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HEALTH SCIENCES DEGREE PROGRAMS



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Letter From the Dean

Today's rapidly growing health care industry offers tremendous opportunities. You may just be starting your professional life or deciding to enhance your already established career with an advanced degree. Regardless of where you are on your path, Purdue Global's School of Health Sciences is here to help make your comeback real.

Our comprehensive, career-focused programs are designed to prepare graduates to become tomorrow's health leaders and instill critical-thinking skills to thrive in a global technological environment. Our curriculum combines a solid foundation in theory with a relevant real-world curriculum, opportunities for experiential learning, and a student-centered learning environment.

Learning online at Purdue Global is a dynamic, interactive experience. Our accomplished faculty are eager to ignite sparks that grow into something more significant and empower students to rise above their own expectations.

In addition to our faculty, we have advisers and administrators dedicated to supporting your success and ensuring you have the resources you need to do well in your courses and prepare for your future career.

I encourage you to explore the breadth and depth of opportunities that Purdue Global's School of Health Sciences offers and imagine how you could make a difference as a health care or wellness professional. I look forward to welcoming you to our community.



Rebecca Zolotor, PharmD
Dean and Vice President
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Connecticut

BA, Emory University

Meet the Dean and Vice President

Rebecca Zolotor currently serves as the dean and vice president of the School of Health Sciences, having previously served as the Associate Dean for over a decade. Her career in higher education includes faculty and department chair positions nationally and abroad. Prior professional experience includes key management positions in the pharmaceutical industry, bench research, coordination of research trials, and pharmacy practice in hospitals, pharmacies, and insurance companies.

Zolotor's area of expertise is new program development, integration of health industry trends and standards, and interdepartmental operations and project coordination.

She serves as a textbook and multimedia reviewer for several major publishing companies and is a peer reviewer for medical journals. Additionally, Zolotor is a Peer Corps Reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission.

The School of Health Sciences at Purdue Global

Come Back and Meet the Increasing Demand

Health care continues to be a rapidly evolving field. Millennials have become the largest adult generation, overtaking the baby boomer population. As these large generations age, there will be an increasing demand for health care and health care-related services. While innovations in medical science and technology are improving patient outcomes, they require a highly skilled workforce. Health care occupations are projected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations between now and 2033, adding about 1.9 million jobs.¹

To put it lightly, the need for a skilled health care workforce is critical to an aging population.

Why Purdue Global?

Purdue Global is where comebacks begin — where driven adults who strive for more, find more. More recognition. More support. More opportunity. Whether your focus is nutrition, public health, medical assisting, health information management, or health care administration, we're dedicated to helping you build the practical skills and professional competencies to go further in your career. Here's how we do it.

Purdue's Online University for Working Adults

Backed by one of the most respected universities in the nation, Purdue Global is built for the driven adult learner. Get the online flexibility you need to fit a respected degree into your life.

Expert Faculty With Real-World Experience

Our faculty are experienced professionals who hold advanced degrees in the health care field. They understand the best ways to shape our curriculum to meet your needs.

Curriculum Reviewed by Health Care and Wellness Professionals

Come back qualified for the roles you want. Our courses are regularly monitored to ensure current industry alignment.

Practical Experience You Can Count On

In the health care field, practical application of skills is essential. At Purdue Global, we incorporate experiential learning throughout our courses so you can apply your knowledge to real-world health care situations.

Learning Online, but Not on Your Own

Online learning has a reputation for being a solitary experience. Not at Purdue Global. Connect with peers and faculty in and out of class, participate in student organizations, join a network of influential alumni, and more. You'll become a part of a robust and supportive community of working adults who've made their comeback, just like you.

TRY OUR CLASSES BEFORE YOU OWE ANY TUITION



That's the Purdue Global Commitment

You should feel fully confident about where you choose to pursue your education — before you owe any tuition.

Start your comeback with a Purdue Global undergraduate program for an introductory 3-week period to see if online learning is right for you.²

Graduate Academic Programs

Whether you want a successful career working directly with patients or behind the scenes in a health care facility, Purdue Global's School of Health Sciences has a program to fit your career goals.³ We offer a variety of certificates and undergraduate and graduate degrees in some of today's most in-demand health care specialties. Our hands-on, real-world approach to learning is designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge to help you stand out in a competitive job market. You'll be taught and mentored by industry-experienced faculty members dedicated to your success. Our convenient online learning platform accommodates the busy schedules of working adults.

