The George McMillan Fleming Center for Healthcare Management was established with generous support from the Fleming Endowment. George Fleming, a prominent Houston attorney, and Scott Fleming, a businessman active in the oil industry, trustees of the Fleming Endowment, made their commitment to honor their father, George McMillan Fleming, Ed.D., FACHE. Dr. Fleming pioneered healthcare management throughout the state. This commitment to healthcare leadership and excellence was demonstrated by his activism in professional associations such as the Texas Hospital Association where he served as president in 1981, and in the American College of Healthcare Executives, where he earned the prestigious “Fellow” status for his devotion and many contributions.

The center also relies on contributions from the Texas Medical Center community as well as public and other philanthropic funds to support initial efforts, grants and industry-sponsored research.
The Texas Medical Center in Houston, the largest such center in the world, is home to internationally recognized healthcare education, research, clinical and community-based organizations. It is also home to one of the leading healthcare management degree programs in Texas that addresses and fully integrates all the disciplines that shape health education, research, prevention, treatment and policy in today’s complex, highly regulated healthcare environment.

The George McMillan Fleming Center for Healthcare Management at The University of Texas School of Public Health takes an innovative approach to preparing future healthcare leaders by introducing skills that go beyond the framework of traditional and financial and organizational needs of health institutions. By collaborating with a number of different schools and resources across the University of Texas System as well as other prominent institutions in the Texas Medical Center, the Fleming Center is a long-needed bridge between private and public sectors to enhance community health and enable change in public health delivery and organization.

Preparing for the Future

According to the Institute of Medicine, quality healthcare administration is one of the key drivers to better functioning and superior healthcare systems. This, combined with a growing, aging population and an estimated 15 percent growth in the number of healthcare management positions in the next decade, attests to the need for The George McMillan Fleming Center for Healthcare Management.

Why The George McMillan Fleming Center?

Texas and the Houston region historically have had a shortage of educational programs in healthcare administration, especially those offering a perspective of broad public health systems. The Fleming Center fills this gap effectively and efficiently via its proximity to the 17,500 faculty and 46 million square feet of facilities in the 54 Texas Medical Center institutions. In addition to the University of Texas Health Science Center’s six schools, The Fleming Center’s collaborations and shared faculty with the University of Texas School of Law, McCombs School of Business and the LBJ School of Public Policy strengthen the Center’s curricula in innovative and exciting ways.

It is this broad multi-disciplinary approach to healthcare management that makes the center unique. Students learn how policy, economics, epidemiology, health promotion and other areas of study impact the demands of both organizations and public health. Furthermore, with all of its resources, The George McMillan Fleming Center for Healthcare Management provides a forum for dialogue, collaboration and research among healthcare executives to integrate theory into practice. Fellowships, residencies, internships, panel discussions and a variety of projects as well as consulting and research to regional, national and international healthcare organizations are the hallmarks of the center whose mission is to set the stage for tomorrow’s healthcare economic and political leadership.

Graduate Degrees in Healthcare Management

The UT School of Public Health through The George McMillan Fleming Center for Healthcare Management offers a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree in healthcare management unlike any other program in the state of Texas. This interdisciplinary program provides a solid foundation in understanding key managerial functions within a broad spectrum of public health systems. The school also offers a Doctorate (Ph.D.) degree with an emphasis in health management.

Core classes in Healthcare Management include:

- Healthcare Operations Management
- Healthcare Finance
- Organizational Theory and Management
- Legal Considerations/Healthcare Law
- Quality Management and Improvement in Healthcare
- Healthcare Strategic Management
- Comparative Financial Systems/Cases in Health Finance
- Healthcare Payments Systems and Policy
- Management and Decision Making
- Practicum in Healthcare Management

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