.

MS/AJS Required Course of Study

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

AJS 501	1 credit
Introduction to Graduate Study in Criminal Justice and Security	
CJA 490 ~	3 credits
Survey of Criminal Justice	
CJA 491 ~	3 credits
Survey of Criminal Court Systems	
CJA 492 ~	3 credits
Survey of Correctional Processes and Penal Systems	
SEC 493 ~	3 credits
Survey of Security	
AJS 502 ~	3 credits
Survey of Justice and Security	
AJS 512 ~	3 credits
Organizational Administration in Justice and Security	
AJS 522 ~	3 credits
Finance and Budgeting in Justice and Security	
AJS 532 ~	3 credits
Ethics in Justice and Security	
AJS 542 ~	3 credits
Criminological Theory	

AJS 552 ~	3 credits
Legal Issues in Justice and Security	
AJS 562 ~	3 credits
Organizational Risk and Incident Management	
AJS 572 ~	3 credits
Cyber Crime and Information Systems Security	
AJS 582 ~	3 credits
Public Policy Issues	
AJS 585 ~	3 credits
Concepts of Physical and Personal Protection	
AJS 592 ~	3 credits
Forensic Science and Psychological Profiling	
AJS 595 ~	3 credits
Program Development and Evaluation	
The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.	

Additional Admission Requirements for the MS/AJS

All applicants are expected to meet the following admissions requirements:

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution or a graduate degree from an ABA accredited institution (i.e.- JD, LLB, LLM). If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.
- Applicants to the Bridge version must have a minimum of three (3) years of full-time, post high school professional work experience for admission. Students will be required to enroll in the Bridge version and must complete four (4) MS/ AJS bridge courses; CJA 490, CJA 491, CJA 492 and SEC 493.
- All applicants must be currently employed or have access to a suitable work environment for the completion of course assignments.
- Signed Criminal Conviction Prohibition Acknowledgement Form

Degree Requirements for the MS/AJS

- Completion of a minimum of 49 credits.
 - A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Grades earned in MS/AJS bridge courses are calculated in the MS/ AJS grade point average (GPA).*

- The diploma awarded for this program will read as:
Master of Science
Administration of Justice and Security

Academic Progression Requirements for the MS/AJS

- Students enrolling in the MS/ AJS bridge program must complete the four MS/ AJS bridge courses CJA 490, CJA 491, CJA 492 and SEC 493 with a "C" or better.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the MS/AJS

- Students in this program are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in the following courses: CJA 490, CJA 491, CJA 492 and SEC 493. A "C-" grade is not acceptable. Students who fail to receive a minimum grade of "C" will be scholastically disqualified from the University.
- Students who have been scholastically disqualified will not be allowed to continue in their degree program until they have retaken the course which placed them on scholastic disqualification, satisfied the grade requirement, and fulfilled any additional criteria for reentry, as determined by the faculty member and the Campus College Chair or appropriate Dean.
- If the student does not receive a grade of "C" or better on the second attempt, the candidate will be Scholastically Suspended, permanently withdrawn, from the program.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MS/AJS

- Students must meet established University residency requirement for degree conferral. The University requires that the majority of coursework, 28 credits in the Required Course of Study, must be completed at University of Phoenix.
- Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.
- Students enrolled in the bridge version may waive the four (4) undergraduate bridge courses in addition to 9 credits from the required course of study.
- In order to be granted a waiver for a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:
 - The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.
 - The course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better.
 - The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

The following courses in the Required Course of Study may not be waived: AJS 595

Course Descriptions for the MS/AJS

AJS 501	1 credit
Introduction to Graduate Study in Criminal Justice and Security	

This course provides new graduate students in the college with an introduction to strategies for success within the university's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives, graduate-level oral and written communication, locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources, and purposes and use of portfolios.

CJA 490 3 credits
Survey of Criminal Justice

This course is a survey which explores the organizational differences and jurisdictions of local, state, and federal law enforcement, judicial and corrections agencies; and the related processes involved in the criminal justice system. It surveys the historical aspects of the police, the courts, and the correctional system, as well as explains the foundational relevance of these components to the overall functioning of the criminal justice system. Additionally, special issues and challenges faced by each of these areas will be considered.

CJA 491 3 credits
Survey of Criminal Court Systems

This course is a survey to the historical aspects of the courts and various components of the legal system. It examines the different types of court at the state and federal levels, courtroom players, courtroom processes, and post conviction process of the court system. Additionally, it illustrates the correlation among all courtroom participants, differentiates roles and responsibilities, and examines how they relate to one another.

CJA 492 3 credits
Survey of Correctional Processes and Penal Systems

This course is a survey to the various components of the correctional system and penal reform within the criminal justice system. It provides an overview of corrections, jails and prisons including their history, the players involved and their roles, and organizations that manage convicted offenders. Other topics that are covered include policy and procedure, sentencing, probation, and rehabilitations of prisoners. The course ends with international perspectives of imprisonment and global correctional systems.

SEC 493 3 credits
Survey of Security

This course is a survey which explores proprietary and contract security operations and differentiates the benefits of each within organizational security, as well as provides an introduction to various areas of security. Other topics that are covered include the purposes, objectives, procedures, risks, and types of organizations associated with the respective security specializations. Additionally, it examines security trends pertaining to Homeland Security and security technology.

AJS 502 3 credits
Survey of Justice and Security

This is a survey course that introduces policing, the court systems, corrections, and private security and how they relate to each other. Challenges in these relationships are also presented.

AJS 512 3 credits
Organizational Administration in Justice and Security

This course explores the various elements of organizational administration, behavior, and management in criminal justice organizations and provides the student with an understanding of individual and group dynamics, problem solving concepts, and administrative processes associated with organizational behavior and structures that exist in the criminal justice system.

AJS 522 3 credits
Finance and Budgeting in Justice and Security

This course introduces fundamental concepts of using financial tools and analysis for effective managerial decision making in criminal justice and security. Topics include the role of the financial management in the criminal justice organization, concepts and principles underlying financial practices, and operational planning and budgeting.

AJS 532 3 credits
Ethics in Justice and Security

This course will examine the theoretical and philosophical basis of ethics and the standards of professional conduct and leadership applicable to justice and security agencies. Applicable case studies will be used as well as contemporary situations in ethics.

AJS 542 3 credits
Criminological Theory

This is an advanced course in theories of crime causation, including classical, biological, psychological, sociological, and social-psychological approaches. Victimology, to include victimization statistics, victimogenesis, and the prevention of victimization, is included.

AJS 552 3 credits
Legal Issues in Justice and Security

This course examines the competing legal and social issues that influence the actions of public officials, security personnel, and private citizens with respect to the provision of law enforcement, safety, and security services for various elements of society. The potential conflicts between public policy and civil rights will be discussed.

AJS 562 3 credits
Organizational Risk and Incident Management

This course provides an overview of the relationship between risk assessment and consequence management within the context of justice and security organizations. Specifically, it will examine the factors that go into mitigating risk and when these measures fail, how critical incident response can maintain order. Topics include defining risk, planning factors for critical incident response, lessons learned.

AJS 572 3 credits
Cyber Crimes and Information Systems Security

This course provides an overview of the nature of criminal activity that is facilitated through or that targets information systems. The course also reviews security measures that are designed to protect the software, hardware and data associated with information systems.

AJS 582 3 credits
Public Policy Issues

This course addresses the development and influence of public policy with respect to specific justice and security issues facing the American society.

AJS 585 3 credits
Concepts of Physical and Personal Protection

This course provides the student with an understanding of contemporary concepts of physical facility security and personal protection.

AJS 5923 credits

Forensic Science and Psychological Profiling

This course provides the student with a fundamental understanding of forensic science and technology, psychological profiling, and the application of scientific methodologies to the investigative process.

AJS 595.....3 credits

Program Development and Evaluation

This course prepares the student to identify operational goals and to design programs with associated policies and procedures required for the successful achievement of performance objectives.

UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX SCHOOL OF BUSINESS - GRADUATE

The University of Phoenix School of Business offers the Master of Business Administration and Master of Management. Although only one MBA degree may be earned, MBA students may choose to pursue the MBA or a concentration in a variety of areas.

Master of Business Administration

The following Master of Business Administration (MBA) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Master of Business Administration (MBA) program prepares students in the functional areas of business allowing them to develop managerial skills necessary to be effective in a rapidly changing business environment. The program is based on current research of managerial competencies and graduate business standards as tested by existing national standardized graduate business examinations.

In addition to the University of Phoenix learning goals, the MBA program prepares students to:

- Demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed to identify and solve organizational problems using a systematic decision-making approach.
- Demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed to manage, develop, and motivate personnel to meet changing organizational needs in a global business environment.
- Apply critical analysis of alternatives under conditions of uncertainty.
- Develop awareness of their own values and the effect of those values on organizational decision making.
- Assess whether an organization's plans and actions align with its values.
- Comprehend the application of a significant amount of business administration knowledge within the domains of management, business law, human capital management, organizational leadership, quantitative reasoning for business, economics, accounting, applied business research & statistics, operations management, corporate finance, marketing, and strategic planning & implementation.

Students can gain additional knowledge in a concentration area through the selection and completion of 15 graduate-level credits in concentration-specific courses.

Students may also complete an additional concentration. Please contact your academic representative for more information.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mba>.

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

MBA Program Category Requirements

Management, 3 total credits

MGT 521 3 credits
Management

Human Capital Management, 3 total credits

HRM 531 ~ 3 credits
Human Capital Management

Business Law, 3 total credits

LAW 531 ~ 3 credits
Business Law

Organizational Leadership, 3 total credits

LDR 531 ~ 3 credits
Organizational Leadership

Quantitative Reasoning for Business, 3 total credits

QRB 501 ~ 3 credits
Quantitative Reasoning for Business

Economics, 3 total credits

ECO 561 ~ 3 credits
Economics

Accounting, 3 total credits

ACC 561 ~ 3 credits
Accounting

Applied Business Research and Statistics, 3 total credits

QNT 561 ~ 3 credits
Applied Business Research & Statistics

Operations Management, 3 total credits

OPS 571 ~ 3 credits
Operations Management

Corporate Finance, 3 total credits

FIN 571 ~ 3 credits
Corporate Finance

Marketing, 3 total credits

MKT 571 ~ 3 credits
Marketing

Strategic Planning and Implementation, 3 total credits

STR 581 ~ 3 credits
Strategic Planning & Implementation

Accounting Concentration

MBA students may earn a concentration in Accounting (ACC) by satisfying all the requirements for the concentration. Students must earn a minimum of 12 unique and concentration-area specific credits beyond the standard MBA required course of study.

Students earning an ACC concentration will complete a minimum of 48 credits, which includes 36 credits from the MBA required course of study and 12 credits from the ACC concentration coursework (3 of which must include ACC 541-Accounting Theory & Research).

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mba-acc>.

ACC 541 ~	3 credits
Accounting Theory & Research	
COM 530 ~	3 credits
Communications for Accountants	
ACC 542 ~	3 credits
Accounting Information Systems	
ACC 543 ~	3 credits
Managerial Accounting & Legal Aspects of Business	
ACC 544 ~	3 credits
Internal Control Systems	
ACC 545 ~	3 credits
Financial Reporting	
ACC 546 ~	3 credits
Auditing	
ACC 547 ~	3 credits
Taxation	
ACC 548 ~	3 credits
Not-for-Profit & Government Accounting	
ACC 556 ~	3 credits
Forensic Accounting	
ACC 557 ~	3 credits
Accounting Ethics	
Students who select an Accounting Concentration may not educationally qualify to sit for the CPA exam in some states. To the extent that a student intends to sit for the CPA examination, the student should consult with the applicable board of examiners in the state or states in which the individual intends to sit for the examination to determine the precise educational and other requirements, including the acceptability of the University's Accounting Concentration.	
Energy Management Concentration	
<i>MBA students may earn a concentration in Energy Management (EM) by completing at least 15 credit hours of course work in Energy Management.</i>	
<i>Students earning a EM concentration will complete a minimum of 51 credits, which includes 36 credits from the MBA required areas and 15 credits from the EM concentration.</i>	
For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mba-em .	
EM 555 ~	3 credits
Energy Sector Management	
EM 565 ~	3 credits
Financial Management in the Energy Sector	
EM 575 ~	3 credits
Energy Economics	
EM 585 ~	3 credits
Marketing Energy	
EM 595 ~	3 credits
Strategic Planning and Implementation for the Energy Sector	

Global Management Concentration

MBA students may earn a concentration in Global Management (GM) by completing at least 15 credit hours of course work in Global Management. Students earning a GM concentration will complete a minimum of 51 credits, which includes 36 credits from the MBA required areas and 15 credits from the GM concentration

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mba-gm>.

GMGT 510 ~	3 credits
Global Business Organization and Culture	
GMGT 520 ~	3 credits
External Environment of Global Business	
GMGT 530 ~	3 credits
Internal Environment of Global Business	
GMGT 540 ~	3 credits
Global Strategy Formulation and Implementation	
CAP GM591 ~	3 credits
Cases in Cross-Border Management	

Health Care Management Concentration

MBA students may earn a concentration in Health Care Management (HCM) by completing at least 15 credit hours of course work in Health Care Management.

Students earning a HCM concentration will complete a minimum of 51 credits, which includes 36 credits from the MBA required areas and 15 credits from the HCM concentration.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mba-hcm>.

HCS 531 ~	3 credits
Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems	
HCS 533 ~	3 credits
Health Information Systems	
HCS 545 ~	3 credits
Health Law and Ethics	
HCS 588 ~	3 credits
Measuring Performance Standards	
HCS 586 ~	3 credits
Health Care Strategic Management	

Human Resource Management Concentration

MBA students may earn a concentration in Human Resource Management (HRM) by satisfying all the requirements for the concentration. Students must earn a minimum of 12 unique and concentration-area specific credits beyond the standard MBA required course of study.

Students earning a HRM concentration will complete a minimum of 48 credits, which includes 36 credits from the MBA required course of study and 12 credits from the HRM concentration coursework.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mba-hrm>.

HRM 546 ~	3 credits
Human Resource Law	
HRM 558 ~	3 credits
Research in Human Resource Management	
HRM 548 ~	3 credits
Recruitment and Retention Practices	

HRM 552 ~.....	3 credits
Organizational Training and Development	
HRM 554 ~.....	3 credits
Occupational Health and Safety	
HRM 595 ~.....	3 credits
Human Resource Capstone Course	

Marketing Concentration

MBA students may earn a concentration in Marketing (MKT) by satisfying all the requirements for the concentration. Students must earn a minimum of 12 unique and concentration-area specific credits beyond the standard MBA required course of study.

Students earning a MKT concentration will complete a minimum of 48 credits, which includes 36 credits from the MBA required course of study and 12 credits from the MKT concentration (3 of which must include MKT 593-Product Design and Development Course).

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mba-mkt>.

MKT 544 ~.....	3 credits
Integrated Marketing Communications	
MKT 554 ~.....	3 credits
Consumer Behavior	
MKT 552 ~.....	3 credits
Technology Applications and e-Marketing	
MKT 562 ~.....	3 credits
Advanced International Marketing	
MKT 593 ~.....	3 credits
Product Design and Development	

Project Management Concentration

MBA students may earn a concentration in Project Management (PM) by completing at least 15 credit hours of coursework in Project Management.

Students earning a PM concentration will complete a minimum of 51 credits, which includes 36 credits from the MBA required areas and 15 credits from the PM concentration coursework.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mba-pm>.

PM 571 ~.....	3 credits
Project Management	
PM 582 ~.....	3 credits
Project Leadership	
PM 584 ~.....	3 credits
Project Risk Management	
PM 586 ~.....	3 credits
Project Quality Management	
PM 598 ~.....	3 credits
Project Management Capstone	

Technology Management Concentration

MBA students may earn a concentration in Technology Management (TM) by completing at least 15 credit hours of course work in Technology Management.