Doctor of Health Science

Now more than ever, the world needs professionals who are ready to shape the future of the ever-changing and vital fields of health and health care. Designed for health professionals from a wide range of backgrounds, our online Doctor of Health Science (DHSc) program builds skills and competencies in advanced professional practice for clinical, academic, or research settings. Acquire an emergent degree that will not just help you advance your career, but will also position you at the forefront of your field and contribute to the well-being of your community.

Program Outcomes

- Evaluate health-related research, trends, issues, policies, and programs.
- Generate evidence-based, innovative solutions to health issues for diverse populations at the national, international, and global levels.
- Effectively communicate with key stakeholders to advance health research and practice.
- Advance diversity, equity, and inclusion practices within the health-related care environment.
- Contribute to building ethical, people-centered organizations that positively impact health delivery.

Master of Health Care Administration

The rising cost and accessibility of quality health care are critical issues that affect individuals, communities, and organizations nationwide. Effective leadership is needed in the industry to find solutions to these challenges and improve management structures in a highly competitive, market-driven environment. Purdue Global's Master of Health Care Administration helps prepare you for leadership and management positions in a variety of governmental, nonprofit, and private health care organizations.

Program Outcomes

- Demonstrate effective health care leadership through proficient communication, interpersonal, and teamwork skills.
- Design solutions through proficient critical thinking, analytical, and problem-solving skills.
- Assess the impact of health care system(s) and environment on organizational goals.
- Apply leadership, management, and organizational principles and practices to further organizational goals.
- Design goals by applying personal and professional development principles and practices.

The Master of Health Care Administration program is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME).



Master of Health Informatics

Improving the health care system means integrating innovative technology into patient care. The field of health informatics (HI) connects computer science, information science, and health care. HI professionals work with the processes and tools used to record, store, and analyze health care information, and communicate with both health care providers and IT professionals. Purdue Global's online Master of Health Informatics could prepare you for an exciting career and open doors to a variety of HI management and leadership positions.

Completion of a five-course elective series in this program may qualify you to earn the digital health leader micro-credential and the CAHIIM Digital Health Leader Certificate, which is approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

In addition to the core program requirements, you may customize your degree by adding a concentration in health information management to your degree plan.

Program Outcomes

- Evaluate technology integration into the health care environment.
- Defend the impact of professional standards on health informatics.
- Interpret health care data through the application of technological tools.
- Design health informatics solutions with socio-technological considerations.



HIMSS APPROVED EDUCATION PROVIDER

Purdue Global is recognized by the Healthcare Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS) as an Approved Education Partner (AEP). As a HIMSS AEP, Purdue Global has met HIMSS's rigorous standards for delivering world-class, effective health care and health IT education.

HIMSS-approved educational programs, which includes the Purdue Global Master of Health Informatics, provide advanced knowledge in health information and technology or health care and prepare candidates to sit for the CAHIMS or CPHIMS exam.

A directory of HIMSS-approved programs may be found at: [HIMSS.org/Get-Involved/Approved-Education-Partner/Find-an-AEP](https://www.himss.org/Get-Involved/Approved-Education-Partner/Find-an-AEP).

Master of Public Health

The Master of Public Health is a professional credential for those seeking leadership and managerial positions in governmental, nonprofit, and private organizations in the health care industry. Purdue Global's Master of Public Health prepares you with the administrative, ethical, and professional skills to manage public health programs and interventions, advocate for legislation, serve as a consultant on health initiatives, and more.

You will build practical experience and strengthen your résumé through a final capstone project that addresses real-world scenarios. With a Master of Public Health from Purdue Global, you could pursue a wide range of industry positions including health services manager, health consultant, health advocate, and community health organizer, among many other career paths.

Develop specialized expertise with a concentration in epidemiology, public health leadership and administration, or public health informatics. A non-concentration generalist option accommodates your choice of electives or a global health micro-credential.

