

Craig Cordola

Executive Vice President, Ascension Capital



Craig Cordola, FACHE, serves as Executive Vice President, Ascension Capital. In this role Mr. Cordola supports the team in making strategic investments that advance Ascension's operational and strategic priorities.

Mr. Cordola previously served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Ascension for where he oversaw operations of Ascension's Ministry Markets serving communities in 19 states and Washington, D.C., and Ascension Post-Acute Services as well as subsidiaries Medxcel Facilities Management the Resource Group, Ascension's group purchasing organization. He co-led Ascension's COVID-19 Command Center which guided the ministry through the uncharted waters of pandemic response. Craig has also been instrumental in the success of the ministry's environmental stewardship efforts, including establishing bold, industry-leading goals in alignment with the Ascension Mission, and has overseen the launch of Ascension's Consumer Experience efforts, building upon the success of previous initiatives to support growth and consumer loyalty. Prior to becoming COO he led the Ascension Texas Ministry as President and Chief Executive Officer.

Cordola previously served as Senior Vice President of the Memorial Hermann Health System in southeast Texas as President of its Central/West Region. In this role, he also had Executive responsibility for their Academic relationship with The University of Texas Health Science Center – Houston. Prior to serving as a Regional President, he worked in various roles throughout Memorial Hermann including Chief Executive Officer of the Memorial Hermann – Texas Medical Center Campus, Chief Executive Officer of Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital and, prior to that, served as its Assistant Vice President of Operations. Before joining Memorial Hermann he served at Texas Children's Hospital, the primary pediatric teaching facility for Baylor College of Medicine, as a Director of Operations for Texas Children's Pediatric Associates.

In addition to his professional and community commitments, Mr. Cordola is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He graduated with honors from The University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Psychology and continued his studies at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, where he earned dual degrees with a Master of Healthcare Administration and a Master of Business Administration. He is currently a Doctoral Student at the Peabody College at Vanderbilt University where he is studying Leadership and Learning in Organizations.