Students earning a TM concentration will complete a minimum of 51 credits (36 credits from the MBA required areas) which includes 15 credits from concentration coursework.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mba-tm>.

COM TM541 ~.....	3 credits
Communications for Managers of Technology	
PM 571 ~.....	3 credits
Project Management	
TMGT 540 ~.....	3 credits
Management of R&D and Innovation Processes	
TMGT 550 ~.....	3 credits
Technology Transfer in the Global Economy	
TMGT 590 ~.....	3 credits
Applications of Technology Management	

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study. Please note that within each state, concentration availability may vary by campus location.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MBA

All applicants are expected to meet the following admissions requirements:

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution or a graduate degree from an ABA accredited institution (i.e.- JD, LLB, LLM). If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- No work experience is required for this program.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.

Degree Requirements for the MBA

The degree requirements for this program are the following:

- A minimum of 36 graduate credits must be completed to meet all areas of the required course of study.
- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Students must take courses within a sequence specified by course prerequisite requirements.
- The diploma awarded for this program will read as: Master of Business Administration and will not reflect the concentration. Concentrations are reflected on the transcript only.

Academic Progression Requirements for the MBA

- MGT 521 must be the first course taken.
- QRB 501 must be satisfied prior to progressing in courses in Economics, Accounting, Applied Business Research & Statistics, Operations Management, Corporate Finance, Marketing, and Strategic Planning & Implementation.
- Strategic Planning & Implementation (STR 581 or an alternative strategy course) must be taken as the last core course in the program.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MBA

- The University requires that the majority of coursework in the Required Course of Study be completed through the University. Also known as the residency requirement, the University requires completion of a minimum of 30 graduate level credits at the University.
- In order to waive a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course that meets the following criteria:
 - The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university;
 - The course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years with a "B" (3.0) or better; and
 - The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.
- Management (MGT 521) may not be waived.
- Strategic Planning & Implementation (STR 581 or an alternative strategy course), which is the last core course in the program, may not be waived.
- The following courses may not be waived: ACC 541, CAP GM591, EM 555, EM 595, GMGT 510, HCS 531, HCS 586, HRM 595, MGT 521, MKT 593, PM 598, QRB 501, STR 581

The School of Advanced Studies offers a bridge opportunity for master's degree students who are interested in taking doctoral courses. In the bridge program, a master's degree student would be allowed to substitute up to two graduate level courses with doctoral level courses. Students who choose this option would then be eligible to waive these courses in the doctoral program since they were already taken in the master's degree program.

Students must earn a B- or better in the doctoral level courses in order to waive them in the doctoral program.

Students who have completed Meritus University graduate MBA courses may transfer all courses earned at Meritus University into the MBA program at the University of Phoenix without limitation provided that they sign an Enrollment Agreement for the University of Phoenix MBA program by March 1, 2012. Students transferring from Meritus University to University of Phoenix will still be required to satisfy all program requirements for the University of Phoenix MBA program and complete at least 3 credits at University of Phoenix in order to obtain their MBA degree from University of Phoenix.

Course Descriptions for the MBA

MGT 5213 credits

Management

This course applies the tools available to University of Phoenix graduate students and the competencies of successful managers to understand the functions of business. Students learn their own perceptions and values to communicate more effectively with others. Other topics include MBA program goals, argument construction, decision making, collaboration, and academic research.

HRM 5313 credits

Human Capital Development

This course prepares students to address the concepts of personnel development as managers. Students learn criteria for developing effective job analysis, appraisal systems, and appropriate career development plans for employees. Other topics include personnel selection, employee compensation, benefits, training, workplace diversity, discipline, employee rights, unions, and management behaviors.

LAW 5313 credits

Business Law

This course prepares students to evaluate the legal risks associated with business activity. Students will create proposals to manage an organization's legal exposure. Other topics include the legal system, alternative dispute resolution, enterprise liability, product liability, international law, business risks, intellectual property, legal forms of business, and governance.

LDR 5313 credits

Organizational Leadership

This course prepares students to apply leadership principles to the roles they play as managers. Students will discover more about themselves and learn more about the connection between the individual and the organization. Other topics include organizational culture, structure, group behavior, motivation, power, politics, organizational change, and workplace conflict.

QRB 5013 credits

Quantitative Reasoning for Business

This course applies quantitative reasoning skills to business problems. Students learn to analyze data using a variety of analytical tools and techniques. Other topics include formulas, visual representation of quantities, time value of money, and measures of uncertainty.

ECO 5613 credits

Economics

This course applies economic concepts to make management decisions. Students employ the concepts of scarce resources and opportunity costs to perform economic analysis. Other topics include supply and demand, profit maximization, market structure, macroeconomic measurement, money, trade, and foreign exchange.

ACC 5613 credits

Accounting

This course applies accounting tools to make management decisions. Students learn to evaluate organizational performance from accounting information. Other topics include financial statements, cost behavior, cost allocation, budgets, and control systems.

QNT 5613 credits

Applied Business Research and Statistics

This course prepares students to apply statistics and probability concepts to business decisions. Students learn criteria for developing effective research questions, including the creation of appropriate sampling populations and instruments. Other topics include descriptive statistics, probability concepts, confidence intervals, sampling designs, data collection, and data analysis - including parametric and nonparametric tests of hypothesis and regression analysis.

OPS 571 3 credits

Operations Management

This course applies planning and controlling concepts to increase the value of the supply chain. Students learn to evaluate and improve processes. Other topics include process selection, process design, theory of constraints, project implementation, capacity planning, lean production, facility location, and business forecasting.

FIN 571 3 credits

Corporate Finance

This course applies corporate finance concepts to make management decisions. Students learn methods to evaluate financial alternatives and create financial plans. Other topics include cash flows, business valuation, working capital, capital budgets, and long-term financing.

MKT 571 3 credits

Marketing

This course prepares students to apply marketing concepts to create and sustain customer value. Students learn to solve marketing problems in a collaborative environment. Topics include market research, customer relationships, branding, market segmentation, product development, pricing, channels, communications, and public relations.

STR 581 3 credits

Strategic Planning and Implementation

This course integrates concepts from all prior courses in the program. Students apply the concepts of strategic planning and implementation to create sustainable competitive advantage for an organization. Other topics include environmental scanning, strategic analysis, corporate social responsibility, implementation, evaluation, and risk management.

Course Descriptions for the Accounting Concentration

ACC 541 3 credits

Accounting Theory & Research

This is the first core course in the Master of Science in Accounting (MSA). In this course, students apply accounting research tools to current accounting issues. Other topics include research of accounting questions related to: inventory, fixed assets, leases, derivative instruments, debt, contingencies, segment reporting, pensions, business combinations, consolidations, stockholder's equity, and a program overview.

COM 530 3 credits

Communications for Accountants

In this course, students examine principles and practices of group communication in the context of the organization. Topics include an overview of group communication, culture and conflict, group formation, influence in organizational communication, organizational change, formal communications, and public communications.

ACC 542 3 credits

Accounting Information Systems

In this course, students examine the fundamentals of accounting systems design. Topics include business information systems, business processes and data flows, database concepts and tools, internal control and risks, auditing the information system, and using the information system to perform audit functions.

ACC 543 3 credits

Managerial Accounting & Legal Aspects of Business

In this course, students examine managerial accounting as part of the business's accounting information system and legal aspects of the business enterprise. Topics include managerial accounting and capital budgeting, cost analysis; management planning and control, negotiable instruments, secured transactions, debtor/creditor relationships, property and insurance, and legal aspects of employment and environment.

ACC 544 3 credits

Internal Control Systems

In this course, students gain a broad perspective of accounting and control that considers attainment of all goals of the organization, including those concerned with financial objectives. Topics include an overview of control, risk management, internal control systems, controls for current asset functions, controls for other accounting classifications, controls for information technology systems, and reporting on controls.

ACC 545 3 credits

Financial Reporting

This course prepares students to address concepts of financial reporting for roles as CPAs. Students learn important criteria for calculating capital changes, applying concepts of fixed assets and cost determination, and preparing consolidated financial statements. Other topics include the professional responsibilities of CPAs, deferred taxes, cash flow statements, balance sheet preparation, restructuring of troubled debt, and the intricacies of comprehensive income.

ACC 546 3 credits

Auditing

In this course, students focus on the auditing practice performed by public accountants. Topics include the CPA profession and the auditor's role, planning the audit, audit reporting and required communications, evaluating internal controls, audit programs for current assets and liabilities, and audit programs for other business cycles.

ACC 547 3 credits

Taxation

In this course, students develop an understanding of the taxation of business entities and the individuals who own those entities. Topics include tax entities, property transactions, calculating basis, gains and losses, alternative minimum tax, S-corporations and partnerships.

ACC 548 3 credits

Not-for-Profit & Government Accounting

In this course, students receive an overview of the budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, and auditing required of government and not-for-profit organizations. Topics include the governmental accounting, accounting records in government, fund allocation, government-wide reporting, not-for-profit accounting, and governmental performance measures.

ACC 5563 credits

Forensic Accounting

In this course, students are introduced to the conduct of fraud examinations, including a discussion of specific procedures used in forensic accounting examinations and the reasoning behind these procedures. Topics include an overview of fraud and abuse, forensic evidence, substantive procedures for cash outflow irregularities, substantive procedures for asset irregularities, financial statement fraud, and examination reporting.

ACC 5573 credits

Accounting Ethics

In this course, students focus on core values of the accounting profession such as ethical reasoning, integrity, objectivity, and independence. Topics include economics, price and consumer behavior, business and accounting issues, ethics and information technology, and professional standards.

Course Descriptions for the Energy Management Concentration

EM 5553 credits

Energy Sector Management

This course integrates energy technology and management opportunities in the energy sector. Students will apply knowledge of the energy sector value change to identify a business opportunity. Other topics include renewable and non-renewable energy sources, science of energy, communications, energy sector terminology, corporate social responsibility, ethics, and negotiation.

EM 5653 credits

Financial Management in the Energy Sector

This course applies corporate finance concepts to make management decisions in the energy sector. Students analyze the financial merit of opportunities in renewable and non-renewable energy sources. Other topics include cash flows, business valuation, working capital, capital budgets, government sources, long-term financing, risk analysis and management, and financial planning.

EM 5753 credits

Energy Economics

This course applies economic concepts to make management decisions in the energy sector. Students apply concepts of supply and demand to create an economic model of a sub sector of the energy industry. Other topics include scarce resources, opportunity costs, profit maximization, market structure, macroeconomic measurement, money, trade, foreign exchange, regulatory issues, and economic analysis.

EM 5853 credits

Marketing Energy

This course prepares students to apply marketing concepts to affect public perception of energy alternatives. Students learn to solve marketing problems in a collaborative environment. Topics include market research, customer relationships, branding, market segmentation, product development, pricing, channels, communications, public relations and policy formulation.

EM 5953 credits

Strategic Planning and Implementation for the Energy Sector

This capstone course integrates concepts from all prior courses in the program and the energy management concentration. Students apply the concepts of strategic planning and implementation to create sustainable competitive advantage in an energy organization. Other topics include environmental scanning, strategic analysis, corporate social responsibility, implementation, evaluation, risk management, interdependent organizational relationships, technology adoption, and scenario planning.

Course Descriptions for the Global Management Concentration

MGMT 5103 credits

Global Business Organization and Culture

This course examines the cultural and organization framework within which global business is conducted. Topics include socio-cultural forces, cultural analysis, communication strategies, human resources investment and utilization, and managing across borders.

MGMT 5203 credits

External Environment of Global Business

This course explores issues and institutions that affect global business outside the direct control of the organization. Topics include country risk assessment, basis for trade and capital flows, exchange rate determination, international, national, and local organizations, regional integration, and conflict resolution of global trade disputes.

MGMT 5303 credits

Internal Environment of Global Business

This course examines issues and functions that global business faces within control of the organization. Topics include organizations forms of entry and exit, legal issues, marketing, finance, human resources, and risk management.

MGMT 5403 credits

Global Strategy Formulation and Implementation

This course develops strategy for global implementation. Topics include the role of global strategy in the organization, the current state and strategy choices, strategy selection, implementation and control issues, portfolio management, and case analysis.

CAP GM5913 credits

Cases in Cross-Border Management

This content area capstone course applies management concepts to a global environment. Students learn to evaluate opportunities and challenges in world wide market places. Case studies will be utilized to synthesize concepts from prior global management course work.

Course Descriptions for the Health Care Management Concentration

HCS 531 3 credits

Health Care Organizations and Delivery Systems

This course is a comprehensive approach to health care organizations and systems that provide the student with an in-depth understanding of health organizations. Topics include the evolution of health care delivery during a time of financial and regulatory stress, the impact of the evolving consumer movement, and managing efficient and effective organizational structures.

HCS 533 3 credits

Health Information Systems

This course provides administrators and managers an overview of the information systems used in the health care industry. The effective use of data requires an understanding of how the data is captured as well as the HIPAA and security issues related to this confidential material. The course provides students with a general background to communicate more effectively with technical personnel and provide general management oversight of information systems within health care organizations.

HCS 545 3 credits

Health Law and Ethics

Students explore and analyze current ethical issues such as biomedical research, insurance statutes, and demand management. Students survey the extensive legal foundations of health care, and apply current case law to contemporary situations. Topics include legal aspects of legislation, patient rights, data security, professional liability, and labor relations.

HCS 588 3 credits

Measuring Performance Standards

Quality improvement initiatives rely upon data from monitoring program implementation and evaluating program outcomes to determine achievement of program objectives. The processes of developing and revising monitoring and outcome measures are used to help determine progress toward meeting accreditation and regulatory standards.

HCS 586 3 credits

Health Care Strategic Management

This is the capstone course for the graduate health care programs. The development and presentation of health care organization's strategic plan will demonstrate mastery of the critical content as the principles relate to the health care industry. Special emphasis is placed upon consumer demand, market volatility, regulatory and fiscal constraints from the perspective of strategic management. The learner will demonstrate understanding of the critical importance of strategic management and planning within the dynamic, complex, and evolving nature of the health care industry.

Course Descriptions for the Human Resource Management Concentration

HRM 546 3 credits

Human Resource Law

This course prepares human resource managers to comply with human resource laws and regulations across all jurisdictions. Students learn how to manage human resource functions within a regulatory environment. Other topics include laws and regulations related to the following: workforce planning and employment, human resource development activities, compensation and benefits, labor relations, and workplace safety.

HRM 558 3 credits

Research in Human Resource Management

This course applies research methods to human resource functions. Students learn to use quantitative analysis and secondary research to recruit and select employees to meet organizational goals. Other topics include forecasting, evaluation of selection tests, application of selection tests, interviewing techniques, techniques to assess training program effectiveness, job evaluation methods, and external labor market analysis.

HRM 548 3 credits

Recruitment and Retention Practices

This course prepares students to evaluate and develop a workforce to attain organizational goals. Students learn to develop total reward strategies that attract and retain the best employees. Other topics include recruitment strategies, workforce planning and assessment, relocation practices, right sizing, negotiation, employment policies, and global compensation practices.

HRM 552 3 credits

Organizational Training and Development

This course applies development and training concepts to enhance organizational performance. Students develop an employee engagement strategy. Other topics include training program development & delivery, employee relations, organizational development theories and applications, behavioral issues, and performance management.

HRM 554 3 credits

Occupational Health and Safety

This course applies health and safety principles to reduce hazards to a productive work environment. Students create a prevention program to promote occupational safety and health. Other topics include injury and illness compensation, safety risks, security risks, workplace violence, health and safety practices, emergency response plans, and issues related to substance abuse.