Program Outcomes

- Analyze the impact of the social determinants of health on population-level outcomes.
- Appraise current and relevant health issues and policies.
- Incorporate an evidence-based approach that is culturally and linguistically appropriate.
- Leverage ethical principles, epidemiological concepts, and socio-behavioral frameworks to make recommendations for public health practice.
- Apply leadership and management principles to address a relevant issue.
- Demonstrate professional competence in communicating effectively with diverse target groups.

Master of Science in Health Education and Promotion

Health educators encourage individuals to take more responsibility for learning about the behaviors that keep them healthy or that help them improve their health. These professionals collect and analyze data, as well as plan, implement, and evaluate health education programs that focus on key health issues such as teen pregnancy and HIV prevention. Purdue Global's Master of Science in Health Education and Promotion helps prepare students to enter this dynamic field. You'll learn how to design, implement, and evaluate health programs and hone your critical thinking and communication skills.

At the end of the program, you can apply what you've learned to real-world issues in health education in your final capstone project.

Program Outcomes

- Analyze the social, behavioral, political, cultural, environmental, and biological factors that impact individual and community-level health.
- Determine the status and needs of a community through the research of existing health data.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of previous or existing health programs within a target population.
- Assess community needs, resources, and stakeholder capacity for health education/promotion in a variety of settings.
- Develop health education/promotion programs following health behavior theories and models.
- Construct culturally and linguistically appropriate health communications that are tailored to the audience.
- Implement equitable and inclusive health education/promotion programs for a target population.

Undergraduate Academic Programs

Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness

With the growing emphasis on preventative health care, new opportunities in health care and wellness-related industries are emerging every day. The Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness at Purdue Global provides the relevant curriculum and broad perspective to prepare students for careers in this rewarding field.

Professionals with knowledge and training in health and wellness provide support, encouragement, and education to help people live healthier lives and prevent illness or injury. If you would like to broaden your knowledge and skills with a mind-body-spirit approach to health and wellness, then our online Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness may be just what you are looking for.

Program Outcomes

- Evaluate the scientific literature and research in wellness, prevention, and complementary health care.
- Discover how to use your knowledge to educate individuals and communities.
- Develop the administrative, ethical, and professional skills for leadership positions throughout the health care field.
- Complete an original comprehensive capstone project that demonstrates your ability to apply your health and wellness knowledge and skills to real-world scenarios.

Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration

Today's health care industry is facing unprecedented challenges, and Purdue Global's Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration is helping prepare individuals to meet these challenges. The comprehensive curriculum is designed to quickly embrace industry updates and innovations. You'll receive a solid foundation in the core disciplines of health care administration and management and have the opportunity to apply what you've learned to real-world scenarios during your capstone project. Graduates can pursue a master's degree⁴ or seek professional positions in a variety of settings. The need for well-prepared health care managers across the country is expected to increase 29% from 2023 to 2033, much faster than average for all occupations.⁵

Program Outcomes

- Demonstrate a sound foundational knowledge and understanding of the principles and practice in health care regarding administration, management, law, economics, and policy.
- Demonstrate competency in industry-specific knowledge and skills related to research methods, critical thinking, and problem-solving in health care settings.
- Apply principles of management needed to work in teams, build cross-functional teams, and facilitate collaborative decision-making.
- Apply best practices in decision-making within the functional areas of health care management.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the forces impacting health delivery systems and the effective and efficient health care management.
- Analyze the professional, ethical, and legal standards of health care administrative practice.

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Fast-Track Your Learning, One Competency at a Time

Discover a more flexible, affordable way to earn your Purdue Global degree with ExcelTrack®. This program empowers you to move faster through topics you've already mastered and focus only on what you need to learn. Each ExcelTrack® course is a single credit, covering one competency.

ExcelTrack® is available for the Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration.

Bachelor of Science in Health Education and Promotion

The Bachelor of Science in Health Education and Promotion focuses on providing a solid foundation in health education program planning, development, implementation, and evaluation. The knowledge and skills to assess community needs are developed through using existing health data as well as collecting primary data to determine needs.

The Bachelor of Science in Health Education and Promotion is designed to prepare you to serve as a health education resource by teaching you to develop and deliver health-related messages using a variety of communication strategies taking into consideration the factors that influence the process by which people learn. Coursework encourages the development of best practices to engage in advocacy for health education and promotion.

