

Wharton MBA Program for Executives
Health Care Management Concentration

The ongoing changes taking place within health care are rippling throughout the industry, affecting everyone from traditional buyers, payers, and producers to tech companies and retailers that are newer to the health care ecosystem. Navigating a multitude of challenges while elevating the health of the population will require a deeper understanding of the shifting landscape and more innovative, strategic approaches to leadership. For these reasons and more, the Wharton Executive MBA Program for Executives (WEMBA), has instituted a health care concentration. Courses in the concentration will be taught by members of the renowned Wharton Health Care Management Department <https://hcmg.wharton.upenn.edu/faculty/>

A successfully completed HCM Concentration will appear on the official student transcript.

Requirements for the concentration are the completion of three (3) course units of health care electives. The courses offered are 0.5 course units. Among the electives are:

HCMG 8520 Health Care Services Delivery
HCMG 8410 Health Care Services System
HCMG 8590 Comparative Health Care Systems
HCMG 8600 Leading Health Care Organizations
HCMG 8670 Health Care Entrepreneurship
HCMG 8450 US Payer and Provider Strategy
HCMG 8500 Health Care Reform

In addition, Wharton offers to its full time and WEMBA students “Global Modular Courses” which are taught in one-week sessions in an overseas venue. These are also 0.5 credit units and can be counted towards the concentration. Demand for these courses is high and admission to these courses is highly competitive and requires special application. Currently scheduled are:

The Health System of Ghana, a survey of health system providers, producers, and payers
The Health Systems of Romania and Sweden, a focus on comparative universal health coverage

Students also have the option of substituting a 0.5 credit unit Independent Study Project towards the concentration. These are supervised by Wharton faculty based on subject matter and can be individual or small groups.

Under some circumstances, students in Philadelphia might opt to take one or more courses with the full time MBA students offered by Health Care Management in cases where that course is not offered in WEMBA. Credit units earned in that manner can be applied to the WEMBA concentration at the credit level those courses earn, i.e., 1 course unit in the full-time program will count as 1 course unit towards the three credit units required for the WEMBA HCM concentration.