HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION—M.H.A.

University of Minnesota
School of Public Health

The Master of Healthcare Administration (M.H.A.) degree prepares management leaders for the healthcare industry. The mission of the M.H.A. program is to strengthen societies by enhancing the delivery of healthcare. The curriculum emphasizes the mastery of classic management tools and skills as they are applied in healthcare organizations. Graduates of the M.H.A. program pursue management careers in hospitals and health systems, clinics, physician groups, insurance, the biomedical industries, long-term care, consulting, and many other health-related industries. The Minnesota M.H.A. program is ranked second in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. Over the past ten years, the program has placed 100% of the domestic graduates from the full-time program.

For more information about the Master of Healthcare Administration

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Full-Time Program

60-Credit Minimum

The full-time program is designed for students with limited healthcare management experience. Students are admitted for fall semester only. The application deadline is March 15 for students wishing to be considered for M.H.A. scholarship funding.

Required Coursework

Management of Healthcare Organizations *(PubH 6542, 3 credits)*
Healthcare Services Accounting *(PubH 6535, 3 credits)*
Statistics for Health Management Decision-Making *(PubH 6541, 3 credits)*
Healthcare Management Ethics *(PubH 6553, 1 credit)*
Healthcare Management Policy *(PubH 6569, 1 credit)*
Principles of Problem Solving *(PubH 6544, 3 credits)*
Advanced Problem Solving *(PubH 6570, 2 credits)*
Healthcare Human Resources Management *(PubH 6547, 2 credits)*
Healthcare Marketing and Strategy *(PubH 6554, 2 credits)*
Health Economics *(PubH 6555, 2 credits)*
Health and Health Systems *(PubH 6556, 2 credits)*
Health Finance I *(PubH 6557, 3 credits)*
Health Finance II *(PubH 6558, 3 credits)*
Operations Research and Quality *(PubH 6560, 2 credits)*
Quantitative Methods *(PubH 6561, 2 credits)*
Information Technology in Healthcare *(PubH 6562, 2 credits)*
Managed Care *(PubH 6564, 2 credits)*
Legal Considerations in Health Services *(PubH 6596, 3 credits)*
Interprofessional Teamwork *(PubH 6568, 2 credits)*
Healthcare Delivery Design and Innovation *(PubH 6565, 2 credits)*
Health Leadership and Effecting Change *(PubH 6727, 2 credits)*
Residency and Clerkship Report *(PubH 7596, 2 credits)*
Electives to complete *(60 credits)*

Summer Residency

All students enrolled in the full-time program are required to complete a summer residency (2 credits). The residency provides students with a consolidated period of time to relate and apply what they have learned in the classroom to a healthcare organization. Students are introduced to the daily activities of an organization from the perspective of top management.

M.H.A./M.B.A. Dual Degree for Full-Time Students

The M.H.A./M.B.A. dual degree option has been in existence for over 15 years, and is designed for students who wish to earn an M.B.A. degree as well as an M.H.A. degree. Both degrees can be completed in three years upon completion of the required 95 credits. The dual degree option prepares students for management careers in the biomedical, pharmaceutical, and medical device industries.

Part-Time Program for Working Professionals—Twin Cities Campus and Rochester Campus

42-Credit Minimum

The part-time program is designed for individuals who have three years of full-time work experience in healthcare management or delivery. Students are admitted each semester and in summer. The application deadlines are as follows:

- Fall admission—July 1
- Spring admission—November 1
- Summer admission—April 1

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Requirements are subject to change for each incoming class, without prior notice to applicants. Contact a Major Coordinator for specific information. 9/08

Program Description

The program provides students with access to rich resources inside the classroom and in the community through full-time University faculty, guest lecturers, technology-enhanced learning, adjunct faculty, and projects that integrate hands-on learning. All students will complete comprehensive coursework encompassing 42 credits that will focus on the core competencies required to be a leader in the industry along with a strong emphasis on healthcare finance, leadership, and problem solving. The M.H.A. will equip graduates to influence organizational mission and vision while advancing their own career.

