Alphacrucis University College

COURSE HANDBOOK

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT)

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Overview

Master of Business Administration (Health Services Management)	Program Director	Pratima Durga
	AQF Level	AQF Level 9
	Qualification	Masters Degree
	Units	16
	Languages of Instruction	English
	CRICOS Code	
	ASCED Code	080301
	Accreditation	Self-accredited (October 2026)
	Course Length	2 years full-time; up to 4 years part-time
	Entry Requirements	*https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/master-of-business-administration-health-services-management/*

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Master of Business Administration (Health Services Management) equips current and aspiring leaders in the health sector with advanced business and management capabilities to navigate increasingly complex healthcare environments. Combining core business disciplines with specialised studies in health services management, the course develops expertise in strategic decision-making, financial management, governance, organisational leadership, and innovation. Integrating Christian values and ethical principles, the course emphasises responsible leadership, evidence-informed decision-making, and effective resource management. Graduates will be equipped to contribute to organisational performance, service improvement, and sustainable management practices across diverse health services settings.

Course Structure

Note: Contact the Student Support Team for access to previous course versions.

This course structure applies to student enrolled from Semester 1, 2027		

The course structure is based on four semesters (13 weeks duration each) full-time equivalent:
 	
• Core Units (6) — 60 credit points
• Specialisation Units (4) — 40 credit points
• Pathway Option
  ◦ Coursework Pathway — Elective Units (6) — 60 credit points
  ◦ Research Pathway — Elective Units (4) (40 credit points) *and* Capstone (20 credit points)
 	
To qualify for award of Master of Business Administration (Health Services Management) a candidate shall accrue an aggregate of at least 160 credit points.		

Content of the course of study		**Credit points**
Core units	BUS401 Faith, Purpose, and Leadership BUS502 Financial Management, Governance and Risk BUS503 Strategic and Ethical Decision Making BUS504 Communication for Global Leadership LEA511 Creativity and Entrepreneurship BUS505 People and Organisational Behaviour	6 x 10
Specialisation units	MAN530 Health Systems, Policy, and Safety MAN532 Healthcare Staffing and Stakeholder Management MAN540 Artificial Intelligence and Data-Driven Decision Making MAN534 Managerial Epidemiology	4 x 10
Pathway units	Chose as follows: • **Coursework Pathway**: 60 credit points at 400 level or above, with at least 30 credit point from BUS, MAN, or LEA • **Research Pathway**: ◦ 40 credit points at 400 level or above, with at least 20 credit points from BUS, MAN, or LEA ◦ RES501 Research Project	6 x 10 *or* 4 x 10 1 x 20
Rules of progression	Pass grade or above in all units up to 160cp total; for research option, Program Director endorsement strongly recommended, but not required.	
Pre-requisites for specific units	Pre-requisites are noted on the unit outline. Students must have completed the pre-requisite to enrol in the unit.	

Recommended Course Progression

Based on a full-time study mode

CORE	SPECIALISATION	ELECTIVES	CAPSTONE

Coursework pathway:

First Year			
Semester 1		**Semester 2**	
BUS401	Faith, Purpose, and Leadership	BUS505	People and Organisational Behaviour
BUS502	Financial Management, Governance and Risk	LEA511	Creativity and Entrepreneurship
BUS503	Strategic and Ethical Decision Making	MAN530	Health Systems, Policy, and Safety
BUS504	Communication for Global Leadership	MAN532	Healthcare Staffing and Stakeholder Management
Second Year			
Semester 1		**Semester 2**	
MAN534	Managerial Epidemiology	400-level	Elective
MAN540	AI and Data Driven Decision Making	400-level	Elective
400-level	Elective	400-level	Elective
400-level	Elective	400-level	Elective

Research pathway:

First Year			
Semester 1		**Semester 2**	
BUS401	Faith, Purpose, and Leadership	BUS505	People and Organisational Behaviour
BUS502	Financial Management, Governance and Risk	LEA511	Creativity and Entrepreneurship
BUS503	Strategic and Ethical Decision Making	MAN530	Health Systems, Policy, and Safety
BUS504	Communication for Global Leadership	MAN532	Healthcare Staffing and Stakeholder Management
Second Year			
Semester 1		**Semester 2**	
MAN534	Managerial Epidemiology	RES501	Research Project (Part 2)
MAN540	AI and Data Driven Decision Making	400-level	Elective
RES501	Research Project (Part 1)	400-level	Elective
400-level	Elective	400-level	Elective

Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to demonstrate:
• Evaluate, synthesise, and critique theories, evidence, and professional frameworks relating to leadership, organisational behaviour, governance, finance, innovation, healthcare management analytics to interpret complex organisational challenges.
• Analyse and interpret organisational, financial, workforce, policy, stakeholder, environmental and cultural factors to inform judgement and decision-making undergirded by Christian values.
• Formulate and design innovative, evidence-informed, and sustainable strategies that address healthcare and societal challenges while creating stakeholder value.
• Integrate, evaluate, and advocate the appropriate use of governance, risk, financial, analytical, and artificial intelligence approaches to support organisational performance, accountability, and responsible leadership.
• Critically reflect, substantiate, and defend ethical, Christian faith-informed and professionally responsible leadership practices that promote human dignity, stewardship, wellbeing, and sustainable organisational outcomes.

Work Integrated Learning

Work Integrated Learning may be undertaken through various Professional Practice and Professional Experience units at AC. These units seek to create a direct linkage between the learning, skills and values engaged in lectures, and the reflection which occurs when these are applied in real-life settings. These work-based training units are comprised of instruction, academic assessment and a placement in a workplace for each unit.

For further information related to Work-Integrated Learning, please see the Professional Practice Handbook on Moodle or contact our Student Support team.

Other Course Information

For other course information, such as information on Professional Accreditation and available intakes, visit the course web page:

https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/master-of-business-administration-health-services-management/

Useful Links

AC WEBSITE

https://www.ac.edu.au/

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

https://www.ac.edu.au/key-dates/

HOW TO ENROL

Please see the Timetable for available units and contact Student Support Team for tailored academic advice before completing the enrolment form.

AC POLICIES

https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Enrolled students will have access to AC's LMS

FEES

https://www.ac.edu.au/fees-financing/

STUDENT FORMS

https://www.ac.edu.au/forms/

GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/graduate-attributes-policy/

Student Support

The Student Support team are available if you need assistance. Email the team via: studentsupport@ac.edu.au or book a phone or video call via: Bookings

Phone: (02) 8893 9005

https://www.ac.edu.au/student-services/

For disability support please contact dso@ac.edu.au

Appendix 1

COURSE PROGRESSION TRACKING TEMPLATE

Master of Business Administration (Health Services Management)

Student:	
Student ID number:	
Year of commencement:	

Master of Business Administration (Health Services Management) requirements:

- Core x 6 (60cp)
- Specialisation x 4 (40cp)
- Pathway Option (60cp)
    - Coursework Pathway — Electives x 6 (60cp)
    - Research Pathway — Capstone (20cp) + Electives x 4 (40cp)

Core x 6 (60cp) Unit Code and Name	**Unit Credit Points**	**Comments**

Electives x 6 (60cp) Unit Code and Name	**Unit Credit Points**	**Comments**

Specialisation x 4 (40cp) Unit Code and Name	**Unit Credit Points**	**Comments**

Capstone (20cp) Unit Code and Name	Unit Credit Points	Comments