Program Outcomes

- Assess needs, resources, and the capacity for health education/promotion in a variety of settings.
- Plan health education/promotion programs.
- Implement health education/promotion programs.
- Serve as a health education/promotion resource person.
- Advocate for health, wellness, and the profession of health education/promotion.

Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management

As the American health care system continues to undergo dramatic changes and improvements, much focus remains on the integration of technology in patient care. Support from the federal government continues to help hospitals and health care organizations move from paper to electronic records and upgrade health information technology systems. These changes have created a need for health information management professionals with specialized skills in collecting, analyzing, and protecting vital patient information.

Purdue Global's online Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management program combines theory and practice and can prepare you for success in today's increasingly complex electronic and digital health environment. This program also includes taking the

Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) exam and participating in a professional practice experience, which will provide real-world practice at a hospital or health care facility.

Completion of a five-course series in this program may qualify you to earn the CAHIIM Digital Health Professional Certificate, which is approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

Program Outcomes

- Apply best practices in decision-making regarding the management of health information.
- Utilize research methods and critical thinking to create solutions for vital health care issues.
- Apply the professional, ethical, and legal standards of health information management.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the forces impacting health care delivery and health information systems.



The Bachelor's in Health Information Management is accredited by CAHIIM. The Health Information Management accreditor of Purdue University Global is the Commission on Accreditation

for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). The College's accreditation for the Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management has been reaffirmed through 2028–2029. All inquiries about the program's accreditation status should be directed by mail to CAHIIM, 200 East Randolph Street, Suite 5100, Chicago, IL, 60601; by phone at 312-235-3255; or by email at info@cahiim.org.

Bachelor of Science in Health Science

Purdue Global provides innovative educational programs to help today's health professionals meet the challenges of the rapidly changing health care environment. Our Bachelor of Science in Health Science program can help prepare you with the knowledge and skills to enter the exciting health care field. You'll gain a broad understanding of the health care system and learn how to improve outcomes for those in need.

If you are an active-duty servicemember of the U.S. military, you may personalize this degree with a concentration in Military Physician Assistant Preparation (MPAP).

Program Outcomes

- Develop administrative, ethical, and professional skills to prepare you for leadership positions throughout the health care field.
- Gain an understanding of demography, epidemiology, biostatistics, and other tools used to assess community health.
- Understand and apply the concepts of health, healing, and wellness from a broad historical and multicultural perspective.
- Complete an original comprehensive capstone project that demonstrates your ability to apply your health science knowledge and skills to real-world scenarios.

Bachelor of Science in Nutrition

There is a growing awareness throughout the nation of the vital role of nutrition in the prevention and treatment of major diseases and living healthier lives. Purdue Global's Bachelor of Science in Nutrition is designed to prepare you with the practical knowledge and skills to enter this rewarding profession and help improve the quality of people's lives.

In addition to the required core and major courses, you can further specialize your degree by choosing a concentration in holistic nutrition. The Bachelor of Science in Nutrition, holistic nutrition concentration is an approved holistic nutrition education program through the National Association of Nutrition Professionals (NANP).

Program Outcomes

- Identify the roles of nutrients in human health and physiological functioning.
- Interpret an individual's nutritional status and risk factors using appropriate clinical assessment strategies.
- Apply evidence-based diet planning and management strategies based on an individual's health status and specific lifecycle stage.
- Analyze the impact of personal, cultural, and economic obstacles on client needs and nutrition practice.
- Administer a personalized, evidence-based nutrition therapy plan to support an individual's health status.
- Design a nutrition and integrative health program for a specific audience.

Note: The Bachelor of Science in Nutrition is designed to prepare graduates academically to pursue a variety of nutrition-oriented careers and advanced education. However, the program was not designed to meet any specific state's requirements for licensure or certification, is not accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), and does not qualify an individual to sit for the examination to become a Registered Dietitian (RD). In addition, some states will not permit individuals to become licensed in nutrition and/or dietetics if they do not possess the RD credential.

Refer to [Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu](https://licensure.purdueglobal.edu) for additional information on licensure and state authorizations.