HRM 595 3 credits

Human Resource Capstone Course

This content area capstone course applies human resource concepts to improve organizational effectiveness within the framework of employment laws and regulations. Students apply existing professional standards and theories to human resource management. Other topics include the alignment of human resource strategy with the organization, global workforce planning, career and leadership development, and performance analysis and appraisal.

Course Descriptions for the Marketing Concentration

MKT 5443 credits

Integrated Marketing Communications

This course prepares students to apply integrated marketing communications as part of a strategic marketing plan. Students evaluate how marketing communication tools build brand value. Topics include advertising, promotions, public relations, sales, and direct marketing.

MKT 5543 credits

Consumer Behavior

This course prepares students to apply buyer behavior theories in the marketplace. Students evaluate how demographic, psychological, and socio-cultural issues contribute to buyer behavior. Topics include consumer preference, brand perception, attitude formation, persuasion, motivation, and consumer protection.

MKT 5523 credits

Technology Applications and e-Marketing

This course prepares students to integrate technology in marketing functions. Students design the organization and content of a website to accomplish one or more marketing objectives. Topics include basics of the World Wide Web, bandwidth, servers and storage, e-Marketing, e-Commerce, and targeting customers.

MKT 5623 credits

Advanced International Marketing

This course prepares students to develop and manage a marketing strategy in an international business environment. Students evaluate case studies of previous product launches and current research to create a launch strategy for a specific country. Topics include distribution systems, socio-cultural perspectives, business customs, product and service adaptations, and pricing issues.

MKT 5933 credits

Product Design and Development

In this content area capstone course students design an innovative product or service that satisfies an unmet consumer need. Students use research methods to identify opportunities or new product features that reflect the latest market trends. Topics include market environmental analysis, marketing strategy, the marketing process, product development, ethics and social responsibility, innovation and diffusion, pricing strategy, and strategic marketing issues.

Course Descriptions for the Project Management Concentration

PM 5713 credits

Project Management

This course integrates the five processes that define project management. Students will design a project management plan to accomplish an organizational objective. Other topics include project initiation, budgeting, communications, execution, team management, control, and closure.

PM 5823 credits

Project Leadership

This course prepares students to lead a project to successful conclusion. Students will create a plan to lead change during project execution. Other topics include integrated change control, work breakdown structures, human resource planning, performance reporting, managing stakeholders, negotiation, conflict resolution, and cultural diversity.

PM 5843 credits

Project Risk Management

This course applies risk management concepts to project execution. Students will create contingency plans for a project. Other topics include risk identification, qualitative analysis, quantitative analysis, response planning, monitoring & control, and proactive planning.

PM 5863 credits

Project Quality Management

This course applies quality control techniques to project development and implementation. Students will create a continuous quality improvement plan for projects within an organization. Other topics include scheduling, quality planning, quality assurance, scope management, schedule control, and quality control.

PM 5983 credits

Project Management Capstone

In this concentration capstone course, students will design a project to meet an organizational need. Students will collaboratively create a project plan using Microsoft® Project software. Other topics include Project Management Professional (PMP) certification preparation.

Course Descriptions for the Technology Management Concentration

COM TM5413 credits

Communications for Managers of Technology

This course prepares graduate students to apply communication principles to the roles they play as technology managers. Students learn how to effectively communicate technical issues to non-technical stakeholders in a business environment. Other topics include the role of perception in communication, techniques to enhance group communication, aligning communication to an audience, cross-border communications, and ethics in organizational communications.

PM 5713 credits

Project Management

This course integrates the five processes that define project management. Students will design a project management plan to accomplish an organizational objective. Other topics include project initiation, budgeting, communications, execution, team management, control, and closure.

TMGT 5403 credits

Management of R&D and Innovation Processes

This course explores the role of research and development (R&D) as a means to provide future survival and growth for the organization as the lifecycle of existing products and/or services matures to obsolescence. Also introduced are techniques used to stimulate and manage innovation in the workplace.

TMGT 5503 credits

Technology Transfer in the Global Economy

This course introduces the student to the concept of multinational enterprises and the role of technology in the strategic management of these enterprises. This course focuses on opportunities to utilize technology transfer within global business to meet the goals of the strategic plan.

TMGT 590 3 credits

Applications of Technology Management

This is an integrative course and the capstone for the MBA/TM program. The outcome is to apply a range of skills from the individual courses in the technology management program to develop a change management plan to implement, build, and initiate a technology product or infrastructure in an organization.

Master of Public Administration

The following Master of Public Administration (MPA) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) program develops the managerial skills necessary to manage in the public sector. This program focuses on an entrepreneurial approach to issues and opportunities at the state and local government levels. The curriculum is based on current standards set forth by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.

In addition to the University of Phoenix learning goals, the MPA program prepares students to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of strategic policy planning and implementation in a political environment.
- Demonstrate an understanding of innovative public sector leadership competencies in public organizations.
- Demonstrate an understanding of public/public and public/private strategic partnerships in inter-governmental relationships.
- Comprehend the application of a significant amount of knowledge within the domains of Public Administration - Institutions and Processes, Communications for Public Administrators, Human Capital Development in the Public Sector, Program Evaluation, Law and Public Administration, Data Analysis for Public Policy and Management, Leveraging Technology in the Public Sector, Public Budgeting, Leading Organizational Development in the Public Sector, Public Finance, Public Policy Planning and Implementation, and Public Administration Applied Project.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mpa>.

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

Program Category Requirements for the MPA

Public Administration Management, 12 total credits

MGT 522 3 credits

Public Administration - Institutions and Processes

MGT 572 ~ 3 credits

Public Policy Planning and Implementation

MGT 582 ~ 3 credits

Public Administration Applied Project

MGT TM562 ~ 3 credits

Leveraging Technology in the Public Sector

Public Administration Research and Statistics, 6 total credits

RES 562 ~ 3 credits

Program Evaluation

QNT 562 ~ 3 credits

Data Analysis for Public Policy and Management

Public Administration Human Resource Management, 3 total credits

HRM 532 ~ 3 credits

Human Capital Development in the Public Sector

Public Administration Leadership, 3 total credits

LDR 532 ~ 3 credits

Leading Organizational Development in the Public Sector

Public Administration Law, 3 total credits

LAW 562 ~ 3 credits

Law and Public Administration

Public Administration Accounting, 3 total credits

ACC 574 ~ 3 credits

Public Budgeting

Public Administration Economics, 3 total credits

ECO 572 ~ 3 credits

Public Finance

Public Administration Communications, 3 total credits

COM PA530 ~ 3 credits

Communications for Public Administrators

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MPA

All applicants are expected to meet the following admissions requirements:

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution or a graduate degree from an ABA accredited institution (i.e.- JD, LLB, LLM). If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- No work experience is required for this program.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.

Degree Requirements for the MPA

The degree requirements for this program are the following:

- A minimum of 36 graduate credits.
- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- The diploma awarded for this program will read as: Master of Public Administration

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MPA

Completion of a minimum of 27 credit of the required course of study to meet University residency requirements.

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

In order to waive a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course that meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university;
- The course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a "B" (3.0) or better; and
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

Public Administration Applied Project (MGT 582) may not be waived.

Course Descriptions for the MPA

MGT 5223 credits

Public Administration - Institutions and Processes

This course applies the tools available to UPX graduate students and the competencies of successful managers to understand the functions of public administration. Students will distinguish the dichotomy between the political system and public administration in the creation and implementation of public policy. Other topics, at the state and local level, include executive & legislative branches of government, the evolution of public administration, intergovernmental relationships, and fiscal sources & uses.

MGT 5723 credits

Public Policy Planning and Implementation

This course prepares students to trace the development of a public policy. For a selected policy, students will analyze the policy making process and the challenges that accompany each stage. Other topics, at the state and local level, include public policy planning, policy evaluation, and stakeholder conflicts.

MGT 5823 credits

Public Administration Applied Project

This capstone course prepares students to improve existing policies. Students will evaluate existing policy and recommend improvements and recommend changes to improve efficiency and effectiveness. Other topics, at the state and local level, include policy creation, policy evaluation, and nontraditional/innovative solutions in the public sector.

MGT TM5623 credits

Leveraging Technology in the Public Sector

This course prepares students to leverage technology in support of effective and efficient administration of government. Students will apply technology concepts to enhance self-service tools for citizens while providing data security and respecting privacy concerns. Other topics, at the state and local level, include mobility, database interconnectivity, Internet, intranet & extranet, and data maintenance & retrieval.

RES 5623 credits

Policy and Program Evaluation

This course prepares students to apply techniques to evaluate public sector programs. Students will evaluate policy alternatives using analytical tools. Other topics, at the state and local level, include measures of effectiveness, benchmarks, baselines, performance standards, and customized stakeholder communication.

QNT 5623 credits

Data Analysis for Public Policy and Management

This course prepares students to analyze information and present it appropriately to diverse stakeholder groups. Students will design research instruments and collect data to measure and analyze effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of public sector goods and services. Other topics, at the state and local level, include pre-testing, post testing, correlation, and forecasting.

HRM 5323 credits

Human Capital Development in the Public Sector

This course prepares students to apply human capital development concepts in a public sector. Students will create plans for managing human capital in an environment of political appointment. Other topics, at the state and local level, include recruitment, development & retention of employees, motivation, performance evaluation, employee/employer relationship, personnel policies & politics, and public service ethic.

LDR 5323 credits

Leading Organizational Development in the Public Sector

This course prepares students to lead change in the public sector. Students will apply leadership theories in the bureaucratic public sector considering the unique role of power and politics. Other topics, at the state and local level, include culture in the public sector, group behavior, financial and nonfinancial motivation, and workplace conflict.

LAW 5623 credits

Law and Public Administration

This course prepares students to apply legal concepts in public administration. Students will analyze legislative and judicial processes in the administration of state and local governments. Other topics, at the state and local level, include enabling laws, regulatory review, open-meeting/sunshine provisions, adjudication, and the Administrative Procedures Act.

ACC 5743 credits

Public Budgeting

In this course students learn the accounting and budgeting tools and theories used in the public sector. Students will analyze the relationship between public policy and the public budget process. Other topics, at the state and local level, include budgetary decision making, basics of government and not-for-profit accounting, reporting, capital and operating expenditures, and inter-period equity.

ECO 5723 credits

Public Finance

This course prepares students to apply the principles of economics to the public sector. Students will create a plan for a public-private partnership to deliver a public good or service. Other topics, at the state and local level, include microeconomics in the public sector, basic macroeconomic variables, monetary policy, income redistribution, multilevel government financing, bond issuance, role of nonprofits, and tax efficiency, equity, and incidence.

COM PA530 3 credits

Communications for Public Administrators

This course prepares students to communicate with multiple stakeholders and public media. Students will apply communication concepts to create messages that are sensitive to the opinions and positions of disparate groups. Other topics, at the state and local level, include uniqueness of public sector communications, public involvement, and internal & external communications.

Master of Management

The following Master of Management (MM) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Master of Management degree program promotes the development of management competencies through the practical application of theory, business and management diagnostics, and the formulation of creative management and consulting solutions. Students will acquire a wide range of tools, concepts and methodologies to design, conduct, and follow through on successful consulting practices. In addition, students will be able to actively develop their interpersonal and business-related management skills in order to foster leadership, creative thinking, collegiality, and teamwork ability in an international context. The Master of Management will provide students with first-hand knowledge of the tools and techniques used by successful consultants in the competitive management consulting industry.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mm>.

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

MM Program Category Requirements

Consulting, 3 total credits

MGT 527 3 credits

Consulting

Organizational Communications, 3 total credits

COM 537 ~ 3 credits

Organizational Communications

Leadership, 3 total credits

LDR 535 ~ 3 credits

Leading Change

Global Management, 3 total credits

MGT 538 ~ 3 credits

Managing in a Cross-cultural Environment

Negotiation, 3 total credits

MGT 557 ~ 3 credits

Negotiation, Power, and Politics

Research, 3 total credits

QNT 565 ~ 3 credits

Research Methods, Design, and Analysis

Ethics and Social Responsibility, 3 total credits

MGT 567 ~ 3 credits

Ethics and Social Responsibility

Business Law, 3 total credits

LAW 575 ~ 3 credits

Business Law for Consultants

Project Quality Management, 3 total credits

PM 586 ~ 3 credits

Project Quality Management

Budgetary Finance, 3 total credits

FIN 575 ~ 3 credits

Project Budget and Finance

Strategic Marketing, 3 total credits

MKT 575 ~ 3 credits

Marketing Strategy

Public Relations, 3 total credits

MKT 578 ~ 3 credits

Public Relations

Organizational Design, 3 total credits

ORG 581 ~ 3 credits

Organizational Design

Consulting Project, 3 total credits

MGT 598 ~ 3 credits

Consulting Project

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MM

All applicants are expected to meet the following admissions requirements:

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution or a graduate degree from an ABA accredited institution (i.e.- JD, LLB, LLM). If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- No work experience is required for this program.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.

Degree Requirements for the MM

The degree requirements for this program are the following:

- A minimum of 42 graduate credits must be completed to meet all areas of the required course of study.
- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Students must take courses within a sequence specified by course prerequisite requirements.
- The diploma awarded for this program will read as:
Master of Management

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MM

The University requires that the majority of coursework in the Required Course of Study be completed through the University. Also known as the residency requirement, the University requires completion of a minimum of 30 graduate level credits at the University.

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 12 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

In order to waive a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course that meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university;
- The course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years with a "B" (3.0) or better; and
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

The following courses may not be waived from the degree program: MGT 527, MGT 598

The School of Advanced Studies offers a bridge opportunity for master's degree students who are interested in taking doctoral courses. In the bridge program, a master's degree student would be allowed to substitute up to two graduate level courses with doctoral level courses. Students who choose this option would then be eligible to waive these courses in the doctoral program since they were already taken in the master's degree program.

All credit-bearing doctoral courses must be completed with a grade of "B-" or better. Students who earn a grade lower than a "B-" will not receive credit for the course and will not be able to use the bridge course to waive credits upon enrollment in a doctoral program

Course Descriptions for the MM

MGT 527 3 credits

Consulting

This course applies the tools available to University of Phoenix graduate students and the competencies of successful individuals who exercise influence within an organization but have no direct authority to make changes or implement programs. Students learn their own perceptions and values to communicate more effectively with others. Other topics include Master of Management program goals, argument construction, decision making, collaboration, and academic research.

COM 537 3 credits

Organizational Communications

This course prepares graduate students to apply written and oral communication principles to the roles they play as managers. Students will learn how to persuade a variety of stakeholders to commit to a proposal. Other topics include the role of perception in communication, techniques, aligning communication to an audience, business justifications, presenting data, and ethics in organizational communications.

LDR 535 3 credits

Leading Change

This course applies leadership concepts to create organizational change. Students will create a plan to lead an organizational change in which they have no direct authority over necessary decisions. Other topics include leadership theories, organizational theory, levels of organizational change, and transformation leadership

MGT 538 3 credits

Managing in a Cross-cultural Environment

This course prepares students to persuade decision makers across global dimensions of culture. Students will create a training plan for enhancing cultural awareness and tolerance within a cross-boarder organization. Other topics include cross-cultural communication, differences in decision making, values, motivation, and leadership.

MGT 557 3 credits

Negotiation, Power, and Politics

This course prepares students to achieve organizational objectives through formal and informal channels. Students will create a plan to achieve a goal by applying negotiation skills within the formal and informal structures of an organization. Other topics include coalitions, types of power, liaison roles, and persuasion.

