Master of Science in Health Services Management (Part-time)

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Application Deadline:
First Round: 1 March 2013
Final Round: 31 May 2013
Applications will be processed on a rolling basis. Early applications are therefore strongly encouraged.

Background
Health services management is a multidisciplinary field of inquiry and practice concerned with the delivery, quality and costs of healthcare for individuals and populations. The main vision of the programme is to develop students with leadership skills, managerial capabilities, expert knowledge in healthcare management that enable safe, efficient, effective and responsive healthcare.

Why Study Here
JC School of Public Health and Primary Care of The Chinese University of Hong Kong is a regional centre of public health research and teaching that strives to maintain an internationally recognized standard of excellence in training public health professionals.

Who Should Apply
Healthcare professionals and administrative personnel in both public and private sectors who would like to pursue further health services management for advancement are encouraged to apply.

Aims and Features
MSc in Health Services Management (36 credit units) is geared towards training professionals to manage complex healthcare organizations and to contribute to the formulation and implementation of healthcare policies. Students in this programme are prepared for management positions in local, regional, national and global institutions and agencies as well as the organizations and institutions in the private sector. Students will develop the skills in applying the knowledge in organization and management to the practice of healthcare management.

Entry Requirements
All applicants must fulfill the general qualifications for admission and the English Language Proficiency Requirement prescribed by the Graduate School. Please visit: www.cuhk.edu.hk/gss. 2 years’ work experience will be preferable.

Teaching Format
The teaching format includes lectures, tutorials, group project work, literature reviews, critical appraisals and case study analysis. The medium of instruction is English. Students will attend sessions at least two evenings per week.

Assessment Methods
Participants’ learning is assessed in every module through a combination of coursework, assignments, presentation and/or examination.

Transfer of Credits
Graduates from the Postgraduate Programmes in our JC School of Public Health and Primary Care with an average result of B- or above who pursue the MSc in Health Services Management, may have some credits exempted. The credits are transferable, within a validation period of up to 3 years after graduation, from the recognized Postgraduate Programmes.

Graduation Requirement
All students are required to meet all the programme requirements, pass all the assessment and obtain a cumulative overall GPA of at least 2.0 in order to graduate.
HSYS5001 Health Policy & Management (3 units)*
Introduce the basic concepts and current issues in health services management, and understanding in dealing with daily health services practice issue.

PBHT5000 Foundations of Public Health (1 unit)
Provide an overview on the history, basic concepts and current issues of public health. Learning three domains of public health: health protection, health improvement and health services.

EPID5006 Basic Epidemiology (1.5 units)*
Introduce basic principles in epidemiology and essential skills related to the health problems.

BISO5006 Basic Biostatistics (1.5 units)*
Introduces basic health statistics and its application in the area of health services management.

HSYS5004 Healthcare Systems and Policies (3 units)
Provide an understanding of the structural and functional characteristics of health systems. Analyze factors which impact on health service delivery and compare health systems in different countries through in-class interactive discussions. The basic methodology in health policy studies and analysis will be included.

HSYS5003 Health Economics and Healthcare Financing (2 units)
Provide basic concepts and skill of economic evaluation. Fundamental framework of healthcare resources and major implications for healthcare delivery, financing and public health research topics will be examined. Essential economics theories and methods will also be discussed.

HSYS5002 Healthcare Organization and Management (3 units)
Cover the key areas in healthcare organization and management including policy setting, decision making, governance and accountability, service and manpower planning, quality and risk management, resources and performance management, healthcare technology management and health informatics.

HSYS5006 Managing in Healthcare (2 units)
Focus on the practical aspects of management.

HSYS5011 Health Information (1 unit)
Introduce the principles of healthcare information systems, role of informatics in risk management, quality improvement and basic understanding of technical aspects.

HSYS5012 Human Resource Management (3 units)
Cover the key aspects of human resource management in healthcare including basic understanding of the behavior of health professionals.

HSYS5013 Financial Management (2 units)
Cover the basic knowledge and concepts in Management Accounting and Financial Management. Topics include understanding of accounting principles and standards, financial statements, financial performance and budgeting, revenue generation and financial decision making.

HSYS5014 Quality and Safety Management (3 units)
Introduce the evolving approaches of quality in healthcare. Framework and methods in quality management will be described. Systems and processes in preventing errors and managing risks will be discussed.

HSYS5015 Medico-legal Management (2 units)
Cover the medico-legal environment of modern healthcare and describe the major aspects that healthcare managers have to handle. These include complaints handling and investigation, clinical negligence and responsibility, legal case management and arbitration, and risk management strategies.

HSYS5016 Health Services Planning and Technology Management (2 units)
Health services planning, principles and practical issues of health technology assessment and management, information technology planning and delivery will be covered.

HSYS6900 Master-Level Guided Case Study (6 units)
Each student is required to develop and complete an individual project of a healthcare services problem, oral progress report presentations as well as a final presentation of their Case Study Project to the Faculty and any sponsoring bodies of the project. The project is expected to approximately 5,000 – 6,000 words is required (exclusive of abstract, tables, figures, citations and appendices).

* Subject to University’s Approval