Two Associate Degrees in Health Science to Choose From for Military Servicemembers and Veterans

If you are a military student who has already received military training for a medical or health science occupational specialty, we have two separate associate degrees depending on your educational and career goals. The Associate of Science in Health Science is designed for military students and veterans focused on progressing toward completing a bachelor's, while the Associate of Applied Science in Health Science is intended for students seeking immediate career advancement. Both programs focus on the role of professionalism in health care, general education, and industry-related technical information while building on your prior military medical training.

Concentrations

You can further specialize your degree by choosing a preprofessional concentration.

Program Outcomes

- Integrate knowledge from behavioral and biological sciences as a basis for allied health practice.
- Use current technology in a variety of health care roles.
- Demonstrate competencies relevant to a concentration within health sciences.
- Execute administration skills and management processes within the interdisciplinary health care field.
- Exhibit behavior consistent with the professional, ethical, and legal standards of allied health practice.

Note: Enrollment in this program is limited to servicemembers of the U.S. military, including members of the Reserve or National Guard, and veterans of the U.S. military who have completed one of the articulated military occupation training courses.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW	Designed for military servicemembers and veterans focused on earning an associate degree and progressing toward completing a bachelor's	Designed for military servicemembers and veterans focused on earning an associate degree for immediate career progression
PROGRAM DURATION	Earn your associate degree in 9 courses or less when applying credit for your allied health occupation toward degree requirements ¹¹	Earn your associate in as few as 5 courses when applying credit for your allied health occupation toward degree requirements
TRANSFER CREDIT OPTIONS	Prior military medical and health science training put you on a path toward advancing your education	Allows greater flexibility to apply credit from prior institutions, credit by examination, and experiential learning toward degree requirements to put you on a path for career advancement
KEY OUTCOMES	Best option to immediately continue toward a bachelor's and later a master's degree in health science ⁴	Best option to immediately apply for advancement in a military or civilian career

Professional Certificates

Medical Billing/Coding Certificate



This certificate program is designed to prepare you with the knowledge and technical skills needed to pursue entry-level positions within various health care settings that deliver services associated with revenue cycle management, including but not limited to medical billing, coding, and insurance-related processes.

Learn the fundamentals of medical coding, insurance procedures, medical terminology, and the use of software applications relevant to the field. Coursework concentrates on practical, real-world applications, developing the skills for submitting medical claims for reimbursement, processing bills, operating computerized billing systems, and understanding various insurance plans. Gain additional hours of practice through virtual labs and simulation software throughout the program.

In your final term, you will take the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) Certified Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS) exam to earn a nationally recognized certification. Additionally, upon graduation you may be eligible to take five other certification exams.¹⁰

Student Experience

An Education You Can Be Proud of — and One Employers Will Respect

At Purdue Global's School of Health Sciences, you don't have to wait until graduation to build skills that employers find valuable. Our programs offer diverse and challenging clinical and practicum opportunities that allow you to integrate and apply what you've learned in real-world health care environments. You'll observe and learn from industry experts while developing practical skills and personal confidence as a health professional.

Real-World Practical Experience

At Purdue Global, our programs blend online learning with experiential learning to allow practical application to real-world health care issues and situations. Our virtual lab and authentic hands-on activities help you apply the knowledge you've gained and the skills you've built.⁹

An Online Network of Driven Adults

Some courses include live, online group meetings with faculty and classmates every week. This not only encourages class engagement, but also simulates real-world career environments in which collaboration, communication, and teamwork are sought-after skills.

Student Life

Purdue Global offers programs and services aimed at helping students engage in their program of study outside the classroom while providing both personal and professional growth opportunities. Some advantages include:

- Networking with peers and industry professionals in your field
- Leadership opportunities and development
- Recognition of your academic achievements
- Personal growth opportunities through wellness programs
- Engagement in your program of study outside the classroom

Uncompromising Support

Come Back With a Community by Your Side

You're not alone on your educational journey. From highly engaged faculty to technical assistance and career guidance, you'll have access to a variety of resources that help you achieve your most ambitious goals.