QNT 565 3 credits

Research Methods, Design and Analysis

This course applies research and probability concepts to project management decisions. Students will evaluate feasibility, manage risk, and measure outcomes for a project. Other topics include measures of central tendency & dispersion, program evaluation, research design, data sampling, and analysis & presentation.

MGT 567 3 credits

Ethics and Social Responsibility

This course prepares students to align an organization's social responsibility initiatives with its values. Students will create a proposal for an organization that aligns corporate social initiatives with its values. Other topics include ethics, values awareness, and evaluating the results of social initiatives.

LAW 575 3 credits

Business Law for Consultants

This course prepares students to evaluate the legal risks associated with business consulting. Students will create proposals to manage an individual's legal exposure when performing consulting work. Other topics include the legal system, alternative dispute resolution, enterprise liability, international law, business risks, intellectual property, legal forms of business, and governance.

PM 586 3 credits

Project Quality Management

This course applies quality control techniques to project development and implementation. Students will create a continuous quality improvement plan for projects within an organization. Other topics include scheduling, quality planning, quality assurance, scope management, schedule control, and quality control.

FIN 575 3 credits

Project Budget and Finance

This course applies finance concepts to evaluate and manage projects. Students will prepare a plan to obtain funding and manage a project budget. Other topics include return on investment, cost classification, debt and equity financing, and project cash flows.

MKT 575 3 credits

Marketing Strategy

This course prepares students to evaluate marketing and strategic choices of an organization. Students will analyze a series of case studies to recommend changes needed to achieve organizational marketing goals and strategy. Other topics include generic & grand strategies, strategic analysis, competitive advantage, consumer behavior, and branding.

MKT 578 3 credits

Public Relations

This course prepares students to evaluate the use of public relations in meeting organizational objectives. Students will create a response to a given public relations challenge. Other topics include media relations; promotion; public relations tools, publicity, and ethics.

ORG 581 3 credits

Organizational Design

This course prepares students to design organizations that adapt to environmental changes through innovation. Students will prepare a plan to incorporate innovation into organizational design to align an organization with a change in strategy. Other topics include the learning organization, authority & control, specialization & coordination, entrepreneurship, and lateral organizations.

MGT 598 3 credits

Consulting Project

This course applies student understanding of organizations and project management to the development of a consulting project. The course requires students to synthesize and integrate theory and practice from all prior courses in the program.

Master of Science in Accountancy

The following Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) provides the breadth of knowledge for the professional accountant. Students master the theory and principles that frame a wide range of problems and issues encountered in the accounting profession. This program is designed for accountants and non-accountants who are preparing for a professional certification in accounting such as the uniform Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. This degree will allow students to seek positions in such career areas as accounting, auditing, and budgeting.

The MSA consists of 36 credit hours. Thirty credit hours constitute the core curriculum which covers the following areas of accounting: accounting theory and research, accounting information systems, managerial accounting and legal aspects of business, internal control systems, financial reporting, auditing, taxation, not-for-profit and government accounting, forensic accounting, and accounting ethics. The core courses were designed based upon the standards proposed by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). Additionally, six credit hours make up the financial accounting and communication proficiency courses.

The proficiency courses are required for students who have not completed previous coursework in financial accounting or communications.

This program addresses the goals of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Vision Project for the professional values, communications and leadership skills, strategic and critical thinking skills, and technology skills (The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 2007). In addition, the program meets the University of Phoenix learning goal of collaboration. A key feature of this program is the utilization of the CPA Test Prep software, which is integrated throughout the core program.

Note: Each state sets forth standards required to be eligible to take the CPA exam and apply for licensure or certification as a CPA. While this program was designed with consideration for the standards proposed by the National Association of State Boards of Accounting (NASBA), the University of Phoenix cannot, and will not, provide any assurance that completion of this program will allow a successful student to qualify within the student's specific jurisdiction. Potential applicants should check with the appropriate organization within their jurisdiction to determine if this program, combined with their undergraduate degree and any other specific criteria, meets the requirements to qualify for examination in that specific jurisdiction. States frequently change their requirements for examination. There is no assurance that at the time of degree completion the specific jurisdiction's requirements will be consistent with the requirements at the time of admission.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/msa>.

MSA Required Course of Study

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

COM 530 3 credits

Communications for Accountants

ACC 537 3 credits

Financial Accounting

ACC 541 ~ 3 credits

Accounting Theory & Research

ACC 542 ~ 3 credits

Accounting Information Systems

ACC 543 ~ 3 credits

Managerial Accounting & Legal Aspects of Business

ACC 544 ~ 3 credits

Internal Control Systems

ACC 545 ~ 3 credits

Financial Reporting

ACC 546 ~ 3 credits

Auditing

ACC 547 ~ 3 credits

Taxation

ACC 548 ~ 3 credits

Not-for-Profit & Government Accounting

ACC 556 ~ 3 credits

Forensic Accounting

ACC 557 ~ 3 credits

Accounting Ethics

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MSA

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university, an ABA accredited institution (if coursework was from a graduate level program) or comparable undergraduate bachelor’s degree earned at a recognized foreign institution. If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.

Degree Requirements for the MSA

The degree requirements for this program are the following:

- A minimum of 36 graduate credits.
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.

Academic Progression Requirements for the MSA

The competency course, ACC 537, must be satisfied prior to progressing into the MSA Core (ACC 541, ACC 542, ACC 543, ACC 544, ACC 545, ACC 546, ACC 548, ACC 556, ACC 557). The MSA competency course may be satisfied in the following ways:

- Successful completion of the University of Phoenix course, ACC 537.
- Successful completion of appropriate levels of undergraduate or graduate coursework from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university or equivalent undergraduate degree earned at a recognized foreign institution no more than 10 years prior to enrolling at the University. For ACC 537, the appropriate level is six semester hours at the upper division or three semester hours at the graduate level in financial accounting.

Residency Requirements for the MSA

The University requires completion of a minimum of 21 graduate level credits at the University to meet residency requirements.

Course Competencies and Course Waivers for the MSA

Eligible students may satisfy the 2 competency courses (ACC 537, COM 530) using one of the following methods:

Six semester credits of upper-division undergraduate coursework or three semester credits of graduate coursework in financial accounting that meets the following requirements will satisfy ACC 537:

- The coursework must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, foreign equivalency, or candidate for accreditation, college or university,
- The coursework must have been completed with a C- or better, within the past ten (10) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date
- A Competency Waiver Request Form must be submitted listing six semester credits of upper division undergraduate coursework or three semester credits of graduate coursework and the competency courses requested to be satisfied as some students may wish to complete one or more of the competency courses to improve their ability to succeed in the MSA Program.

Six semester credits of upper-division undergraduate coursework or three semester credits of graduate coursework in communications that meets the following requirements will satisfy COM 530:

- The coursework must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, foreign equivalency, or candidate for accreditation, college or university,
- The coursework must have been completed with a C- or better, within the past ten (10) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date
- A Competency Waiver Request Form must be submitted listing six semester credits of upper division undergraduate coursework or three semester credits of graduate coursework and the competency courses requested to be satisfied as some students may wish to complete one or more of the competency courses to improve their ability to succeed in the MSA Program.

In addition to satisfying the competency courses using one of the approved methods, students may also waive a maximum of nine (9) credits in the MSA Core on the basis of prior graduate-level college coursework. The competency waivers do not apply toward the 9 credits waiver maximum.

In order to be granted a waiver for a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.
- The course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years (5 years for IS&T courses) from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better.
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

The following course in the Required Course of Study may not be waived: ACC 541

Course Descriptions for the MSA

COM 5303 credits

Communications for Accountants

In this course, students examine principles and practices of group communication in the context of the organization. Topics include an overview of group communication, culture and conflict, group formation, influence in organizational communication, organizational change, formal communications, and public communications.

ACC 5373 credits

Financial Accounting

In this course, students are introduced to the basic concepts and methods used in corporate financial statements for information of investors and other interested external parties. Topics include University of Phoenix tools, basic accounting concepts, financial statements, inventory and fixed assets, present value of bonds and stockholders’ equity, statement of cash flows, and error correction and accounting changes.

ACC 541 3 credits

Accounting Theory & Research

This is the first core course in the Master of Science in Accounting (MSA). In this course, students apply accounting research tools to current accounting issues. Other topics include research of accounting questions related to: inventory, fixed assets, leases, derivative instruments, debt, contingencies, segment reporting, pensions, business combinations, consolidations, stockholder's equity, and a program overview.

ACC 542 3 credits

Accounting Information Systems

In this course, students examine the fundamentals of accounting systems design. Topics include business information systems, business processes and data flows, database concepts and tools, internal control and risks, auditing the information system, and using the information system to perform audit functions.

ACC 543 3 credits

Managerial Accounting & Legal Aspects of Business

In this course, students examine managerial accounting as part of the business's accounting information system and legal aspects of the business enterprise. Topics include managerial accounting and capital budgeting, cost analysis; management planning and control, negotiable instruments, secured transactions, debtor/creditor relationships, property and insurance, and legal aspects of employment and environment.

ACC 544 3 credits

Internal Control Systems

In this course, students gain a broad perspective of accounting and control that considers attainment of all goals of the organization, including those concerned with financial objectives. Topics include an overview of control, risk management, internal control systems, controls for current asset functions, controls for other accounting classifications, controls for information technology systems, and reporting on controls.

ACC 545 3 credits

Financial Reporting

This course prepares students to address concepts of financial reporting for roles as CPAs. Students learn important criteria for calculating capital changes, applying concepts of fixed assets and cost determination, and preparing consolidated financial statements. Other topics include the professional responsibilities of CPAs, deferred taxes, cash flow statements, balance sheet preparation, restructuring of troubled debt, and the intricacies of comprehensive income.

ACC 546 3 credits

Auditing

In this course, students focus on the auditing practice performed by public accountants. Topics include the CPA profession and the auditor's role, planning the audit, audit reporting and required communications, evaluating internal controls, audit programs for current assets and liabilities, and audit programs for other business cycles.

ACC 547 3 credits

Taxation

In this course, students develop an understanding of the taxation of business entities and the individuals who own those entities. Topics include tax entities, property transactions, calculating basis, gains and losses, alternative minimum tax, S-corporations and partnerships.

ACC 548 3 credits

Not-for-Profit & Government Accounting

In this course, students receive an overview of the budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, and auditing required of government and not-for-profit organizations. Topics include the governmental accounting, accounting records in government, fund allocation, government-wide reporting, not-for-profit accounting, and governmental performance measures.

ACC 556 3 credits

Forensic Accounting

In this course, students are introduced to the conduct of fraud examinations, including a discussion of specific procedures used in forensic accounting examinations and the reasoning behind these procedures. Topics include an overview of fraud and abuse, forensic evidence, substantive procedures for cash outflow irregularities, substantive procedures for asset irregularities, financial statement fraud, and examination reporting.

ACC 557 3 credits

Accounting Ethics

In this course, students focus on core values of the accounting profession such as ethical reasoning, integrity, objectivity, and independence. Topics include economics, price and consumer behavior, business and accounting issues, ethics and information technology, and professional standards.

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COLLEGE OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY

The College of Information Systems and Technology Programs offers the Master of Information Systems (MIS) degree.

Master of Information Systems

The following Master of Information Systems (MIS) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Master of Information Systems (MIS) program provides the knowledge to successfully apply information systems theory and principles to address real world business opportunities and challenges to meet the needs of today's information economy. Under the guidance of practitioner faculty, the graduate student will use innovative digital materials to understand the development and management of business systems within the organization, to understand and apply the principles of systems analysis and design, to analyze and evaluate emerging information technologies, and to create project, risk, and information systems strategic plans.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/mis>.

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

MIS Required Course of Study

CMGT 530.....	3 credits
IT Organizational Behavior	
CSS 562.....	3 credits
Programming Concepts	
CIS 568	3 credits
Information Systems Concepts	
BSA 500 ~.....	3 credits
Business Systems I	
BSA 502 ~.....	3 credits
Business Systems II	
CMGT 554 ~	3 credits
IT Infrastructure	
CMGT 555 ~	3 credits
Systems Analysis & Development	
CMGT 556 ~	3 credits
Enterprise Models	
CMGT 557 ~	3 credits
Emerging Technologies & Issues	
DBM 502 ~	3 credits
Database Management	
CMGT 575 ~	3 credits
CIS Project Management	

CMGT 578 ~ 3 credits

CIS Strategic Planning

CMGT 582 ~ 3 credits

Security & Ethics

CMGT 583 ~ 3 credits

IS Integration

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MIS

All applicants are expected to meet the following admissions requirements:

- An undergraduate degree from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution a graduate degree from or an ABA accredited institution (i.e.- JD, LLB, LLM). If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.
- A minimum equivalent of three (3) years of full-time, post-high school work or volunteer experience with exposure to organizational systems and management processes is required.
- All applicants must be currently employed or have access to a suitable work environment for the completion of course assignments.

Degree Requirements for the MIS

The degree requirements for this program are the following:

- Completion of a minimum of 42 credits of the required course of study to meet University residency requirements.
- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- The diploma awarded for this program will read as follows:
Master of Information Systems

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MIS

Students must meet established University residency requirement for degree conferral. The University requires that the majority of coursework, 27 credits in the Required Course of Study, must be completed at University of Phoenix.

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 15 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

In order to waive a course in the major course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.

- The course must have been completed within the past five (5) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better; and
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

Students may satisfy CIS 568 Information Systems Concepts and CSS 562 Programming Concepts in the following ways:

- Successful completion of CIS 568 Information Systems Concepts and CSS 562 Programming Concepts.
- Comparable undergraduate or graduate level coursework completed at University of Phoenix.
- Comparable undergraduate or graduate coursework completed within the past five (5) years at a regionally or nationally approved accredited college or university with a grade of C- or better. A Waiver form must be filled out by the student's Academic Representative indicating the prior coursework being used to satisfy these courses.

The following courses in the required course of study may not be waived: CMGT 530, CMGT 583.

Course Descriptions for the MIS

CMGT 5303 credits

IT Organizational Behavior

This course provides strategies for academic success within the University of Phoenix and addresses managerial communication and ethics. Topics include Professional Competence and Values, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Communication, Collaboration and Information Utilization.

CSS 5623 credits

Programming Concepts

This course provides the conceptual foundation to develop computer software programs. Topics include program development processes, flowcharting, basic design, program structure (methods and events), Boolean logic, looping, recursion, lists and arrays.

CIS 5683 credits

Information Systems Concepts

This course focuses on the role of the manager as a user and manager of information. Topics include the analysis & design of information systems. The analysis and design of information systems are covered from the operational, tactical, and strategic perspectives with a focus on identifying specific tools and techniques.

BSA 5003 credits

Business Systems I

This course introduces business systems. The course first reviews the basics of the business environment and influences on that environment. Then accounting and finance business systems are reviewed.

BSA 5023 credits

Business Systems II

This course reviews the following business systems: marketing, sales, human resources, operations and legal. Emphasis is placed upon the inputs and outputs of information systems and the potential for integration of the systems.

CMGT 5543 credits

IT Infrastructure

This course focuses on the managerial level of knowledge and terminology for telecommunications and computer networks. This course covers the concepts and application of the internet; server and storage architectures; and regulatory considerations.

CMGT 5553 credits

System Analysis & Development

This course provides a solid background in analysis and design techniques for business system and application software development. Although System Development Life Cycle (SDLC) is fundamental to the course, other methodologies and tools are examined from a managerial perspective.

CMGT 5563 credits

Enterprise Models

This course provides a process view of the organization from several perspectives including enterprise resource planning (ERP), supply chain management (SCM), and customer relationship management (CRM) system.

CMGT 5573 credits

Emerging Technologies & Issues

The course examines how to identify emerging technology, the related issues and their potential impact on the organization. This examination provides an understanding of both the technical and managerial issues including the strategic implications associated with emerging technologies.

