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WGU Adds Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Management News Brief - 7/22/15

SALT LAKE CITY — [Western Governors University](#) (WGU), a national leader in online healthcare and business education, has added a new degree program aimed at preparing healthcare professionals for management roles. The [Bachelor of Science in Business—Healthcare Management](#) is designed for working business and healthcare professionals who need to earn a bachelor's degree to advance their careers. This new degree program, which is online and competency-based, will equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to serve in a variety of leadership roles at a wide range of healthcare-related organizations and facilities, including hospitals, physician offices, skilled nursing facilities, healthcare facilities, accountable care organizations, insurance companies, and community health organizations.

Coursework in WGU's [B.S. in Business—Healthcare Management](#) will include general education and business curriculum as well as healthcare-specific topics such as delivery systems, regulation, and compliance; ethics; financial management; technology applications; quality improvement; and risk management. The program curriculum was developed in collaboration with seminal healthcare leaders from major employers such as HCA Healthcare, NorthShore University HealthSystem, and Accolade.

Like all WGU degree programs, this new program is online and competency-based. Competency-based education is ideal for working professionals because it allows them to study and learn at their own pace and advance as soon as they have mastered course materials. Students have 24/7 access to their course materials, and one-on-one faculty support. Terms are six months long, and students pay a flat rate of about \$3,000 per term for most programs, regardless of the number of courses completed. Because WGU programs are self-paced, many students are able to accelerate their studies, finishing their degree sooner, which saves them both time and money. As a result, the average time to complete a bachelor's degree at WGU is less than 3 years.

Applications for the B.S. in Business—Healthcare Management degree program are being accepted now, and students may begin on the first day of any month starting in September. For more information, go to www.wgu.edu/HealthcareManagement.

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