Personal Support

Student support staff work with you one on one to provide individualized guidance on:

- Degree planning
- Answers to questions about your program
- Motivation to stay on track to graduation
- Access to resources and academic tools
- Course selection and registration
- Helping you handle issues before they become problems

Tutoring Services and Academic Success Centers

Purdue Global offers rich academic support through a suite of tutoring services. Our Writing Center, Math Center, Technology Center, Science Center, and Business Center provide subject-specific assistance. Depending on the center, services can include:

- Live tutoring from faculty and professional tutors
- Subject support including an essay review service
- Workshops covering a wide range of topics
- Podcasts, self-paced tutorials, and additional resources

Center for Career Advancement

Career Specialists help you leverage your education and professional experience to market yourself toward the roles you're after. The Center for Career Advancement offers:

- Career planning to ensure a personalized approach to pursuing your goals
- Résumé and cover letter reviews, mock interview assistance, and networking advice
- 24/7 access to the Center for Career Advancement portal on Purdue Global Campus, which includes job postings and career services tools
- An official competency report that lets you show employers your work-related skills and readiness to contribute on day one
- A mentoring program to help connect you with alumni in your field

Student Accessibility Services

We're committed to making quality online education accessible to all. Students seeking reasonable and appropriate accommodations may request, through student support staff or directly, to contact Student Accessibility Services.

Chair Highlights

In addition to academic credentials, Purdue Global's School of Health Sciences faculty members have significant professional experience in their fields. They bring you knowledge gained through the powerful combination of higher learning and industry experience.

Many health sciences faculty members are also practicing professionals within the health sciences and wellness fields, and hold doctorates or significant professional certifications; all faculty members possess at least a master's degree.

Full-time faculty members include scholarship and research as part of their annual development plan, which helps ensure their expertise stays up-to-date for the classroom and for you.

Zeynep Behjet, MD, MHI, MEd, Department Chair



Zeynep Behjet serves as the academic department chair for the Doctor of Health Science and Master of Health Informatics and oversees the graduate and undergraduate digital health programs. Behjet began her career as a family practice physician before transitioning into

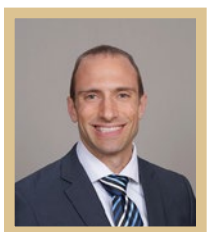
health informatics and academia, where she has held multiple leadership positions. Her professional interests center on leveraging clinical informatics to enhance quality improvement and patient safety. She has a passion for and is deeply committed to improving health care outcomes through the strategic integration of technology and data analysis, demonstrating a steadfast dedication to educating future leaders and advancing the field of medicine.

Education: MD, University of Tikrit College of Medicine; MEd in Health Education, Plymouth State University; MS in Health Informatics, Purdue Global

Certifications: Graduate Certificate in Eating Disorders

Research Interests: Utilizing clinical informatics for quality improvement and patient safety, telemedicine, electronic health records use and physician burnout, and data analytics

David Feuz, DCN Department Chair



David Feuz is the academic department chair for the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness programs. Feuz previously served as an adjunct professor at Purdue Global, a private nutrition consultant,

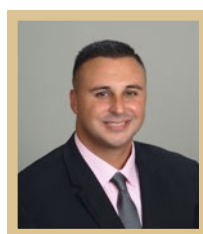
and an instructor and program developer for various universities and private educational institutions.

Feuz is the co-founder and director of a nutrition education and consulting company that facilitates a community for recent graduates and nutrition professionals seeking certification support, professional networking, continuing education, and business development mentorship. As a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, he is passionate about helping military students maximize their education and successfully position themselves for a career in nutrition, health, and wellness or advance their current military career.

Education: DCN, Maryland University of Integrative Health; MS, Maryland University of Integrative Health; BA, Elizabethtown College

Certifications: Certified Nutrition Specialist® (CNS®); Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist (LDN); Board Certified in Holistic Nutrition® (BCHN®)

Christopher Gallucci, DHSc, Department Chair



Christopher Gallucci is the academic department chair for the public health and health education and promotion programs. Prior to this position, he was an adjunct professor at Purdue Global and managed the division of Community Health and Performance Management within his county health

department in Florida. During that time, Gallucci had oversight over ten public health programs and led efforts to attain accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

Before his career in Florida, Gallucci was certified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as an environmental health specialist for Hays County, TX. As an Army veteran having served with the 101st Airborne,

Gallucci hopes to leverage his experience to help military students get the most out of their education.