DBM 5023 credits

Database Management

The course focuses on database management systems from a managerial perspective. Emphasis is placed on developing a strategy for managing and organizing corporate data, including data warehousing, to support the business activities of the organization. The course uses Microsoft Access and simulations of Oracle software.

CMGT 5753 credits

CIS Project Management

This course will provide both theory and application of the skills required for project management. Topics covered with include: identifying deliverables, determining work breakdown structure, estimating resource and cost requirements, resource management, scheduling techniques, schedule control methods, pert and gantt charts. Ms project, a project management application, will be used extensively at this course.

CMGT 5783 credits

CIS Strategic Planning

This course provides the knowledge and skills to develop effective short, intermediate and long-range strategic information technology plans. Course topics include the need for and responsibilities of an Information Technology Steering Committee, the relationship of information systems planning to the overall organizational mission, goals and assessment of the organization's current state, determination of information technology, project and management requirements, and the means of prioritizing and selecting information technology projects.

CMGT 582 3 credits

Security & Ethics

The ethical issues examined in the course will include information privacy, accessibility, and ownership from an organizational perspective. Information laws, regulations and compliance requirements will be examined in this course as well as the considerations for creating a safe digital environment within the organization.

CMGT 583 3 credits

IS Integration

This course will focus on the integration of the IS function and the information technology architecture within the enterprise. The alignment of IT with the strategy of the organization will be examined considering the decisions related to information technology architecture.

CIS 568 3 credits

Information Systems Concepts

This course focuses on the role of the manager as a user and manager of information. Topics include the analysis & design of information systems. The analysis and design of information systems are covered from the operational, tactical, and strategic perspectives with a focus on identifying specific tools and techniques.

CSS 562 3 credits

Programming Concepts

This course provides the conceptual foundation to develop computer software programs. Topics include program development processes, flowcharting, basic design, program structure (methods and events), Boolean logic, looping, recursion, lists and arrays.

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COLLEGE OF NURSING

The College of Nursing was established to respond to the educational needs of registered nurses and health care professionals. The College offers working nurses and health care professionals opportunities to participate in degree programs developed to broaden their professional horizons. These programs are designed specifically for nurses and health care professionals who desire a repertoire of skills and knowledge necessary to respond effectively to today's dynamic health care environment. They also equip students with essential skills necessary to assume a leadership role in resolving the challenges being faced by health care organizations and personnel.

Each program has a blend of theory and practice which fosters a learning environment that allows students to build their knowledge base and to effectively and creatively apply what they have learned.

The MSN Programs are developed for nurses who want to ground their professional nursing decisions and actions with appropriate nursing theories, research principles, and practices. The MSN curriculum builds on baccalaureate education through the development of advanced practice roles of caregiver, teacher, and manager of care. In addition, there is a MSN/FNP Program and FNP Post-Masters Certificate available at selected University of Phoenix campuses.

The MSN/MHA and MSN/MBA/HC Dual Degree Programs allow nurses to blend advanced nursing concepts with business and management skills need in health care today.

International Nursing Honor Society

The vision of Sigma Theta Tau is to create a global community of nurses who lead in using scholarships, knowledge, and technology to improve health of the world's people. The society provides support for the professional development of members who strive to improve nursing care worldwide.

Omicron Delta is the Sigma Theta Tau chapter of the University of Phoenix, College of Nursing. Membership to Sigma Theta Tau is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, and to nurse leaders who demonstrate exceptional achievement in nursing.

The undergraduate student must have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, be in the upper 35 percent of his/her graduating class, and have completed at least one-half of the nursing curriculum to qualify for membership and meet the expectation of academic integrity.

The graduate student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and have completed at least one-half of the nursing curriculum to qualify for membership.

More than 300,000 nurse scholars have been inducted into Sigma Theta Tau. With 120,000 active members, it is the second-largest and one of the most prestigious nursing organizations in the world. The society's members are active in more than 90 countries and territories, and the 424 chapter honor societies are located on more than 523 college and university campuses in United States, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, Pakistan, South Korea, and Taiwan.

Omicron Delta has close to 5,000 members worldwide. The chapter was originally chartered in 1996 and has grown to be one of the largest chapters in the international organization. To learn more about Omicron Delta visit the Web site <http://www.omicron-delta.net>.

Academic Progression Requirements for all Current Nursing Programs

Any student who demonstrates behaviors in a clinical, classroom, or laboratory setting that gives rise to a reasonable suspicion, of substance abuse or otherwise indicates that the student may be impaired by drugs or alcohol, without reasonable justification will be required to undergo a "for-cause" 10 panel, plus alcohol drug test.

- For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:
 - Drug testing means the scientific analysis of urine, blood, breath, saliva, hair, tissue, and other specimens from the human body for the purpose of detecting the use of drugs or alcohol.
 - Reasonable suspicion means evidence which forms a reasonable basis for concluding that it is more likely than not that a person is impaired by alcohol or drugs or has engaged in substance abuse. Facts which could give rise to reasonable suspicion include, but are not limited to: the odor of alcohol or drugs, impaired behavior such as slurred speech, decreased motor coordination, difficulty in maintaining balance, marked changes in personality or job performance, and unexplained accidents, without reasonable justification. Such evidence may come from a professional or expert opinion, layperson opinion, scientific tests, or other sources or methods.
 - Illegal drug means any drug which is not legally obtainable; any drug which is legally obtainable but has not been legally obtained; any prescribed drug not legally obtained; any prescribed drug not being used for the prescribed purpose or by the person for whom it was prescribed; any over-the-counter drug being used at a dosage level other than that recommended by the manufacturer, or being used for a purpose other than the purpose intended by the manufacturer; and any drug being used for a purpose or by a person not in accordance with bona fide medical therapy. Examples of illegal drugs include, but are not limited to, stimulants; depressants; narcotic or hallucinogenic drugs; cannabis substances, such as marijuana and hashish; cocaine; heroin; methamphetamine; phencyclidine (PCP); and so-called designer drugs and look-alike drugs.
 - Impaired means that a person's mental or physical capabilities are reduced below his or her normal levels without reasonable justification. An impaired student manifests deterioration in the level of function as compared to that previously observed, or the student does not function at a level normally expected under the prevailing circumstances. Impairment may exist in one or more multiple domains, including psychomotor activity and skills, conceptual or factual recall, integrative or synthetic thought processes, judgment, attentiveness, demeanor and attitudes as manifested in speech or actions. Impairment will include addiction to and/or physical dependence upon alcohol or illegal drugs.

- Substance abuse means:
 - the consumption, possession, or distribution of alcohol or illegal drugs by any nursing student while on University or affiliated clinical site premises or while participating in any University (or affiliated clinical site) sponsored or related activity, including any nursing-related course or clinical training activity.
 - a nursing student's use of alcohol or any drug in such a way that the student's performance in any nursing course, including activities at any clinical site, is impaired.
 - Prior to being assigned to a clinical placement and as a prerequisite for placement at any agency or health care facility the nursing student shall sign an agreement:
 - to abide by the drug policies and drug testing policies of the University and each agency or health care facility in which a student is assigned as applicable,
 - to submit to any "for cause" drug testing required by the University and testing required by each agency or health care facility the nursing student obtains clinical hours, and
 - to release a copy of any and all drug test results to the University of Phoenix, Dean/Associate Dean of Nursing, other appropriate University officials, and to any State Board(s) of Nursing in which the student holds a nursing license or certificate, where required by the relevant State Board(s) of Nursing.

Failure to sign such agreement is grounds for refusal for student admission and progression in the program.
 - The College of Nursing requires students to obtain a 10 panel, plus alcohol drug test if the student's behavior in the clinical, classroom or laboratory setting creates facts that give rise to a reasonable suspicion of substance abuse, or indicates they are impaired by alcohol or drugs.
 - If the results of the 10 panel, plus alcohol drug test is negative for alcohol or illegal drugs:
 - The student shall meet with their Campus College Chair, Director of Nursing, or NP Program Manager within 24 hours or by the first business day following the test results to discuss the circumstances surrounding suspected behavior.
 - The Campus College Chair, Director of Nursing, or NP Program Manager will counsel the student regarding return to the classroom and clinical agency. The preliminary investigation will cease and the student will be released from further action at that time.
 - The Campus College Chair, Director of Nursing, or NP Program Manager will arrange for the student to make up the missed clinical hours.
 - If the results of the 10 panel, plus alcohol drug test is positive for alcohol or illegal drugs:
 - A full review by the Office of Dispute Management and Apollo Ethics and Compliance shall be conducted. Students who test positive for alcohol or illegal drugs will not be permitted to return to any clinical setting pending conclusion of the review. The findings may result in student dismissal from the nursing program and expulsion from the University.
 - The results of the positive test for alcohol or illegal drugs shall be reported to the applicable State Board(s) of Nursing, if required by the applicable State Board(s), by the Campus College Chair, Director of Nursing, or NP Program Manager.
 - If the results of the 10 panel, plus alcohol drug test(s) are positive for a prescribed drug(s) but not those that would be defined as illegal in the definitions above:
 - The student shall, within three (3) business days, obtain a written statement from their treating, licensed health care provider (MD, DO, HMD, ND/NMD, NP or PA) stating that:
 - the drug level is within prescribed limits.
 - the level does not indicate abuse.
 - the student's use of the drug as prescribed will not interfere with safe practice in the clinical area.
- This statement must be provided to the Campus College Chair, Director of Nursing, or NP Program Manager. If the statement is approved, then the test result will be deemed acceptable and not failed for these purposes.
- The failure of a student to provide the above statement or a health care provider's inability to provide a statement meeting the requirements above shall be treated as a positive test for an illegal drug.
 - Students who refuse to submit to a "for-cause" drug test will not be allowed to return to any clinical setting pending conclusion of a full review by the Office of Dispute Management and Apollo Ethics and Compliance. The findings may result in dismissal from the nursing program and expulsion from the University. The results of a positive test for illegal drugs as defined herein or a refusal to undergo a required drug test will be reported to the applicable State Board of Nursing where required by the applicable State Board(s) of Nursing's statute(s) or regulation(s).
 - Students must also adhere to any other additional policies prescribed by the clinical agency. It is the sole responsibility of the student to read and acknowledge the requirements of the clinical health care facility in addition to University policy.
 - All costs associated with the drug test, including any transportation costs to or from the drug testing facility, will be the responsibility of the student.
 - University of Phoenix, College of Nursing, campus officials may be required to report all failed drug tests to each State Board of Nursing in which the student holds a nursing license or certificate. Campus officials shall report test results to all applicable State Boards of Nursing as described in the applicable Board's statutes and/or regulations.

Master of Science in Nursing

The following Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program, accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)* enhances the knowledge and skills of registered nurses with baccalaureate-degree preparation. The program prepares nurses for advanced practice to function in leadership roles in practice and educational settings. Advanced nursing theory and research provide the foundation for nurses to influence the future of nursing and health care.

Students complete core courses in advanced nursing content and process, as well as on leadership skills. Specializations assist students to concentrate on developing increased knowledge and/or skills in specific area of content or advanced practice role. Thirty-nine credits are required for completion of the degree.

The MSN program is 39 credits. The course sequence will be completed in the order determined by the University. The University reserves the right to modify and/or resequence the curriculum as necessary. All course work must be completed satisfactorily or be repeated. All courses in which an "F" was earned must be repeated.

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For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/msn>.

MSN Required Course of Study

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

HCS 504	1 credit
Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing	
HCS 587 ~	3 credits
Creating Change Within Organizations	
HCS 571 ~	3 credits
Financial Resource Management	
NUR 513 ~	3 credits
Theoretical Foundations of Practice	
NUR 531 ~	3 credits
Influencing the Future of Nursing and Health Care	
NUR 588 ~	3 credits
Developing and Evaluating Educational Programs	
NUR 590A ~	1 credit
Nursing Practicum-A	
NUR 542 ~	2 credits
Dynamics of Family Systems	
NUR 544 ~	3 credits
Population-Focused Health Care	

NUR 518 ~	3 credits
Analysis of Research Reports	
NUR 587 ~	3 credits
Leadership and Management in Nursing and Health Care	
NUR 590B ~	2 credits
Nursing Practicum-B	
NUR 598 ~	3 credits
Research Utilization Project	
HCS 578 ~	3 credits
Ethical, Legal, and Regulatory Issues in Health Care	
HCS 588 ~	3 credits
Measuring Performance Standards	
The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.	

Nursing Practicum/Clinical Hours for the MSN

The Nursing Practicum allows students the opportunity to apply what they have learned in the program. Students develop learning objectives for the experience and, along with a faculty member and mentor, they achieve the objectives through approved student experiences at selected locations. There is a minimum 60 hours applied practicum clinical experience required. A minimum of 21 graduate credits must be completed before enrollment in the Practicum course. Clinical experiences may focus on leadership, education, or administration. The nursing practicum is intended to serve as a capstone experience that allows the student to integrate graduate level nursing course content to an area of nursing of interest to the student.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MSN

- An undergraduate degree with an upper division major in nursing from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university or comparable undergraduate bachelors degree earned at a recognized foreign institution. If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.
- Nursing students in the state of Florida attending ground based or FlexNet MSN or RN/BSN programs must hold a RN license from the state of Florida for admissions, as mandated by the Florida State Board of Nursing.
- Military and VA nursing students may hold a RN license from any state as ruled by federal guidelines. Clinical placement of military or VA students must be completed in VA or military environments or the student is subject to obtaining a Florida RN license for placement.
- Students residing in the state of Oregon or attending the Oregon campus are required to have an undergraduate degree posted transcript with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Current employment is not a requirement for admission.

- Applicants must reside in the continental United States or in one of the US Territories with documentation of a valid, unrestricted/unencumbered RN license in all states in which the applicant holds an active nursing license. For applicants holding licenses in multiple jurisdictions, all active licenses must be valid, unrestricted/unencumbered through the duration of the program. Applicants from the following territories must also hold a RN license obtained by taking the NCLEX-RN exam:
 - Guam
 - American Samoa
 - Northern Mariana Islands
 - US Virgin Islands

Note: Nurses with a Puerto Rico License must obtain US licensure for admission

- Non-military students who enroll in the MSN program while living in the US and then move outside of the U.S. and its territories must change to the international version of the degree: MSN-I. Students must sign a new Enrollment Agreement for the international version of the degree, and must maintain an active, unencumbered nursing license in the U.S. or its territories. Students must notify their campus representative within thirty (30) days after moving to a new location outside the US, update their profile to reflect the new international address, and must have a nursing license to practice nursing in the country where they are residing for the MSN practicum or contact an Online College representative.
- Signed Criminal Background Check Disclosure
- Signed Acknowledgement of Criminal Conviction Prohibition for Placement and Licensure
- Signed FERPA Release/Drug Test or Failure to Test Results

Additional Academic Progression Requirements for the MSN

- Students enrolling in the MSN bridge program must complete the three MSN bridge courses NUR 403, NUR 443 and NUR 440 with a C or better prior to enrolling in NUR 513 Theoretical Foundations of Practice
- Students must start NUR 590B within 12 months of the completion date of NUR 590A. If the student does not meet that deadline, the student will be required to retake NUR 590A. Any extension request beyond this policy must be submitted to the Student Appeals Center (SAC) for approval.
- Students must hold a valid, unrestricted/unencumbered RN license in all states in which the applicant holds an active nursing license. For students holding licenses in multiple jurisdictions, all active licenses must be valid, unrestricted/unencumbered through the duration of the program.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the MSN

- If students do not pass the bridge courses with a C or better, they will be scholastically disqualified. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement will be allowed to repeat each class once. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt will be Scholastically Suspended and will not be able to continue in the MSN program.
- All MSN and MSN bridge students must complete NUR 598, NUR 590A and NUR 590B with a B or better. Students who do not pass these classes with a grade of B or better will be scholastically disqualified. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement for NUR 598, NUR 590A and/or NUR 590B will be allowed to repeat the class once. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt, will be permanently withdrawn from the program and will be placed on scholastic suspension. Appeals through SAC for readmission to the program will not be accepted by the College of Nursing.

