

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR

Health and human services delivery systems are extremely complex. Management of these systems requires an in-depth understanding of financing, health care delivery systems, and traditional management functions, as well as well-developed skills in community interaction and policy development. These skills are necessary for involving the community in the development of appropriate solutions to community health care problems. Health services administrators coordinate and supervise highly motivated and highly trained health professionals.

Where do health administrators work in Alaska?



Health and human service administrators work in urban and rural settings that range from small single-purpose agencies to large service delivery systems with multiple components. Possible organizations include hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, mental health facilities, Alaska Native regional health corporations, government agencies, insurance and consulting firms, and non-profit planning research and educational organizations.



Hourly Wage Range*

\$20.67-\$62.08 (Mean \$40.83)

*based on Alaska DOL data

An Alaska Hot Job!



Years in School: 5-7*

*after high school graduation

Educational Requirements



- Graduation from high school with coursework in math and communication skills.
- Completion of a four-year college degree program in almost any subject, including health, business, or liberal arts.
- Several years of work in health care or other related businesses with a focus on management responsibility.
- Graduate school or an administrative certification program.

The more traditionally prepared administrators have a Master of Hospital Administration (MHA), Master of Public Health (MPH), Master of Public Administration (MPA), or Master of Business Administration (MBA). Increasingly, there are now administrative certification programs and two- and four-year degrees in health services management. There are also additional continuing education requirements for health services administrators beyond the Master's degree. The most popular of these is the certification from the American College of Health Care Executives.

Academic Programs in Alaska

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Contact: Greg Protasel, MPA Program
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Website: <http://www.scob.alaska.edu/>

Alaska Pacific University
Contact: Carl Hild, MBA Program
Phone: (907) 564-8227
Website: <http://www.alaskapacific.edu/degs/mbahsa/>

State and National Contacts

State Contact:

Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association
Phone: (907) 586-1790
Web site: <http://www.ashnha.com/>

National Contact:

American College of Healthcare Executives
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