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Bellarmino University partners with American College of Health Care Administrators

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (January 2021): [Bellarmine University](https://www.bellarmino.edu) has partnered with the [American College of Health Care Administrators](https://www.achca.org), the nation's only professional membership association representing long-term care and post-acute administrators. ACHCA members will receive discounts of 15 to 20 percent for Bellarmine's online healthcare graduate programs.

The partnership is a unique offering, as Bellarmine is the only school in the region to offer the ACHCA discount.

The tuition discount may be applied to the following [online graduate programs](#) at Bellarmine:

- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) with tracks in advanced nursing practice, executive leadership (post-MSN) and leadership (BSN-DNP)
- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with tracks in family nurse practitioner, education or administration
- Master of Health Science (MHS) with tracks in health promotion and social change or healthcare leadership
- PhD in Health Professions Education
- Post-Master's Certificate in Health Professions Education

"ACHCA members can advance their careers without stepping back from their busy schedules," said Dr. Sara Y. Pettingill, Bellarmine's dean of Graduate Admission. "Our high-quality online education allows us to expand our reach without forfeiting the tight-knit communities of learning our students remember long after they leave. Online learning isn't about distance; it's about building new kinds of bridges—pulling together faculty and students to create dynamic experiences made possible through technology. Even from afar, we're big on face-to-face learning."

Pettingill said the partnership supports Bellarmine's strategic plan which calls for the university to expand its geographic reach, enhance student career networks and keep higher education affordable.

Jana Pauldin, ACHCA vice president for membership and chapter relations, said Bellarmine was the right fit for the partnership because of its tradition of excellence in healthcare education and flexible online programs.

"This partnership gives our members professional development opportunities, while addressing some of the challenges working professionals face in achieving their educational goals," Pauldin said.

About Bellarmine University: Bellarmine (Louisville, Ky.) is an inclusive independent Catholic university with a strong liberal arts focus that educates students in mind, body and spirit for meaningful lives, rewarding careers, ethical leadership and service to improve the human condition. Founded in 1950, Bellarmine offers more than 60 majors with an undergraduate and graduate enrollment of nearly 3,500 students and has an alumni community of more than 25,000. The Bellarmine Knights field teams in 22 Division I sports, most in the ASUN conference. Bellarmine is listed as a top U.S. university by publications including The Princeton Review, Forbes and U.S. News and World Report.

About ACHCA: Founded in 1962, the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) is the only professional association devoted solely to meeting the professional needs of today's post-acute and aging services administrators and executives. Focused on advancing leadership excellence, ACHCA provides professional education, networking and career development opportunities for its members. Guided by the vision that dynamic leadership fosters long-term health care services that are meaningful, successful and efficient, ACHCA serves as a catalyst for excellence by promoting leadership through relationship with its signature mentoring program. For more information about ACHCA, visit www.achca.org.