Degree Requirements for the MSN

- Completion of a minimum of 39 credits (48 credits for the MSN bridge).
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
Grades earned in MSN bridge courses are calculated in the MSN grade point average (GPA).
- The diploma awarded for these programs will read as follows:
Master of Science in Nursing

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MSN

Students must meet established University residency requirement for degree conferral. The University requires that the majority of coursework, 30 credits in the required course of study, must be completed at University of Phoenix.

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

- In order to waive a course in the required course of study, the student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:
 - The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university;
 - The course must have been completed within the past five (5) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better; and
 - The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.
- The following courses will not be waived from the degree program: HCS 504, NUR 598, NUR 590A/B

Course Descriptions for the MSN

HCS 504 1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

This course provides new graduate students in the college with an introduction to strategies for success within the University's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives, graduate-level oral and written communication, locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources, and purposes and use of portfolios.

HCS 587 3 credits

Creating Change Within Organizations

Diffusion of innovations models in health care systems use principles of planned change within a dynamic organizational environment. Communication skills, such as negotiation and conflict resolution, help leaders analyze and respond to health care needs while using resources efficiently.

HCS 571 3 credits

Financial Resource Management

Processes of budget preparation, analysis, and monitoring are essential for analyzing the financial performance of an organization, service, or system. Concepts of financial accounting and reporting, as well as basic economic principles, are applied. Students use budgetary and economic concepts and principles for financial decision-making for a health care service or unit.

NUR 513 3 credits

Theoretical Foundations of Practice

This course focuses on the critical components of contemporary nursing knowledge, including concepts, statements, metaparadigms, philosophies, conceptual models, and theories. Students evaluate the variety of ways to organize nursing knowledge and explore the implications of their application. Through the clinical application of the course content, students examine the use of theory and nursing knowledge in professional environments.

NUR 531 3 credits

Influencing the Future of Nursing and Health Care

The role of advanced practice nurses in today's health care environment provides numerous opportunities and responsibilities. Nursing's potential for improving the health of individuals, families, groups, and communities is examined. Strategies for involvement in shaping health care policy are developed.

NUR 588 3 credits

Developing and Evaluating Educational Programs

Identifying learning needs provides the foundation for designing health care educational programs for individuals, families, groups, or communities. Students select and develop teaching strategies and explore ways of monitoring and evaluating teaching methods and learner outcomes. Roles of educators in organizations, communities, and higher education settings are examined.

NUR 590A 1 credit

Nursing Practicum-A

This capstone course is designed to provide students with opportunities to integrate and apply previously learned knowledge and skills in a 60-hour practicum. Students develop specific learning objectives that are approved by faculty. Objectives are achieved as a result of working with a nurse mentor and various experts during the practicum.

NUR 542 2 credits

Dynamics of Family Systems

Family systems theories and models are used to understand the impact of nuclear families on professional and personal relationships, as well as on society. These theories and models are used as well to develop strategies for promoting and monitoring the health of families.

NUR 544 3 credits

Population-Focused Health Care

Theories, principles, and strategies of population-based health care are used to design, implement, and evaluate services and plans of care to promote, maintain, and restore health in a defined population. Students focus on population aggregates in structured or unstructured settings across care environments. Strategies to evaluate health outcomes and costs of care are emphasized.

NUR 518 3 credits

Analysis of Research Reports

Evidence-based practice relies upon analyzing the scientific merit of nursing research reports and integrating the results from valid studies into care. Published reports using quantitative and qualitative methods are examined to determine the validity of study findings and their readiness for implementation into practice. Ethics in research is also considered.

NUR 587 3 credits

Leadership and Management in Nursing and Health Care

Ways of using leadership and management concepts, principles, theories, and models in advanced nursing practice and executive roles are explored. Skills that facilitate collaborative relationships and decisions consistent with stewardship of resources are examined. Students articulate a personal vision of leadership and ways of providing direction within today's complex health care system.

NUR 590B 2 credits

Nursing Practicum-B

This capstone course is designed to provide students with opportunities to integrate and apply previously learned knowledge and skills in a 60-hour practicum. Students develop specific learning objectives that are approved by faculty. Objectives are achieved as a result of working with a nurse mentor and various experts during the practicum.

NUR 598 3 credits

Research Utilization Project

This is a graduate research course that focuses on the use of a body of nursing knowledge and scientific knowledge in the nursing practice setting. Students develop a proposal to address a problem or concern in the nursing practice, propose a evidence-based solution, develop an implementation and evaluation plan, and describe implementation strategies for the proposed solution.

HCS 578 3 credits

Ethical, Legal, and Regulatory Issues in Health Care

Ethical principles and decision making models are used to address and understand complex health care issues. Legal concepts and regulatory agency and other public policies influence the direction and financing of health care.

HCS 588.....3 credits

Measuring Performance Standards

Quality improvement initiatives rely upon data from monitoring program implementation and evaluating program outcomes to determine achievement of program objectives. The processes of developing and revising monitoring and outcome measures are used to help determine progress toward meeting accreditation and regulatory standards.

NUR 403.....3 credits

Theories and Models of Nursing Practice

This course is designed to focus baccalaureate students on the behaviors, attitudes, and values necessary for theory-based professional nursing practice. Concepts of professional nursing are presented within the unifying framework of Jean Watson's Theory of Human Caring.

NUR 443.....3 credits

Evidence-Based Nursing Research and Practice

This course will focus on current review of nursing research literature and research utilization through evidence-based practice. Three areas of research competencies will be examined which include interpreting and using research in nursing practice, evaluating research, and conducting research.

NUR 440.....3 credits

Health Assessment and Promotion for Vulnerable Population

This course is designed to assist professional nurses in developing interviewing skills, refinement of physical assessment techniques, and preventative health interventions when working with diverse and vulnerable populations. The importance of therapeutic communication in performing a health assessment is emphasized.

Master of Science in Nursing/International

The following Master of Nursing/International (MSN/I) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Master of Science in Nursing/International program enhances the knowledge and skills of registered nurses with baccalaureate degree preparation. The program prepares advanced practice nurses to function in leadership roles in practice and educational settings. Advanced nursing theory and research provide the foundation for nurses to influence the future of nursing and health care. Students complete core courses in advanced nursing content and process, as well as on leadership skills. Specializations assist students to concentrate on developing increased knowledge and/or skills in a specific area of content or advanced practice role. Thirty-nine credits are required for completion of the degree. This degree is intended for non-US residents and does not prepare the students for U.S. licensure.

**Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).*

MSN/I Required Course of Study

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

HCS 504.....1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

NUR 513 ~.....3 credits

Theoretical Foundations of Practice

NUR 518 ~.....3 credits

Analysis of Research Reports

HCS 571 ~.....3 credits

Financial Resource Management

NUR 531 ~.....3 credits

Influencing the Future of Nursing and Health Care

NUR 588 ~.....3 credits

Developing and Evaluating Educational Programs

HCS 587 ~.....3 credits

Creating Change within Organizations

NUR 544 ~.....3 credits

Population-focused Health Care

NUR 590A ~.....1 credit

Nursing Practicum - A

NUR 587 ~.....3 credits

Leadership and Management in Nursing and Health Care

NUR 542 ~.....2 credits

Dynamics of Family Systems

NUR 598 ~.....3 credits

Research Utilization Project

NUR 590B ~.....2 credits

Nursing Practicum - B

HCS 588 ~.....3 credits

Measuring Performance Standards

HCS 578 ~.....3 credits

Ethical, Legal and Regulatory Issues in Health Care

The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.

Nursing Practicum/Clinical Hours

The Nursing Practicum allows students the opportunity to apply what they have learned in the program. Students develop learning objectives for the experience and, along with a faculty member and mentor, they achieve the objectives through approved student experiences at selected locations. There is a minimum 60 hours applied practicum clinical experience required. A minimum of 21 graduate credits must be completed before enrollment in the Practicum course. Clinical experiences may focus on leadership, education, or administration. The nursing practicum is intended to serve as a capstone experience that allows the student to integrate graduate level nursing course content to an area of nursing of interest to the student.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MSN/I

- Applicants must be residents outside of the United States or approved US Territories. Applicants residing in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico must enroll in the International version. Program will be offered only through the Online Campus.

Students residing in Canada must enroll in International version, unless they have a valid, unrestricted, unencumbered RN license from the United States.

All Canadian students must complete the Canadian License Verification Form and submit documentation of a valid, unrestricted, unencumbered RN license.

All students, with the exception of students residing in Canada, will be required to validate their International Nursing License equivalency by CGFNS (Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools) or ICD (International Consultants of Delaware) for RN equivalency.

Nurses with a Puerto Rico License must obtain US licensure for admission

- An undergraduate degree with an upper division major in nursing from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution. If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission
- Current employment is not a requirement for admission.
- A signed Foreign Nursing Memo of Understanding.
- Signed Criminal Background Check Disclosure
- Signed Acknowledgement of Criminal Conviction Prohibition for Placement and Licensure
- Signed FERPA Release/Drug Test or Failure to Test Results

Degree Requirements for the MSN/I

The degree requirements for this program are the following:

- Completion of a minimum of 39 credits.
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- The diploma awarded for this program will read as follows:
Master of Science in Nursing

Additional Academic Progression Requirements for the MSN/I

- Students must start NUR 590B within 12 months of the completion date of NUR 590A. If the student does not meet that deadline, the student will be required to retake NUR 590A. Any extension request beyond this policy must be submitted to the Student Appeals Center (SAC) for approval.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the MSN/I

- All MSN students must complete NUR 598, NUR 590A and NUR 590B with a B or better. Students who do not pass these classes with a grade of B or better will be scholastically disqualified. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement for NUR 598, NUR 590A and/or NUR 590B will be allowed to repeat each class once. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt, will be permanently withdrawn from the program and will be placed on scholastic suspension. Appeals through SAC for readmission to the program will not be accepted by the College of Nursing.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MSN/I

Students must meet established University residency requirement for degree conferral. The University requires that the majority of coursework, 30 credits in the Required Course of Study, must be completed at University of Phoenix.

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

In order to waive a course in the required course of study, students must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed and transcribed from a regionally accredited, or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university,
- The course must have been completed within the past five (5) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better; and
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

The following courses will not be waived from the degree program: HCS 504, NUR 598, NUR 590A, NUR 590B

Course Descriptions for the MSN/I

HCS 504 1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

This course provides new graduate students in the college with an introduction to strategies for success within the University's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives, graduate-level oral and written communication, locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources, and purposes and use of portfolios.

NUR 513..... 3 credits

Theoretical Foundations of Practice

This course focuses on the critical components of contemporary nursing knowledge, including concepts, statements, metaphors, paradigms, philosophies, conceptual models, and theories. Students evaluate the variety of ways to organize nursing knowledge and explore the implications of their application. Through the clinical application of the course content, students examine the use of theory and nursing knowledge in professional environments.

NUR 5183 credits

Analysis of Research Reports

Evidence-based practice relies upon analyzing the scientific merit of nursing research reports and integrating the results from valid studies into care. Published reports using quantitative and qualitative methods are examined to determine the validity of study findings and their readiness for implementation into practice. Ethics in research is also considered.

HCS 5713 credits

Financial Resource Management

Processes of budget preparation, analysis, and monitoring are essential for analyzing the financial performance of an organization, service, or system. Concepts of financial accounting and reporting, as well as basic economic principles, are applied. Students use budgetary and economic concepts and principles for financial decision-making for a health care service or unit.

NUR 5313 credits

Influencing the Future of Nursing and Health Care

The role of advanced practice nurses in today's health care environment provides numerous opportunities and responsibilities. Nursing's potential for improving the health of individuals, families, groups, and communities is examined. Strategies for involvement in shaping health care policy are developed.

NUR 5883 credits

Developing and Evaluating Educational Programs

Identifying learning needs provides the foundation for designing health care educational programs for individuals, families, groups, or communities. Students select and develop teaching strategies and explore ways of monitoring and evaluating teaching methods and learner outcomes. Roles of educators in organizations, communities, and higher education settings are examined.

HCS 5873 credits

Creating Change Within Organizations

Diffusion of innovations models in health care systems use principles of planned change within a dynamic organizational environment. Communication skills, such as negotiation and conflict resolution, help leaders analyze and respond to health care needs while using resources efficiently.

NUR 5443 credits

Population-Focused Health Care

Theories, principles, and strategies of population-based health care are used to design, implement, and evaluate services and plans of care to promote, maintain, and restore health in a defined population. Students focus on population aggregates in structured or unstructured settings across care environments. Strategies to evaluate health outcomes and costs of care are emphasized.

NUR 590A1 credit

Nursing Practicum-A

This capstone course is designed to provide students with opportunities to integrate and apply previously learned knowledge and skills in a 60-hour practicum. Students develop specific learning objectives that are approved by faculty. Objectives are achieved as a result of working with a nurse mentor and various experts during the practicum.

NUR 5873 credits

Leadership and Management in Nursing and Health Care

Ways of using leadership and management concepts, principles, theories, and models in advanced nursing practice and executive roles are explored. Skills that facilitate collaborative relationships and decisions consistent with stewardship of resources are examined. Students articulate a personal vision of leadership and ways of providing direction within today's complex health care system.

NUR 5422 credits

Dynamics of Family Systems

Family systems theories and models are used to understand the impact of nuclear families on professional and personal relationships, as well as on society. These theories and models are used as well to develop strategies for promoting and monitoring the health of families.

NUR 5983 credits

Research Utilization Project

This is a graduate research course that focuses on the use of a body of nursing knowledge and scientific knowledge in the nursing practice setting. Students develop a proposal to address a problem or concern in the nursing practice, propose a evidence-based solution, develop an implementation and evaluation plan, and describe implementation strategies for the proposed solution.

NUR 590B2 credits

Nursing Practicum-B

This capstone course is designed to provide students with opportunities to integrate and apply previously learned knowledge and skills in a 60-hour practicum. Students develop specific learning objectives that are approved by faculty. Objectives are achieved as a result of working with a nurse mentor and various experts during the practicum.

HCS 5883 credits

Measuring Performance Standards

Quality improvement initiatives rely upon data from monitoring program implementation and evaluating program outcomes to determine achievement of program objectives. The processes of developing and revising monitoring and outcome measures are used to help determine progress toward meeting accreditation and regulatory standards.

HCS 5783 credits

Ethical, Legal, and Regulatory Issues in Health Care

Ethical principles and decision making models are used to address and understand complex health care issues. Legal concepts and regulatory agency and other public policies influence the direction and financing of health care.

Master of Science in Nursing/Specialization in Nursing/Health Care Education

The following Master of Science in Nursing/Specialization in Nursing/Healthcare Education (MSN/ED) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program, accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)*, enhances the knowledge and skills of registered nurses with baccalaureate-degree preparation. The program prepares advanced practice nurses to function in leadership roles in practice and educational settings. Advanced nursing theory and research provide the foundation for nurses to influence the future of nursing and health care.

Students complete core courses in advanced nursing content and process, as well as on leadership skills. Specializations assist students to concentrate on developing increased knowledge and/or skills in a specific area of content or advanced practice role. Forty-two credits are required for completion of the degree.

This course series is designed for nursing and health care professionals interested in pursuing or advancing in careers as faculty in higher educational settings. Those with no background in higher education receive a strong foundation for the many dimensions of the faculty role. Current educators can update or expand their knowledge in curriculum development, assessment and evaluation, and instructional strategies.

