



Doctor of Philosophy

Health Administration & Education

Program Description

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Health Administration & Education program is a terminal degree designed to prepare the healthcare professionals as educators, administrators, and healthcare researchers. Graduates will be:

- Prepared for the educator role including the ability to utilize sound educational concepts, principles, and knowledge in order to develop undergraduate and graduate health profession students who will be able to contribute to the health and well-being of diverse populations across the lifespan
- Able to rise through the administrative ranks to become administrators of healthcare-related education programs
- Prepared to assume leadership and upper-level management roles in healthcare organizations

Flexible and Convenient

- Annual Fall admission
- Program can be taken in a two- or three-year options or tailored to individual needs (but must be completed within six years)
- **HYBRID FORMAT:** Doctoral classes will meet face-to-face and synchronously online at the designated times each semester; the remainder of the content and student activities will be conducted via the Canvas learning management system.

Curriculum:

- 60 credit hours of coursework
- Written comprehensive examination to determine mastery of the PhD content
- Each student must complete a **GUIDED DISSERTATION**
 - Research courses are developed to help the students understand the research process and design essential components of a dissertation
 - **Dissertation committee will be provided**

Courses include the following: (60 hours total)

HAE 704 - Intro to Healthcare Program & Curriculum Development

HAE 705 - Role Development for the Academic Healthcare Educator

HAE 706 - Teaching Strategies & Evaluation of Student Learning

HAE 707 - Advanced Research

HAE 720 - Human Resources in Healthcare Administration & Education

HAE 721 - Creating Online Educational Environment

HAE 725 - Advanced Curriculum Assessment & Evaluation

HAE 726 – Role Perspective in Healthcare & Practicum

HAE 734 – Program Evaluation in Health Care

HAE 800 - Statistics

HAE 806 - Dissertation Process I

HAE 807 - Dissertation Process II

HAE 808 - Dissertation Process III

HAE 809 - Dissertation Process IV

Admission Requirements

To be admitted as a regular student, the applicant must:

- Submit a completed application to William Carey University and the graduate school
- Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Submit a scholarly narrative of 1-2 pages of personal philosophy of education and goals
- Submit current curriculum vita
- Submit three letters of reference: two from individuals who can attest to research and scholarship and one personal reference
 - A reference form will be emailed to the references entered in the online application OR
 - Reference letters are acceptable
- Submit the completed and notarized criminal background check affidavit
- Have earned a master's degree in a healthcare-related field from an accredited school
- Have earned a GPA ≥ 3.0 on master-level courses
- If professionally licensed, registered, or certified in a healthcare-related field, have an active, unencumbered license, registry, or certificate with no pending legal or state board action
- Be eligible to re-enter any previously attended college or university in good standing. If previously enrolled in a PhD program, the applicant must provide a letter of good standing from that program.
- Demonstrate computer literacy involving proficiency in word processing, email correspondence, and the internet

Pre-Program Requirements:

Successful progression through the program requires the following:

- Demonstrate competence in scholarly writing prior to taking courses within the program through one of the following options:
 - Submission of a GRE Analytical Writing Score of ≥ 3.5 within the last five years OR
 - Successfully complete HAE 799 - Academic Writing for Doctoral Students with a grade of B or better

***If planning to take HAE 799 – Academic Writing for Doctoral Students, summer admission is required as the course is taught during the summer term.**
- Demonstrate basic competence in statistics prior to taking HAE 707 - Advanced Research and HAE 800 – Statistics through one of the following options:
 - Successful completion of an undergraduate or graduate level statistics course within the past 10 years with a grade of B or better OR
 - Substantial experience in healthcare research projects OR
 - Successful completion of HAE 700-Statistics Review for Doctoral Students

***If planning to take HAE 700 – Statistics Review for Doctoral Students, summer admission is required as the course is taught during the summer term.**

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