

An alternative to the Masters degree is the Certificate in Healthcare Administration and Management which is geared toward those seeking to advance their healthcare leadership and business knowledge on more select topics.

Bridges said about 90 students are currently enrolled in the programs, with most graduates having obtained the masters as a second degree augmenting their professional career degrees from allopathic or podiatric medicine, physical therapy, nutrition, or as a physician's assistant to name a few. One recent healthcare administration and management graduate received management-level job offers from a nursing home, a private consulting firm, a home healthcare agency and a private health care practice.

Eilon Gabel enrolled in the RFUMS Healthcare Administration and Management program last year shortly after graduating with an undergraduate degree from the University of Southern California, and completed the program in a year.

Gabel, now a medical student at the Keck School of Medicine at USC, said he initially saw the Healthcare Management program as a résumé builder as he applied to medical school and worked in a consulting service office within a California hospital.

But soon, he said, he found himself applying the lessons learned in a leadership class in the RFUMS program on the job at the hospital. He created a leadership flow system at the consulting office, which doctors there told him vastly improved the office's efficiency.

Although initially somewhat skeptical of the Internet-based program, he said it was challenging and demanded more student participation than traditional lecture-based programs. "I was actually very impressed," he said.

Gabel said he now believes the lessons he learned in the program will help him establish a successful medical career. "It is a very high-yield program," he said. "These are things you are not going to learn in medical school, and yet it is things you are going to need to know to succeed."

For more information about the Master of Science in Healthcare Management visit www.rosalindfranklin.edu/srhs or call Diane Bridges 847-578-8479

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Formed in 1912 as the Chicago Hospital-College of Medicine, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science is a national leader in interprofessional medical and healthcare education, offering a doctor of medicine program through the Chicago Medical School and doctor of podiatric medicine program through the Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine.

RFUMS also offers a range of degrees through its College of Health Professions, including nurse anesthesia, nutrition, physical therapy, physician's assistant, pathologists' assistants, psychology, clinical laboratory science, medical radiation physics, women's health and advanced biomedical degrees through the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.