This credit-bearing specialization is also available as a certificate program for post-baccalaureate students. The four courses in the education specialization/certificate program are available at campuses offering nursing or health care degree programs using on ground and/or flexnet delivery, as well as through the online campus.

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For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/msn-ed>.

MSN/ED Required Course of Study

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

HCS 504	1 credit
Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing	
NUR 513 ~	3 credits
Theoretical Foundations of Practice	
NUR 518 ~	3 credits
Analysis of Research Reports	
NUR 531 ~	3 credits
Influencing the Future of Nursing and Health Care	
HCS 587 ~	3 credits
Creating Change Within Organizations	

NUR 544 ~	3 credits
Population-Focused Health Care	
HSN 544 ~	3 credits
Design and Process of Curriculum Development	
HCS 571 ~	3 credits
Financial Resource Management	
NUR 590A ~	1 credit
Nursing Practicum - A	
NUR 587 ~	3 credits
Leadership and Management in Nursing and Health Care	
NUR 542 ~	2 credits
Dynamics of Family Systems	
NUR 598 ~	3 credits
Research Utilization Project	
NUR 590B ~	2 credits
Nursing Practicum - B	
HSN 548	3 credits
Role of the Health Care/Nursing Educator	
HSN 540 ~	3 credits
Teaching and Learning Strategies	
HSN 552 ~	3 credits
Assessment and Evaluation of Learning	
The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.	

Nursing Practicum/Clinical Hours

The Nursing Practicum allows students the opportunity to apply what they have learned in the program. Students develop learning objectives for the experience and, along with a faculty member and mentor, they achieve the objectives through approved student experiences at selected locations. There is a minimum 60 hours applied practicum clinical experience required. A minimum of 21 graduate credits must be completed before enrollment in the Practicum course. Clinical experiences may focus on leadership, education, or administration. The nursing practicum is intended to serve as a capstone experience that allows the student to integrate graduate level nursing course content to an area of nursing of interest to the student.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MSN/ED

- An undergraduate degree with an upper division major in nursing from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university or comparable undergraduate bachelor's degree earned at a recognized foreign institution. If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.
- Nursing students in the state of Florida attending ground based or FlexNet MSN or RN/BSN programs must hold a RN license from the state of Florida for admissions, as mandated by the Florida State Board of Nursing.

- Military and VA nursing students may hold a RN license from any state as ruled by federal guidelines. Clinical placement of military or VA students must be completed in VA or military environments or the student is subject to obtaining a Florida RN license for placement.
- Students residing in the state of Oregon or attending the Oregon campus are required to have an undergraduate degree posted transcript with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Current employment is not a requirement for admission.
- Applicants must reside in the continental United States or in one of the US Territories with documentation of a valid, unrestricted/unencumbered RN license in all states in which the applicant holds an active nursing license. For applicants holding licenses in multiple jurisdictions, all active licenses must be valid, unrestricted/unencumbered through the duration of the program. Applicants from the following territories must also hold a RN license obtained by taking the NCLEX-RN exam:
 - Guam
 - American Samoa
 - Northern Mariana Islands
 - US Virgin Islands

Note: Nurses with a Puerto Rico License must obtain US licensure for admission

- Non-military students who enroll in the MSN program while living in the US and then move outside of the U.S. and its territories must change to the international version of the degree: MSN-I. Students must sign a new Enrollment Agreement for the international version of the degree, and must maintain an active, unencumbered nursing license in the U.S. or its territories. Students must notify their campus representative within thirty (30) days after moving to a new location outside the US, update their profile to reflect the new international address, and must have a nursing license to practice nursing in the country where they are residing for the MSN practicum or contact an Online College representative.
- Signed Criminal Background Check Disclosure
- Signed Acknowledgement of Criminal Conviction Prohibition for Placement and Licensure
- Signed FERPA Release/Drug Test or Failure to Test Results

Additional Academic Progression Requirements for the MSN/ED

- Students enrolling in the MSN/ED bridge program must complete the three MSN bridge courses NUR 403, NUR 443 and NUR 440 with a C or better prior to enrolling in NUR 513 Theoretical Foundations of Practice.
- Students must start NUR 590B within 12 months of the completion date of NUR 590A. If the student does not meet that deadline, the student will be required to retake NUR 590A. Any extension request beyond this policy must be submitted to the Student Appeals Center (SAC) for approval.
- Students must hold a valid, unrestricted/unencumbered RN license in all states in which the applicant holds an active nursing license. For students holding licenses in multiple jurisdictions, all active licenses must be valid, unrestricted/unencumbered through the duration of the program.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the MSN/ED

- Students in this program are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) in the following courses: HSN 540, HSN 544, HSN 548, HSN 552. A "C-" grade is not acceptable. Students who fail to receive a minimum grade of "C" will be scholastically disqualified from the University.
- If students do not pass the bridge courses with a C or better, they will be scholastically disqualified. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement will be allowed to repeat each class once. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt will be Scholastically Suspended and will not be able to continue in the MSN program.
- Students who have been scholastically disqualified will not be allowed to continue in their degree program until they have retaken the course which placed them on scholastic disqualification, satisfied the grade requirement, and fulfilled any additional criteria for reentry, as determined by the faculty member and the Campus College Chair or appropriate Dean.
- All MSN and MSN bridge students must complete NUR 598, NUR 590A and NUR 590B with a B or better. Students who do not pass these classes with a grade of B or better will be scholastically disqualified. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement for NUR 598, NUR 590A and/or NUR 590B will be allowed to repeat the class once. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt, will be permanently withdrawn from the program and will be placed on scholastic suspension. Appeals through SAC for readmission to the program will not be accepted by the College of Nursing.

Degree Requirements for the MSN/ED

- Completion of a minimum of 42 credits (51 credits for MSN/ED bridge).
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
Grades earned in MSN/ED bridge courses are calculated in the MSN/ED grade point average (GPA).
- The diploma awarded for these programs will read as follows: Master of Science in Nursing and will not reflect the Specialization. Specializations are reflected on the transcript only.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MSN/ED

Students must meet established University residency requirement for degree conferral. The University requires that the majority of coursework, 33 credits in the Required Course of Study, must be completed at University of Phoenix.

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

- In order to waive a course in the required course of study, students must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:
 - The course must have been completed and transcribed from a regionally accredited, or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.

- The course must have been completed within the past five (5) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better; and
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

The following courses will not be waived from the degree program: HCS 504, NUR 598, NUR 590A, NUR 590B

Course Descriptions for the MSN/ED

HCS 504 1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

This course provides new graduate students in the college with an introduction to strategies for success within the University's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives, graduate-level oral and written communication, locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources, and purposes and use of portfolios.

NUR 513..... 3 credits

Theoretical Foundations of Practice

This course focuses on the critical components of contemporary nursing knowledge, including concepts, statements, metaparadigms, philosophies, conceptual models, and theories. Students evaluate the variety of ways to organize nursing knowledge and explore the implications of their application. Through the clinical application of the course content, students examine the use of theory and nursing knowledge in professional environments.

NUR 518..... 3 credits

Analysis of Research Reports

Evidence-based practice relies upon analyzing the scientific merit of nursing research reports and integrating the results from valid studies into care. Published reports using quantitative and qualitative methods are examined to determine the validity of study findings and their readiness for implementation into practice. Ethics in research is also considered.

NUR 531..... 3 credits

Influencing the Future of Nursing and Health Care

The role of advanced practice nurses in today's health care environment provides numerous opportunities and responsibilities. Nursing's potential for improving the health of individuals, families, groups, and communities is examined. Strategies for involvement in shaping health care policy are developed.

HCS 587 3 credits

Creating Change Within Organizations

Diffusion of innovations models in health care systems use principles of planned change within a dynamic organizational environment. Communication skills, such as negotiation and conflict resolution, help leaders analyze and respond to health care needs while using resources efficiently.

NUR 544..... 3 credits

Population-Focused Health Care

Theories, principles, and strategies of population-based health care are used to design, implement, and evaluate services and plans of care to promote, maintain, and restore health in a defined population. Students focus on population aggregates in structured or unstructured settings across care environments. Strategies to evaluate health outcomes and costs of care are emphasized.

HSN 544..... 3 credits

Design and Process of Curriculum Development

Development of curriculum for programs in higher education settings are examined. This course focuses on curriculum planning and design, as well as development of individual courses and their relationship to program mission, objectives, and outcomes.

HCS 571 3 credits

Financial Resource Management

Processes of budget preparation, analysis, and monitoring are essential for analyzing the financial performance of an organization, service, or system. Concepts of financial accounting and reporting, as well as basic economic principles, are applied. Students use budgetary and economic concepts and principles for financial decision-making for a health care service or unit.

NUR 590A 1 credit

Nursing Practicum-A

This capstone course is designed to provide students with opportunities to integrate and apply previously learned knowledge and skills in a 60-hour practicum. Students develop specific learning objectives that are approved by faculty. Objectives are achieved as a result of working with a nurse mentor and various experts during the practicum.

NUR 587..... 3 credits

Leadership and Management in Nursing and Health Care

Ways of using leadership and management concepts, principles, theories, and models in advanced nursing practice and executive roles are explored. Skills that facilitate collaborative relationships and decisions consistent with stewardship of resources are examined. Students articulate a personal vision of leadership and ways of providing direction within today's complex health care system.

NUR 542..... 2 credits

Dynamics of Family Systems

Family systems theories and models are used to understand the impact of nuclear families on professional and personal relationships, as well as on society. These theories and models are used as well to develop strategies for promoting and monitoring the health of families.

NUR 598..... 3 credits

Research Utilization Project

This is a graduate research course that focuses on the use of a body of nursing knowledge and scientific knowledge in the nursing practice setting. Students develop a proposal to address a problem or concern in the nursing practice, propose an evidence-based solution, develop an implementation and evaluation plan, and describe implementation strategies for the proposed solution.

NUR 590B2 credits
Nursing Practicum-B

This capstone course is designed to provide students with opportunities to integrate and apply previously learned knowledge and skills in a 60-hour practicum. Students develop specific learning objectives that are approved by faculty. Objectives are achieved as a result of working with a nurse mentor and various experts during the practicum.

HSN 5483 credits
Role of the Health Care/Nursing Educator

Responsibilities of faculty within various higher education settings are explored. Trends and issues that impact the educator role within changing health care and educational environments are discussed. Topics such as technological, legal, ethical, and professional dynamics are included.

HSN 5403 credits
Teaching and Learning Strategies

This course will focus on the concepts of learning, cognitive, and psychomotor learning, and the principles of adult learning. Selection and development of teaching strategies that enhance and facilitate learning will be explored.

HSN 5523 credits
Assessment and Evaluation of Learning

Methods of assessing learning in higher education are analyzed and applied in different learning situations. Processes and problems related to course learning assessments as well as evaluating programmatic outcomes are examined. Designing measures to evaluate learner and curricular outcomes are addressed.

NUR 4033 credits
Theories and Models of Nursing Practice

This course is designed to focus baccalaureate students on the behaviors, attitudes, and values necessary for theory-based professional nursing practice. Concepts of professional nursing are presented within the unifying framework of Jean Watson's Theory of Human Caring.

NUR 4433 credits
Evidence-Based Nursing Research and Practice

This course will focus on current review of nursing research literature and research utilization through evidence-based practice. Three areas of research competencies will be examined which include interpreting and using research in nursing practice, evaluating research, and conducting research.

NUR 4403 credits
Health Assessment and Promotion for Vulnerable Population

This course is designed to assist professional nurses in developing interviewing skills, refinement of physical assessment techniques, and preventative health interventions when working with diverse and vulnerable populations. The importance of therapeutic communication in performing a health assessment is emphasized.

Master of Science in Nursing/Specialization in Informatics

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The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program, accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)*, enhances the knowledge and skills of registered nurses with baccalaureate-degree preparation. The program prepares advanced practice nurses to function in leadership roles in practice and educational settings. Advanced nursing theory and research provide the foundation for nurses to influence the future of nursing and health care. Students complete core courses in advanced nursing content and process, as well as on leadership skills. Specializations assist students to concentrate on developing increased knowledge and/or skills in a specific area of content or advanced practice role. Thirty-nine credits are required for completion of the degree. * For more information about accreditation, please contact CCNE at One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036-1120; (202)887-6791.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/msn-inf>.

MSN/INF Required Course of Study

Courses requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

HCS 504.....	1 credit
Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing	
NUR 513 ~	3 credits
Theoretical Foundations of Practice	
NUR 518 ~	3 credits
Analysis of Research Reports	
NUR 531 ~	3 credits
Influencing the Future of Nursing and Health Care	
HCS 587 ~	3 credits
Creating Change Within Organizations	
NUR 544 ~	3 credits
Population-Focused Health Care	
NUR 590A ~	1 credit
Nursing Practicum - A	
HCS 571 ~	3 credits
Financial Resource Management	
NUR 587 ~	3 credits
Leadership and Management in Nursing and Health Care	
NUR 542 ~	2 credits
Dynamics of Family Systems	
NUR 598 ~	3 credits
Research Utilization Project	

NUR 590B ~	2 credits
Nursing Practicum - B	
HCI 500 ~	3 credits
Concepts of Health Care Informatics	
HCI 510 ~	3 credits
Systems Life Cycle	
HCI 520 ~	3 credits
Data Management and Design	
The University reserves the right to modify the required course of study.	

Additional Admission Requirements for the MSN/INF

- An undergraduate degree with an upper division major in nursing from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university or comparable undergraduate bachelors degree earned at a recognized foreign institution. If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.
- Current employment is not a requirement for admission.
- Applicants must reside in the continental United States or in one of the US Territories with documentation of a valid, unrestricted/unencumbered RN license in all states in which the applicant holds an active nursing license. For applicants holding licenses in multiple jurisdictions, all active licenses must be valid, unrestricted/unencumbered through the duration of the program. Applicants from the following territories must also hold a RN license obtained by taking the NCLEX-RN exam:
 - Guam
 - American Samoa
 - Northern Mariana Islands
 - US Virgin Islands

Note: Nurses with a Puerto Rico License must obtain US licensure for admission

- Non-military students who enroll in the MSN program while living in the US and then move outside of the U.S. and its territories must change to the international version of the degree: MSN-I. Students must sign a new Enrollment Agreement for the international version of the degree, and must maintain an active, unencumbered nursing license in the U.S. or its territories. Students must notify their campus representative within thirty (30) days after moving to a new location outside the US, update their profile to reflect the new international address, and must have a nursing license to practice nursing in the country where they are residing for the MSN practicum or contact an Online College representative.
- Signed Criminal Background Check Disclosure
- Signed Acknowledgement of Criminal Conviction Prohibition for Placement and Licensure
- Signed FERPA Release/Drug Test or Failure to Test Results

- Nursing students in the state of Florida attending ground based or FlexNet MSN or RN/BSN programs must hold a RN license from the state of Florida for admissions, as mandated by the Florida State Board of Nursing.
- Military and VA nursing students may hold a RN license from any state as ruled by federal guidelines. Clinical placement of military or VA students must be completed in VA or military environments or the student is subject to obtaining a Florida RN license for placement.
- Students residing in the state of Oregon or attending the Oregon campus are required to have an undergraduate degree posted transcript with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.

Additional Academic Progression Requirements for the MSN/INF

- Students enrolling in the MSN bridge program must complete the three MSN bridge courses NUR 403, NUR 443 and NUR 440 with a C or better prior to enrolling in NUR 513 Theoretical Foundations of Practice.
- Students must start NUR 590B within 12 months of the completion date of NUR 590A. If the student does not meet that deadline, the student will be required to retake NUR 590A. Any extension request beyond this policy must be submitted to the Student Appeals Center (SAC) for approval.
- Students must hold a valid, unrestricted/unencumbered RN license in all states in which the applicant holds an active nursing license. For students holding licenses in multiple jurisdictions, all active licenses must be valid, unrestricted/unencumbered through the duration of the program.

