Developing a Plan of Study in HPA

Making the most of your HPA degree requires you to make good choices of courses to fulfill your requirements for supporting courses. We recommend that you think carefully how you can use courses to explore different areas that interest you in health care, and then develop a depth of skill and knowledge in a selected area. Developing a Plan of Study like this with faculty and staff advisers will best prepare you for your future in health care.

One way of building a Plan of Study is by taking one of Penn State’s official minors. There are several minors appropriate for HPA students that can support your Plan of Study. You can investigate some of the minors available through this resource. (http://www.psu.edu/dus/handbook/minorscluster.html). Applications and other information about a minor are available at the department that offers the minor.

Another way of choosing courses is simply by selecting several courses from across Penn State’s many programs to fit your area of interest. Based on suggestions from advisers and students, HPA has developed several examples of Plans of Study for different areas. These examples simply represent one possible way of putting together courses at Penn State to complement your HPA classes. In every case, what is most important is for you to plan a set of courses that fit your interests.