

Healthcare Administration Major Comes to Rindge Campus

A new major is coming to the College at Rindge for the Fall 2014 semester: Healthcare Administration. While this major has been and will continue to be offered online through the College of Graduate & Professional Studies, now students on the Rindge campus will be able to earn a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration. Dr. Andrea McGill-O'Rourke is leading this initiative as Franklin Pierce's first "hybrid" professor, splitting her time between teaching online for CGPS and on campus at Rindge.

"The Healthcare Administration program is designed to prepare students for entry level management positions and/or graduate school," Dr. McGill-O'Rourke said. Healthcare administrators focus on the business aspects of providing quality patient care in this growing field of interest. Franklin Pierce's program examines healthcare issues from a system-wide perspective, before probing into more narrowly defined areas of focus. "Students look at the healthcare landscape as a whole and then delve into ethics, laws, leadership, strategic planning, finance, systems, and epidemiology of health," said Dr. McGill-O'Rourke.



The program is professionally driven and includes a 165-hour internship so that students can gain skills in a healthcare setting. "The hands-on component is important," said Dr. McGill-O'Rourke. "Experiential learning is a key part of the curriculum." The program will roll out its first course on the Rindge campus this upcoming fall and will build from there with each subsequent semester.

Dr. McGill-O'Rourke has research interests in leadership and organizational culture. She worked as a healthcare administrator at the Gifford Medical Center in Vermont prior to joining the Franklin Pierce University community. We are pleased to welcome her aboard!