Minimum Grade Requirements for the MSN/INF

- If students do not pass the bridge courses with a C or better, they will be scholastically disqualified. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement will be allowed to repeat each class once. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt will be Scholastically Suspended and will not be able to continue in the MSN program.
- All MSN and MSN bridge students must complete NUR 598, NUR 590A and NUR 590B with a B or better. Students who do not pass these classes with a grade of B or better will be scholastically disqualified. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement for NUR 598, NUR 590A and/or NUR 590B will be allowed to repeat the class once. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt, will be permanently withdrawn from the program and will be placed on scholastic suspension. Appeals through SAC for readmission to the program will not be accepted by the College of Nursing.

Degree Requirements for the MSN/INF

- Completion of a minimum of 39 credits (48 credits for MSN/INF bridge).
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
Grades earned in MSN/INF bridge courses are calculated in the MSN/INF grade point average (GPA).
- The diploma awarded for this program will read as follows: Master of Science in Nursing and will not reflect the Specialization. Specializations are reflected on the transcript only.

Residency Requirements and Course Waivers for the MSN/INF

- Students must meet established University residency requirement for degree conferral. The University requires that the majority of coursework, 30 credits in the Required Course of Study, must be completed at University of Phoenix.
- Students in this program may waive a maximum of 9 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.
- In order to be granted a waiver with credit for a course in the Required Course of Study, a student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:
 - The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.
 - The course must have been completed within the past five (5) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better.
 - The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.
- The following courses in the Required Course of Study may not be waived: HCS 504, NUR 590A, NUR 590B, NUR 598

Course Descriptions for the MSN/INF

HCS 504.....1 credit

Introduction to Graduate Study in Health Sciences/Nursing

This course provides new graduate students in the college with an introduction to strategies for success within the University's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives, graduate-level oral and written communication, locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources, and purposes and use of portfolios.

NUR 5133 credits

Theoretical Foundations of Practice

This course focuses on the critical components of contemporary nursing knowledge, including concepts, statements, metaphors, paradigms, philosophies, conceptual models, and theories. Students evaluate the variety of ways to organize nursing knowledge and explore the implications of their application. Through the clinical application of the course content, students examine the use of theory and nursing knowledge in professional environments.

NUR 5183 credits

Analysis of Research Reports

Evidence-based practice relies upon analyzing the scientific merit of nursing research reports and integrating the results from valid studies into care. Published reports using quantitative and qualitative methods are examined to determine the validity of study findings and their readiness for implementation into practice. Ethics in research is also considered.

NUR 5313 credits

Influencing the Future of Nursing and Health Care

The role of advanced practice nurses in today's health care environment provides numerous opportunities and responsibilities. Nursing's potential for improving the health of individuals, families, groups, and communities is examined. Strategies for involvement in shaping health care policy are developed.

HCS 5873 credits

Creating Change Within Organizations

Diffusion of innovations models in health care systems use principles of planned change within a dynamic organizational environment. Communication skills, such as negotiation and conflict resolution, help leaders analyze and respond to health care needs while using resources efficiently.

NUR 5443 credits

Population-Focused Health Care

Theories, principles, and strategies of population-based health care are used to design, implement, and evaluate services and plans of care to promote, maintain, and restore health in a defined population. Students focus on population aggregates in structured or unstructured settings across care environments. Strategies to evaluate health outcomes and costs of care are emphasized.

NUR 590A1 credit

Nursing Practicum-A

This capstone course is designed to provide students with opportunities to integrate and apply previously learned knowledge and skills in a 60-hour practicum. Students develop specific learning objectives that are approved by faculty. Objectives are achieved as a result of working with a nurse mentor and various experts during the practicum.

HCS 5713 credits

Financial Resource Management

Processes of budget preparation, analysis, and monitoring are essential for analyzing the financial performance of an organization, service, or system. Concepts of financial accounting and reporting, as well as basic economic principles, are applied. Students use budgetary and economic concepts and principles for financial decision-making for a health care service or unit.

NUR 5873 credits

Leadership and Management in Nursing and Health Care

Ways of using leadership and management concepts, principles, theories, and models in advanced nursing practice and executive roles are explored. Skills that facilitate collaborative relationships and decisions consistent with stewardship of resources are examined. Students articulate a personal vision of leadership and ways of providing direction within today's complex health care system.

NUR 542..... 2 credits

Dynamics of Family Systems

Family systems theories and models are used to understand the impact of nuclear families on professional and personal relationships, as well as on society. These theories and models are used as well to develop strategies for promoting and monitoring the health of families.

NUR 598..... 3 credits

Research Utilization Project

This is a graduate research course that focuses on the use of a body of nursing knowledge and scientific knowledge in the nursing practice setting. Students develop a proposal to address a problem or concern in the nursing practice, propose a evidence-based solution, develop an implementation and evaluation plan, and describe implementation strategies for the proposed solution.

NUR 590B 2 credits

Nursing Practicum-B

This capstone course is designed to provide students with opportunities to integrate and apply previously learned knowledge and skills in a 60-hour practicum. Students develop specific learning objectives that are approved by faculty. Objectives are achieved as a result of working with a nurse mentor and various experts during the practicum.

HCI 500 3 credits

Concepts of Health Care Informatics

This course will introduce the student to the basic concepts of health care informatics and health information management. It will build on a historical foundation of informatics and roles of the informatics specialist.

HCI 510 3 credits

Systems Life Cycle

This course will focus on the selection and implementation of an information system within a health facility. The course will review the phases of the life cycle: planning, analysis, design, implementation and evaluation.

HCI 520 3 credits

Data Management and Design

This course will provide an overview of the understanding of how data, information and knowledge provides the foundation for healthcare information systems. The course will focus on the concepts of information and knowledge in relation to databases, systems operations and information systems.

NUR 403..... 3 credits

Theories and Models of Nursing Practice

This course is designed to focus baccalaureate students on the behaviors, attitudes, and values necessary for theory-based professional nursing practice. Concepts of professional nursing are presented within the unifying framework of Jean Watson's Theory of Human Caring.

NUR 443..... 3 credits

Evidence-Based Nursing Research and Practice

This course will focus on current review of nursing research literature and research utilization through evidence-based practice. Three areas of research competencies will be examined which include interpreting and using research in nursing practice, evaluating research, and conducting research.

NUR 440..... 3 credits

Health Assessment and Promotion for Vulnerable Population

This course is designed to assist professional nurses in developing interviewing skills, refinement of physical assessment techniques, and preventative health interventions when working with diverse and vulnerable populations. The importance of therapeutic communication in performing a health assessment is emphasized.

Masters of Science in Nursing and Master of Business Administration/Health Care Management

The following Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Business Administration/Health Care Management (MSN/MBA/HC) program may be offered at these University of Phoenix campus locations: Online, depending on state of residence. The availability of programs and concentrations depend on student demand and other factors. Not all programs may be available to all residents of all states. Students may want to consider completing certain courses in the Online classroom at Online rates if the program is available via the Online modality in their state. Please contact your enrollment advisor for more information.

The MSN/MBA/HC dual degree program is designed to provide nurses with a unique blend of advanced nursing and business management skills needed to manage today's innovative health care delivery systems. The program combines essentials from both degree programs to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enhance and support patient services. The MBA/HC program emphasizes the identification, analysis, and solution of complex management problems that require technical understanding and balanced decision making.

The MSN program blends nursing theory with advanced practice concepts necessary to successfully work within the structure, culture, and mission of any size health care organization or educational setting.

The MSN/MBA/HC program is 65 credits. All course work and clinical requirements must be completed satisfactorily, or be repeated.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.phoenix.edu/programs/msn-mba-hc>.

MSN/MBA/HC Required Course of Study

Course requiring prerequisites are identified by a ~ symbol following the course number.

Management, 3 total credits

MGT 521 3 credits
Management

Organizational Leadership, 3 total credits

LDR 531 ~ 3 credits
Organizational Leadership

Business Law, 3 total credits

LAW 531 ~ 3 credits
Business Law

Quantitative Reasoning for Business, 3 total credits

QRB 501 ~ 3 credits
Quantitative Reasoning for Business

Economics, 3 total credits

ECO 561 ~3 credits
Economics

Accounting, 3 total credits

ACC 561 ~3 credits
Accounting

Corporate Finance, 3 total credits

FIN 571 ~3 credits
Corporate Finance

Operations Management, 3 total credits

OPS 571 ~3 credits
Operations Management

Marketing, 3 total credits

MKT 571 ~3 credits
Marketing

Strategic Planning & Implementation, 3 total credits

STR 581 ~3 credits
Strategic Planning & Implementation

Information Systems, 3 total credits

CIS 568 ~3 credits
Information Systems Concepts

Health Care Finance, 3 total credits

HCS 571 ~3 credits
Financial Resource Management

Regulatory, 3 total credits

HCS 578 ~3 credits
Ethical, Legal and Regulatory Issues in Health Care

Theory, 3 total credits

NUR 513 ~3 credits
Theoretical Foundations of Practice

Research, 6 total credits

NUR 518 ~3 credits
Analysis of Research Reports

NUR 598 ~3 credits
Research Utilization Project

Leadership, 11 total credits

NUR 531 ~3 credits
Influencing the Future of Nursing and Health Care

NUR 587 ~3 credits
Leadership and Management in Nursing and Health Care

NUR 544~3 credits
Population-Focused Health Care

NUR 542 ~2 credits
Dynamics of Family Systems

Nursing Education, 3 total credits

NUR 588 ~3 credits
Developing and Evaluating Educational Programs

Clinical, 3 total credits

NUR 590A ~1 credit
Nursing Practicum - A

NUR 590B ~ 2 credits
Nursing Practicum - B

The university reserves the right to modify the required course of study.

Nursing Practicum/Clinical Hours

The Nursing Practicum allows students the opportunity to apply what they have learned in the program. Students develop learning objectives for the experience and, along with a faculty member and mentor, they achieve the objectives through approved student experiences at selected locations. There is a minimum 60 hours applied practicum clinical experience required. A minimum of 21 graduate credits must be completed before enrollment in the Practicum course. Clinical experiences may focus on leadership, education, or administration. The nursing practicum is intended to serve as a capstone experience that allows the student to integrate graduate level nursing course content to an area of nursing of interest to the student.

Additional Admission Requirements for the MSN/MBA/HC

All applicants are expected to meet the following admissions requirements:

- An undergraduate degree with an upper division major in nursing from a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university or comparable undergraduate bachelors degree earned at a recognized foreign institution. If the institution became accredited while the student was attending, a minimum of 75% of the coursework taken toward the degree must have been completed while the institution was accredited or during the candidacy period.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on the undergraduate degree posted transcript is required for admission.
- Students residing in the state of Oregon or attending the Oregon campus are required to have an undergraduate degree posted transcript with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Current employment is not a requirement for admission.
- Students must have access to an appropriate healthcare organization environment in which to complete the work related course assignments.
- Applicants must reside in the continental United States or in one of the US Territories with documentation of a valid, unrestricted/unencumbered RN license in all states in which the applicant holds an active nursing license. For applicants holding licenses in multiple jurisdictions, all active licenses must be valid, unrestricted/unencumbered through the duration of the program. Applicants from the following territories must also hold a RN license obtained by taking the NCLEX-RN exam:
 - Guam
 - American Samoa
 - Northern Mariana Islands
 - US Virgin Islands

- Non-military students who enroll in the MSN program while living in the US and then move outside of the U.S. and its territories must change to the international version of the degree: MSN-I. Students must sign a new Enrollment Agreement for the international version of the degree, and must maintain an active, unencumbered nursing license in the U.S. or its territories. Students must notify their campus representative within thirty (30) days after moving to a new location outside the US, update their profile to reflect the new international address, and must have a nursing license to practice nursing in the country where they are residing for the MSN practicum or contact an Online College representative.
- Nursing students in the state of Florida attending ground based or FlexNet MSN or RN/BSN programs must hold a RN license from the state of Florida for admissions, as mandated by the Florida State Board of Nursing.
- Military and VA nursing students may hold a RN license from any state as ruled by federal guidelines. Clinical placement of military or VA students must be completed in VA or military environments or the student is subject to obtaining a Florida RN license for placement.

Note: Nurses with a Puerto Rico License must obtain US licensure for admission

- Signed Criminal Background Check Disclosure
- Signed Acknowledgement of Criminal Conviction Prohibition for Placement and Licensure
- Signed FERPA Release/Drug Test or Failure to Test Results

Degree Requirements for the MSN/MBA/HC

- Completion of a minimum of 65 credits (74 credits for the bridge program).
- A minimum program grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
Grades earned in MSN/MBA/HC bridge courses are calculated in the MSN/MBA/HC grade point average (GPA).
- Two diplomas will be awarded for this dual degree. The diplomas awarded for this program will read as follows:
Master of Science in Nursing
Master of Business Administration

Additional Academic Progression Requirements for the MSN/MBA/HC

- Students enrolling in the MSN bridge program must complete the three MSN bridge courses NUR 403, NUR 443 and NUR 440 with a C or better prior to enrolling in NUR 513 Theoretical Foundations of Practice.
- Students must start NUR 590B within 12 months of the completion date of NUR 590A. If the student does not meet that deadline, the student will be required to retake NUR 590A. Any extension request beyond this policy must be submitted to the Student Appeals Center (SAC) for approval.
- Students must hold a valid, unrestricted/unencumbered RN license in all states in which the applicant holds an active nursing license. For students holding licenses in multiple jurisdictions, all active licenses must be valid, unrestricted/unencumbered through the duration of the program.

Minimum Grade Requirements for MSN/MBA/HC

- If students do not pass the bridge courses with a C or better, they will be scholastically disqualified. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement will be allowed to repeat each class once. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt will be scholastically suspended and will not be able to continue in the MSN program.
- All MSN and MSN bridge students must complete NUR 598, NUR 590A and NUR 590B with a B or better. Students who do not pass these classes with a grade of B or better will be scholastically disqualified. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement for NUR 598, NUR 590A and/or NUR 590B will be allowed to repeat the class once. Students who fail to meet the minimum grade requirement after the second attempt, will be permanently withdrawn from the program and will be placed on scholastic suspension. Appeals through the Student Appeals Center (SAC) for readmission to the program will not be accepted by the College of Nursing.

Residency Requirements Course Waivers for the MSN/MBA/HC

Students must meet established University residency requirement for degree conferral. The University requires that the majority of coursework, 53 credits in the Required Course of Study, must be completed at University of Phoenix.

Students in this program may waive a maximum of 12 credits from their required course of study on the basis of regionally or approved nationally accredited transferable coursework.

In order to be granted a waiver with credit for a course in the Required Course of Study, a student must have completed a previous course which meets the following criteria:

- The course must have been completed at a regionally or approved nationally accredited, or candidate for accreditation, college or university.
- For all nursing courses, including HCS 571 & HCS 578, the course must have been completed within the past five (5) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better.
- For all business courses, the course must have been completed within the past ten (10) years from current program enrollment agreement sign date with a "B" (3.0) or better.
- The course must be comparable in content and credits to the University course it is replacing and must be an equivalent level or higher level course (i.e. graduate level coursework may be used to waive graduate or undergraduate coursework). Course descriptions must be included with the course waiver form in order for the Office of Admissions and Evaluation to review the course waiver request.

The following courses in the Required Course of Study may not be waived: MGT 521, NUR 590A, NUR 590B, NUR 598, QRB 501, STR 581.