

Organisation Information		
College / University name: University of Malta		
Faculty name: Faculty of Health Sciences	Department name: Department of Health Services Management	
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Academic Programme Overview		
Programme name: M.Sc. in Health Services Management		
Type: Full-time, Taught		
Short description: The programme provides students with the knowledge, skills and competencies expected of today's modern leaders and managers in health care.		
Start date: October	Programme length: 2 years	Location: Mater Dei Hospital, Malta
Tuition fees (national & international): 400 EUR per academic year (EU/EEA citizens) 6,700 EUR per academic year (non-EU/EEA citizens)	Instruction language: English	Programme webpage: www.um.edu.mt

Course Details

Description:

The study and application of health services management and leadership in health have become an essential element to managing health care organisations successfully and professionally. Health care systems and organisations are extremely complex to manage and operate and require highly skilled and trained professionals in the many areas of health management. This includes operations and financial management, managing your HR and other resources, understanding how organisations function in an ever-changing environment and leading an effective and quality health service. The acquisition of knowledge pertaining to the burden of disease, the socio-economic determinants of health and the epidemiology of illnesses serves as a basis for providing an adequate and quality health care service. The measures taken for monitoring and carrying out audits and other quality assurance mechanisms is also important to ensure a quality service.

The course covers all the aspects mentioned above, providing students with the knowledge, skills and competencies expected of today's modern leaders and managers in health care. Whilst the course does not focus on any one specific or specialized area of management, it nonetheless provides a detailed overview of all the relevant disciplines and subjects pertaining to health services management and leadership. The course harnesses the work experience and range of the students to create diverse and colourful discussions and debates where the emphasis is on group work and interdisciplinary interaction. This provides the students with the required skills and experience to face the realities of the work place as competent and mature managers and leaders in all parts of the health service.

Course purpose:

The course is delivered through a wide array of methods, including lectures, tutorials, group work, discussions and debates, seminars and research-based activities. Students will be exposed to both the theoretical aspects and models of management as well as their practical implications utilising case studies, review of articles, field work and group interaction. Whilst the theoretical basis is important, the course equips students with the practical and work-based experience and skills required in today's challenging environment, in line with the post-graduate nature of the course and with the aspirations of the students who are all mature and already be working in different areas of the health service. The course material will be delivered by the faculty members of the Department of Health Services Management, who are all senior health service executives with long experience in management and leadership. They will be assisted by visiting and invited experts and guest lecturers, both from Malta but also from abroad. This course prides itself in collaborating with many of the leading exponents in health service management and leadership abroad.

The course covers many disciplines, including statistics and epidemiology, research methods, operations management and logistics, HR management and organizational behavior, health economics, health information management, quality management, auditing and performance management, health systems, health policy and international health and many other aspects which are deemed relevant for today's manager and leader. The course will provide students with:

- A sound scientific basis in management and leadership in health
- A sound theoretical knowledge of the main disciplines covering health services management and leadership
- A deep and wide understanding of the socio-economic, cultural, political and technical factors that help shape health policy and management decisions
- Engagement with leading exponents of health care in Malta and abroad
- Acquiring the relevant skills and competencies to function as competent managers and leaders at all levels of the health care system
- Exposure to best practices and real case studies as a means to gain experience in management and leadership
- Practical placements in a management position to acquire the right skills and experience on the workplace
- A sound grounding in research methodology

Course format and assessment:

Examinations / Assignments / Presentations / Dissertation

Entry Requirements		
<p>Requirements: B.Sc. (at least 2nd Class Hons) from the Faculty of Health Sciences, B.Sc. (at least 2nd Class Hons) in a discipline in an area of study closely related or a qualification deemed by Senate or recommended by the Board to be equivalent to the B.Sc. degrees or closely related to the areas of study.</p>		
How to Apply		
<p>Application procedure: Online</p>		
<p>Supporting information: From the Department of Health Services Management</p>		
<p>Application deadline: 19th July 2018 at 2 pm Late applications until 31st August 2018 are permitted (against payment)</p>		
Career Prospects		
<p>Prospects: Students continue their studies to a doctoral level and this course also provides graduates with an access to management positions in health care, education, social care and academia. The Department of Health Services Management has been training and producing managers and leaders in health care for the past 20 years. Many of the senior managers and leaders in the public and private health care sectors have undergone training and instruction through one of the programmes run by the Department. Qualifications in management is a prerequisite for many middle and senior management posts today and so a master's qualification in HSM would provide graduates with access to management positions, not only in health care but also in other related sectors such as education, social care and in academia.</p> <p>A qualification at master's level also provides graduates with the possibility to continue their studies and research at a doctoral level. In fact, several alumni of HSM have proceeded to acquire doctoral degrees after completing their masters. This allows them to take up an academic- or research-oriented career in Malta or abroad.</p>		
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