Education: DHSc, Nova Southeastern University; MPH, University of Florida; BSc, Quinnipiac University; Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Palm Beach State College; MSA Arabic, Defense Language Institute

Certifications: CPH, LSSYB, TCEQ, FEMA ICS, OSHA, NASM-CPT, ARDMS-OB/GYN & AB

Danielle Scheetz, DC, Department Chair



Danielle Scheetz is the academic department chair for the Medical Assistant Certificate and Bachelor of Science in Health Science programs. Before this role, she served as the department chair and practicum coordinator for the medical assistant and medical office management

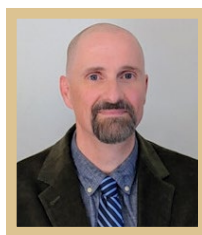
programs at the Cedar Rapids and Cedar Falls locations of the School of Health Sciences (formerly Kaplan University). Scheetz has been extensively involved with the medical assistant program since 2009, starting as an adjunct professor and teaching various courses. She also volunteers as an accreditation site surveyor for the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) and the Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Before her academic career, she owned and operated a chiropractic office.

Education: DC, Palmer College of Chiropractic; BA, Grand View University

Certifications: CCMA(NHA)

Honors and Achievements: SME for McGraw Hill 2021-Present; SME for National Health Career Association (NHA) 2021-Present; Board member, National Health Career Association (NHA) 2022-Present; Board member, Ultimate Medical Academy 2024-Present

Ian Sutherland, PhD, Department Chair



Ian Sutherland is the academic department chair for the health care administration programs. A former Commander in the U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps, he brings over two decades of leadership across six continents, directing multimillion-dollar health portfolios

and cultivating international teams in complex, resource-limited environments. Prior to joining Purdue, Sutherland led strategic health initiatives for the U.S. Department of Defense, served as Director of Navy Medical Research Units in Southeast Asia and East Africa, and oversaw global education and engagement programs spanning more than 30 countries. He is also a graduate of the Interagency Institute for Federal Health Leaders (IAIFHL), developing senior executives focused on strategic leadership across federal health agencies. His approach to leadership emphasizes process integrity, team development, and mission-driven innovation.

Education: PhD, Colorado State University; MSPH, Tulane University; BA, Louisiana Scholars' College

Certifications: OSHA-30, Project Management Excellence (PMI), TS/SCI Clearance (Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information)

Honors and Achievements: Director, Public Health, Expeditionary Medical Facility (Djibouti, East Africa); Director, US Naval Medical Research Unit Two (Phnom Penh, Cambodia); Deputy Director, US Navy Bureau of Medicine, Office of Global Health Engagement

Credit for Prior Learning

Giving You the Credit You Deserve

You've spent years working hard and building knowledge, and Purdue Global values your experiences. It's time to get credit for the life you've lived and all you've already learned. We offer several pathways to turn that experience into college credit¹⁰:

- Transfer of eligible credits earned at an accredited institution

- College credit opportunities for work and life experiences
- Competency assessments to earn course credit
- Credit for eligible professional certifications
- **PME2DEGREE™** program that awards college credit for military training

To apply for credit, you must first submit official transcripts, course descriptions, and supporting documentation to the Office of the Registrar. Visit Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu for the Prior Learning policy.

Note: Unless by specific arrangement, graduate students are not eligible for experiential credit or credit by examination.

IT'S YOUR COMEBACK. START WHENEVER YOU'RE READY.

We understand what it means to be a working adult with a full life. For your convenience, start dates occur throughout the year.

Paying for School

Financial Aid

Our Student Finance Office works with you from enrollment to graduation to ensure you understand your financial options and to help you plan the most efficient use of your resources. Together, we'll help you find the fastest, most affordable path to your degree.

Before enrolling at Purdue Global, we encourage you to explore all available financial options, including employer tuition benefits, military tuition assistance, and tuition reductions.

Financial aid is available to those who qualify. Financial aid awards vary depending on individual student eligibility and need.

