

Academic Rhode Map for BS Health Care Administration Major at Rhode Island College

GENERAL EDUCATION: A complete listing of General Education courses can be found in the online catalog; look at catalog for year you enrolled. For Gen Ed courses, aside from Second Language requirement, which varies depending on where you are placed, you need ONE course from each category. Second Language 101/102 options are: American Sign, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, or Spanish. For other ways to satisfy the second language requirement look under the Gen Ed. section of the catalog. For information about Math Placement exam visit the orientation webpage. Any courses marked (F) offered Fall only; (Sp) Spring only. **Courses with an asterisk* have prerequisites. Courses with a “W” in the prefix are Writing in the Discipline (WID) courses and will be writing intensive.**

Academic Major Checklist	Course	Academic Major Checklist	Course
BIOL 108 Basic Principles of Biology*		HCA 461W Seminar in Strategic Health* (WID)	
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting I: Financial*		HCA 467 Internship in Health Care Administration*	
CIS 252 Introduction to Information Systems*		MATH 177 Quantitative Business Analysis*	
COMM 230 Interpersonal Communication (F)*		MATH 240 Statistical Methods I*	
ECON 214 Principles of Microeconomics*		MGT 201W Foundations of Management* (WID)	
ENGL 230W Workplace Writing* (WID)		MGT 320 Human Resource Management*	
HCA 201W Introduction to Health Care Systems* (WID)		MGT 322 Organizational Behavior*	
HCA 302 Health Care Organizations*		MKT 201W Introduction to Marketing* (WID)	
HCA 303W Health Policy and Contemporary Issues (Sp)* (WID)		PSYC 221 Research Methods I: Foundations* (has a prereq. of PSCY 110 which you may need to be able to take this)	
HCA 330 Health Care Finance* or FIN 301 Managerial Finance*		Three additional courses* Recommendation is to take all three from one of the following categories: Gerontology, Human Resource Management, Informatics, Management Foundations, or Wellness (see end of map for more detail).	
HCA 355 Quality Management/Improvement in Health Care*			
HCA 401W Ethical and Legal Issues in HCA* (WID)			

This map is a semester-by-semester plan to help you toward graduation in four years. Not everyone graduates in four years as it depends on how many courses you can take, and how you do in those courses. This map is not your only route; it is a suggestion. You might take additional courses over the summer (or early spring/winter) to catch up or get ahead if the courses you need are offered at these times. While many courses in your major will have prerequisites that you will need to take in a special order, there is some flexibility in this map, but always double check you have the correct prerequisites for a course you plan to take.

The column to the left on the other side of this page suggests the ideal courses for you to take each semester. There are times when those courses may be full or unavailable the semester you plan to take them, in which case consider another course from a different semester with which you can switch. The column on the right has "Checkpoints" for each semester that show where you should be by the end of that semester. You should work from this map as you plan each semester's schedule, before checking in with your advisor. The Map is designed primarily for freshmen coming to college for the first time, but transfer students may also use the Rhode Map with the understanding that they have most likely completed several requirements through transfer of credit and will be starting further into the program. Maps assume a Fall start.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: The following requirements must be completed by undergraduate degree candidates at Rhode Island College in order to graduate:

- General Education program, including a second language requirement and RIC 100 or its equivalent
- College Math Milestone (which is separate from the Gen Ed math requirement)
- College Writing Competency (satisfied by FYW with a minimum grade of C)
- Academic Major—see check chart above. Writing in the Discipline requirement is satisfied through major courses
- A minimum of 120 credit hours, with a minimum of 45 credit hours taken at RIC. Of the 45 credit hours, a minimum of 15 credit hours must be in the major (12 of which must be at the 300- or 400-level)
- A minimum overall grade point average of 2.0
- A minimum grade point average of 2.0 in your major