Delivery Format

This part-time program, based in both the Twin Cities and Rochester, uses a variety of course delivery techniques to meet the schedule demands of working adults and to keep current in the fast-paced healthcare environment. Technology-enhanced learning, web-based interaction, condensed courses, and interactive classroom-based experiences will provide scheduling flexibility, access to expertise, and opportunities to initiate professional relationships. Approximately half of the program is offered online. This allows students to earn a significant portion of their degree at a time and place convenient for them. The balance of the program is offered face-to-face in either compressed weekend courses or institute-style courses.

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Required Coursework

Principles of Health Services Organizations *(PubH 6751, 2 credits)*
Statistics for Health Management Decision-Making *(PubH 6541, 3 credits)*
Healthcare Management Ethics *(PubH 6553, 1 credit)*
Healthcare Marketing and Strategy *(PubH 6554, 2 credits)*
Health Economics *(PubH 6555, 2 credits)*
Health and Health Systems *(PubH 6556, 2 credits)*
Health Finance I *(PubH 6557, 3 credits)*
Health Finance II *(PubH 6558, 3 credits)*
Operations Research and Quality *(PubH 6560, 2 credits)* ***or***
Quantitative Methods *(PubH 6561, 2 credits)* ***or***
Continuous Quality Improvement *(PubH 6765, 3 credits)*
Information Technology in Healthcare *(PubH 6562, 2 credits)*
Managed Care *(PubH 6564, 2 credits)*
Legal Considerations in Health Services *(PubH 6596, 3 credits)*
Interprofessional Teamwork *(PubH 6568, 2 credits)*
Healthcare Delivery Design and Innovation *(PubH 6565, 2 credits)*
Health Leadership and Effecting Change *(PubH 6727, 2 credits)*
Healthcare Human Resources Management *(PubH 6547, 2 credits)*
Principles of Problem Solving *(PubH 6544, 3 credits)*

The M.H.A. Option for ISP-Executive Students

The M.H.A. Option for ISP-Executive students is an alternative program for healthcare administrators who recognize the need for professional development in healthcare management, but who are unable to pursue full-time, on-campus study. Students attend a minimum of four 2–3 week summer sessions over a period of 3–7 years, complete study units through distance education, and participate in regional meetings each year.

Students who complete three years of ISP-Executive earn a Credential of Advanced Studies and 36 credits. They may use all 36 semester credits toward fulfillment of the requirements of the Master in Healthcare Administration degree, provided they have not applied those credits to another degree, have met all entrance requirements, and are admitted for the Master's Option. The Master's Option requires the completion of 10 additional semester credits that may be taken in the summer following the completion of Course III.

The deadline for application to the ISP-Executive Master's Option is March 15 for summer session.

Admission Preferences and Prerequisites

Admission requires a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university. The M.H.A. Admission Committee reviews applicants to all three degree options according to their personal statements, background and experience, record of academic achievement, demonstrated academic potential, letters of recommendations, compatibility of interest with program faculty, and other factors. Test scores and GPAs provide competitive points of reference for admission, but are not alone decisive in the admissions review.

Applications are reviewed by the admissions committee beginning in December and continue through April. In the first phase of the admission process the paper application is reviewed and the admissions committee decides whether to grant an interview. If an interview is granted, the applicant will visit campus, observe a class, tour the facilities, meet current students, and participate in a 30-minute interview with a panel comprised of one faculty member and two leaders of the healthcare community. ISP-Executive Master Option students are frequently waived from the interview requirement since they have established a track record through their ISP-Executive coursework.

Preferred Performance Levels

- A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- A GRE score of 1000 combined verbal and quantitative, and 3.5 analytical writing assessment or a GMAT score of 500 combined verbal and quantitative, and an analytical writing score of 3.5. Also acceptable: MCAT and DAT from practicing physicians and dentists.
- TOEFL score of 600 on the paper test ***or*** 250 on the computer-based test ***or*** 90 on the internet-based (iBT) test for applicants whose native language is not English
- Domestic applicants are expected to participate in an on-campus interview. International applicants are interviewed by phone.

Admission Decisions

Applicants are notified about admission decisions by mail approximately six weeks after their completed application is received.