Loans (Subject to Eligibility Requirements)

- Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan (undergraduate only)
- Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan
- Federal PLUS Loan and Graduate Federal PLUS Loan
- Alternative Loans

Other Agencies and Programs for Eligible Students

- Promise Jobs
- Veterans Administration Benefits
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES)

Military Overview

Here for Every Military Comeback

If you or your spouse served in the U.S. Armed Forces, Purdue Global provides support to help you reach your educational and career goals — whether military or civilian. That includes:

- Reduced tuition for servicemembers, including National Guard and Reserve, spouses, and veterans
- College credit for DANTES/CLEP exams and eligible military occupations or training

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2025-26 Military Friendly® School



2025-26 Military Friendly Spouse® School



2024 Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges

Sources: Military Friendly Schools, Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges

- Specially trained staff within our Military Student Support Center who understand military culture, procedures, and complex military educational benefits
- Compliance with Executive Order 13607, establishing principles of excellence for educational institutions

serving servicemembers, veterans, their spouses, and other family members

- Special deployment policies if you need to drop a course or take a leave of absence due to a deployment or change of orders

About Purdue Global

Backed by the power of Purdue University, Purdue Global delivers a fully personalized online experience that's tailored to the unique needs of the adult learner. It's built specifically for working adults who want a degree they can be proud of, and one that employers will respect.

Purdue Global offers more than 175 online programs at the associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels, with courses taught by highly respected faculty members who are experts in their fields. Our dedicated faculty and support teams are here every step of the way to help you make your comeback real, providing one-on-one mentoring, educational advising, and comprehensive career services from day one to graduation and beyond.

Accreditation and Approvals

Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC (HLCcommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.



Purdue Global, which offers the Master of Health Informatics program, is recognized by the Healthcare Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS) as an Approved Education Partner (AEP).



The Bachelor of Science in Nutrition with a concentration in holistic is an approved holistic nutrition education program through the National Association of Nutrition Professionals (NANP).



The Medical Billing and Coding Certificate program is approved by the AHIMA Professional Certificate Approval Program (PCAP). This designation acknowledges the coding program as

having been evaluated by a peer-review process using a national minimum set of standards for entry-level coding professionals. This process allows academic institutions to be acknowledged as offering an AHIMA-approved coding certificate program.



The Digital Health Leader Certificate Program and the Digital Health Professional Certificate Program are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).



The Master of Health Care Administration program is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME). This status demonstrates that the School of Health Sciences is committed to meeting the rigorous standards established by CAHME and continuous quality improvement.



The Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

If you have questions about admissions requirements or financial aid, or need help determining which program is right for you, contact an Advisor.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

Degree plan information is current as of December 3, 2025, and is subject to change. For official course offerings, programs, and curriculum requirements, please refer to Catalog.PurdueGlobal.edu.

- 1 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Health Care Occupations, www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/home.htm. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.
- 2 Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at Purdue Global will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.
- 3 Purdue Global does not guarantee employment or career advancement. Actual outcomes vary by geographic area, previous work experience and opportunities for employment. Additional certification or licensing may be required to work in certain fields.
- 4 While many of Purdue Global's degree programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue continued graduate- or doctorate-level education, the University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any graduate or doctoral programs.
- 5 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Medical and Health Service Managers, www.bls.gov/ooh/Management/Medical-and-health-services-managers.htm. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.
- 6 ExcelTrack® is designed to advance your progress based on existing knowledge; however, degree pace and time and cost savings will vary by individual. Students must enroll in a minimum number of credits per term to remain eligible for financial aid. Refer to the Financial Information section of the University Catalog for additional information.
- 7 Certification and licensing boards in Washington and South Dakota have specific educational requirements for a program to lead to certification as a medical assistant, which is a precondition for employment in those states. The Medical Assistant Certificate program meets the educational requirements to obtain certification in Washington and South Dakota. Refer to Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu for additional information on licensure and state authorizations.
- 8 Some Purdue University Global programs are not 100% online; some programs require you to gain hands-on experience in a real-world work environment. Contact an Admissions Advisor for additional information.
- 9 Students are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams. In some cases, work experience, additional coursework beyond the Purdue Global program, fieldwork, and/or background checks may be necessary to be eligible to take or to successfully pass the exams.
- 10 Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment Policy.



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