Healthcare Leadership

SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Overview

The Healthcare Leadership program is tailored for aspiring leaders with existing healthcare experience, focusing on essential skills for navigating the complex healthcare landscape.

You will receive instruction and guidance from seasoned professionals in healthcare and business to:

- learn the fundamental principles to lead and manage healthcare teams
- learn strategies to manage and resolve workplace conflicts
- learn effective ways to interact and communicate within healthcare environments
- gain an understanding of healthcare finances and economics
- gain insight into the structure and policies governing healthcare institutions
- learn about service quality and patient care
- get the tools for measuring and improving healthcare services
- learn how to prepare for and manage emergencies
- develop resilience and the ability to lead confidently through emergencies and unpredictable situations.

This interdisciplinary program culminates in a capstone project that will give you the opportunity to apply your knowledge towards addressing leadership or management challenges in healthcare settings, and demonstrate your ability to innovate and lead effectively.

As a graduate, you will be prepared to pursue various health administration and leadership roles, such as administrative manager, client care manager, client services manager, team lead, and even director of care.

If you seek to positively impact patient outcomes and the efficiency of the healthcare system by mastering the skills needed to lead and innovate in a rapidly evolving industry, this program is for you.

Traits, skills and aptitudes

Those in healthcare leadership roles need:

- people skills, including the ability to work well with a variety of different people
- critical thinking
- strong communication skills
- the ability to work well under pressure, maintain professional behaviour and regulate their emotions
- the ability to build consensus
- excellent negotiation skills.

You should enjoy team-building activities and developing, implementing and evaluating plans.

You are strongly encouraged to refer to the ALIS website for career, learning, and employment information for health service administrators.

Accreditations, designations and certifications

The curriculum for this program was designed in consultation with numerous healthcare organizations, including representatives from the:

- College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta (CLPNA)
- College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta (CRPNA)
- College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CARNA).

These industry insights ensure you graduate with the highly sought-after skills the healthcare industry needs.

Credentials

Upon successful completion of this program, you'll be awarded a SAIT Healthcare Leadership post-diploma certificate.

Admission requirements

Applicants educated in Canada

Applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency and meet the following requirements or equivalents:

- a post-secondary diploma or degree in a healthcare discipline from a recognized university, institute, or college.

Alternatively, a post-secondary certificate in combination with relevant work experience may be considered and approved at the discretion of the Academic Chair.

Applicants educated outside of Canada

All applicants who were educated outside of Canada must demonstrate English language proficiency and provide proof they meet the program admission requirements with an international document assessment. Find accepted educational documents and assessment options.

SAIT may also accept courses completed at certain international post-secondary institutions.

Costs

2026/27 tuition and fees

The following estimated costs are effective as of July 1, 2026.

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees is based on the suggested schedule of study. Following a modified schedule will impact the fees you pay per semester and may alter final costs.

Domestic Students

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	Additional fees	Total per year
1	2	$7,992	$1,764.50	$9,756.50
			Total cost:	**$9,756.50**

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees for domestic students is based on the recommended course load per year.

International Students

The program total is based on the estimated amount you will pay if you enter this program during the 2026/27 academic year. The program total amount listed on your letter of admission may appear higher. This amount is your maximum tuition guarantee for the program. SAIT will not exceed this maximum, regardless of changes in tuition and fees between academic years.

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	Additional fees	Total per year
1	2	$20,574	$1,764.50	$22,338.50
			Total cost:	**$22,338.50**

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees for international students is based on the recommended course load per year.

Books and Supplies

Books and supplies are approximately $2,500.

This is a bring-your-own-device program with a standard computer hardware and software requirement. See the specific requirements on our computers and laptops page. An Apple or Windows-based laptop or tablet is required. Mobile phones are not a suitable alternative.

Find your booklist on the SAIT Bookstore's website. Booklists are created by semester and available approximately two weeks before classes begin.

Additional fees

The School of Health and Public Safety strongly recommends that students meet the Alberta Health Services' standard for Immunization of Post-Secondary Health Care Students. Fees for completing immunization requirements start at $85, however, may increase, depending on your vaccination history, and any new immunizations you choose to acquire.