Careers in Health Care Administration
Health care administrators and managers plan, direct, coordinate, and supervise the delivery of health care services in public and private hospitals, long-term care facilities, physician medical groups, community health centers, clinical laboratories, family planning centers, public health clinics, mental health facilities, ambulatory care centers, hospices, and home health care agencies.

They work in numerous organizations essential to the health care industry, such as medical device manufacturers, medical supply companies, voluntary health care agencies, health care research institutes, health care policy groups, pharmaceutical companies, disease advocacy groups, professional health care associations, health care insurance carriers, accreditation bodies, trade associations, and government agencies.

Employment
Employment prospects for well-educated health care administrators and managers are very strong, with average earnings ranging from $65,000 to over $100,000.

Entering the Field
A master’s degree, such as the MS-HCA, is the standard credential for most health care administration and management positions. In the Cal State East Bay MS-HCA program you will obtain the knowledge, competencies, and skills necessary to be successful in the field. Course topics include managed care, legal and ethical aspects of health care, leadership, quality assessment and improvement, management, financing and budgeting, health care economics, organizational theory and behavior, policy analysis, and strategic management.

Partnerships with Employers and Professional Organizations
Our MS-HCA program provides opportunities for internships with our health care employer partners, such as: Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Tri-City Health Center, Stanford Hospital, Kaiser Permanente, Lucille Packard Hospital, and Alameda County Public Health Department.

This MS-HCA program is a participant in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Higher Education Network. MS-HCA students may join ACHE at a reduced student rate, are eligible to apply for scholarships and fellowships, and may attend the ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership at a reduced rate. The MS-HCA program is also a collaborating member in the Minority Training Program in Cancer Control and Research (MTPCCR), which gives minority students the opportunity to work with researchers in the field of cancer control, apply for internships, and learn more about pursuing a doctoral degree.

Notable Alumni
- Assistant Administrator at Bellaken Garden and Skilled Nursing Center (Jeffrey Tong)
- Quality Assurance Team Leader at California Pacific Medical Center and recipient of the 2011 Cornelius Hopper Fellowship (Icarus Tsang)
- Program Director at the Minority Training Program in Cancer Control and Research at University of California, San Francisco (Amy Pradhan)