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SEMESTER 1	CR	SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS
First Year Writing (FYW 100) or First Year Seminar (FYS 100)	4	FYW 100P is a 6-credit option. There is a Directed Self-Placement questionnaire you can take to aid in this decision; check the RIC First Year Writing website.
RIC 100 Introduction to Rhode Island College	1	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); or Literature (L).	4	For Gen Ed (SB), PSYC 110 recommended as will need it as a prerequisite for PYSC 221 (Semester 4)
Gen Ed--Second Lang 101 (based on placement, a course higher than 101/102 may be taken). If language requirement satisfied: another Gen Ed Distribution course.	4	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
BIOL 108 Basic Principles of Biology (Gen Ed NS)*	4	Prereq. is Math Milestone
Requirements and GPA		Aim for 16 earned credits (While 12 is fulltime, 16 credits are preferred to stay on track to graduate in 4 years). Minimum 2.0 GPA. Completed Math Milestone.
# CREDITS EARNED	17	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 2	CR	SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS
FYW 100 or FYS 100	4	Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); History (H); or Literature (L), or Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB).	4	For Gen Ed (SB), PSYC 110 recommended as will need it as a prerequisite for PYSC 221 (Semester 4)
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), or another Gen Ed Distribution course in a needed category.	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
MATH 177 Quantitative Business Analysis*	4	Prerequisite is Math Milestone/Math Placement Exam or MATH 120; satisfies Gen Ed Math
Requirements and GPA		Need a minimum of 30 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting I: Financial*	3	Prerequisite 30 earned credits
ENGL 230W Workplace Writing* (WID)	4	Prerequisite FYW or College Writing Requirement
MGT 201W Foundations of Management* (WID)	4	Prereq. 30 earned credits
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); History (H); Literature (L), Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB), or Natural Sciences (NS)	4	Complete Natural Sciences Gen Ed (if took BIOL 108 this requirement is satisfied). Need ONE course from each distribution; For Gen Ed (SB), PSYC 110 recommended as will need it as a prerequisite for PYSC 221 (Semester 4)
Elective	3	For Gen Ed (SB), PSYC 110 recommended as will need it as a prerequisite for PYSC 221 (Semester 4)
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 45 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS
ECON 214 Microeconomics*	3	Prerequisite is Math Milestone completed
CIS 252 Introduction to Information Systems*	4	Prerequisite 15 earned credits
HCA 201W Introduction to Health Care Systems* (WID)	3	Prereq. pursuing major in HCA
PSYC 221 Research Methods I: Foundations*	3	Prereq. PSYC 110
Additional Gen Ed Distribution course if needed, or elective	3-4	Need ONE course from each distribution plus Connections.
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 60 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	16-17	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS
MGT 320 Human Resource Management*	4	Prereqs. MGT 201 or MGT 201W or 301
MKT 201W Introduction to Marketing* (WID)	4	Prereq. 30 earned credits
HCA 330 Health Care Finance* or FIN 301 Managerial Finance	3-4	Prereq. for HCA 330 is MGT 201 or MGT 201W or 301 Prereq. for FIN 301 is MATH 177 and ACCT 201
COMM 230 Interpersonal Communication (F)*	4	Prereq. completion of 30 credits
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 75 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
HCA 302 Health Care Organizations*	3	Prereq. HCA 201 or HCA 201W or NURS 201
HCA 303W Health Policy and Contemporary Issues* (WID)	3	Prereqs. HCA 201 or HCA 201W or NURS 201
MATH 240 Statistical Methods I*	4	Prerequisite is math competency, or placement math exam
MGT 322 Organizational Behavior*	4	Prereq. MGT 201 or MGT 201W or 301
Choose 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*	4	Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 90 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	18	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	Prereqs are 45 earned credits and FYW and FYS.
HCA 355 Quality Management/Improvement in Health Care*	3	Prereq. HCA 302 or NURS 302, MGT 201 or MGT 201W or MGT 301, MATH 240
HCA 401W Ethical and Legal Issues in HCA* (WID)	3	Prereqs. HCA 201W or NURS 201
Restricted Elective from one of the given categories below	2-4	Varied prerequisites--check catalog
Requirements and GPA		All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed. Aim for minimum of 105 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-14	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
HCA 461 Seminar in Strategic Health* (WID)	3	Prereqs are completion of all major and cognate courses (except electives and HCA 467).
HCA 467 Internship in Health Care Admin.*	4	Prereq. is completion of all major and cognate courses (except for electives or HCA 461W), or be concurrently enrolled in any outstanding courses, or have permission from the program director.
Restricted Elective from one of the given categories below	2-4	Varied prerequisites--check catalog
Restricted Elective from one of the given categories below	3-4	Varied prerequisites--check catalog; need to take 12 credit to be full time.
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 120 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-15	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For more information, check the Health Care Administration website:

<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/health-care-administration-program>

Required Electives: THREE to be taken; while these may be taken from any of the categories, it is recommended that they all be taken from the same one.

Gerontology	GRTL/NURS 314 Health of Aging*; HCA 403 Long-Term Care Administration*; HCA 404 Long-Term Care Laws and Regulations*; SOC 217 Aging and Society; SOC 320 Law and the Elderly*
Human Resource Management	MGT 423 Compensation and Benefits Administration (F)*; MGT 425 Recruitment and Selection (F)*; MGT 428 Human Resource Development (Sp)* MGT 430 Strategic Human Resource Management (Sp)*
Informatics	CIS 440 Issues in Computer Security*, CIS 455W Database Programming* (WID); HCA 402 Health Care Informatics*
Management Foundations	ACCT 202 Principles of Accounting II: Managerial*; MKT 349 Service Operations Management (F)*; MKT 334 Consumer Behavior*; POL 301W Foundations of Public Administration (F)* (WID)
Wellness	ANTH 309 Medical Anthropology*; HPE 406 Program Planning in Health Promotion*; PSYC 424 Health Psychology*; SOC 314 The Sociology of Health and Illness*

Note: The total credit count for the major is 83-88 credits, although 8 of those may be offset against Gen Ed. courses, so a student can complete HCA with Gen Ed, in 115-120 depending on choices. There may be 5 electives, though secondary language needs and RIC 100 may use some credits.