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Major (Dr.) Ryan Garrison is the Clinical Laboratory Flight Commander at the 6th Medical Support Squadron (MDSS), MacDill Air Force Base (AFB), Florida. He leads the Air Force's largest clinic lab flight with a 30-person team responsible for supporting two wings, United States Central Command and United States Special Operations Command with overall support for 12,000 joint service and coalition personnel and 215,000 beneficiaries. He also serves as the 6 Medical Group's Trusted Care Champion. MAJ Garrison received his bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas and his doctorate from the Medical University of South Carolina. After working in the private sector performing molecular pathology and genetics testing, he received a direct commission and has served on active duty since April 2010. His previous assignments include Flight Command of the Clinical Laboratory and Diagnostic Imaging at the 23d MDSS, Moody Air Force Base AFB, Ga. and Ramstein Air Base (AB), Germany, where he provided the United States Air Forces in Europe's sole Critical Care Air Transport Team (CCATT) College of American Pathologists (CAP) accreditation and proficiency testing program which facilitates aeromedical evacuation care for three Combatant Commands. MAJ Garrison has also served as Chief Infection Control Officer.

How did the DHA degree help enhance your career path?

The DHA degree vastly expanded my knowledge base of healthcare especially in the focus areas of policy, interdisciplinary studies and leadership with an emphasis on evidence-based practices. This program has paved the way for me to widen my scope of influence among my leaders, peers, and staff in an effort to continuously improve processes and foster a culture of safety that is built on patient-centric team work.

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Doctoral Project:
Designing a Standard MRSA
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Inpatient Facilities: A
Comprehensive Summative
Content Analysis

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