

## News Release

# Bachelor of Science in Health Management Earns National Accreditation by NAB

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The Bachelor of Science in [Health Management](#) at the University of Minnesota Crookston received accreditation approval by the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) at its mid-year meeting held in November. With the NAB accreditation, the program also received Health Service Executive (HSE) qualification earning both accreditations under the leadership of Susan Klassen, program director.

### Changing Demands in Long-Term Care

By 2050, the U.S. demographics will see a historic shift, with more people over the age of 65 than students in school. Due to consumer demand, healthcare reform, and growing regulatory mandates, leaders of long-term care industries require leadership development and education to meet those needs.

One by one, states are adopting—by legislative statute—to require long-term care administrators to hold the Health Service Executive (HSE) status—provided only by NAB-accredited colleges—to improve the quality and provide a strategy for a changing demographic. With the accreditation, a student in the program is eligible for Health Service Executive (HSE) status.

HSE requires leaders to be knowledgeable in the regulatory and operational challenges as older adults transition from nursing homes to other forms of care, such as home health, hospice, assisted living and other home and community-based services.

With the national accreditation, the program becomes one of only 14 programs in the country accredited by NAB and one of only two offering the program completely online. A complete listing is available, and UMN Crookston is the only online NAB and HSE qualified: <https://www.nabweb.org/educationpath>. An online minor is also available. By meeting these rigorous standards, the program at UMN Crookston aligns with NAB's mission to provide quality leaders in the long-term care industry.

If students have completed a bachelor's or graduate degree and would like to pursue licensure as a Nursing Home Administrator in Minnesota, UMN Crookston does offer all of the classes required for licensure online at least annually. In this case, students can enroll as a non-degree student.

"The national accreditation for our program recognizes the integrity and the educational excellence of our Bachelor of Science in Health Management," says Mary Holz-Clause, chancellor at the University of Minnesota Crookston. "We are very pleased to provide vital education for earning the credentials needed to work in the long-term care industry—an area that will be rapidly expanding in the years ahead."

"Our leaders are educated to meet the licensure standards for leading nursing homes, assisted living units, home health care, hospice and other home and community-based services," says Klassen.

### Background

The mission of a NAB member state regulatory board or agency includes public protection of the residents of America's skilled nursing facilities, assisted living communities and home and community based services. NAB serves as the national authority on licensing executives in long-term care dedicated to delivering quality. For more information, visit [nabweb.org](http://nabweb.org).



Since 1999, the health management major at UMN Crookston has held Minnesota Board of Nursing Home Administration (BENHA) accreditation. For information about the NAB accreditation and the health management major, contact Klassen at [sklassen@umn.edu](mailto:sklassen@umn.edu) or visit the website [www.crk.umn.edu/academics/math-science-and-technology-department/health-management](http://www.crk.umn.edu/academics/math-science-and-technology-department/health-management).

### About UMN Crookston

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