The Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) is designed for students with minimal health care management experience who want to pursue management and leadership positions in health care settings. Founded in 1946, the MHA program has a long tradition of developing students and producing nationally-recognized health care leaders.

Distinct from other management programs, the Minnesota MHA uniquely integrates business principles with a deep understanding of health care delivery and complex health care organizations.

**CURRICULUM & PROGRAM FORMAT**

**60 CREDITS, 21 MONTHS**

The full-time curriculum emphasizes mastery of leadership and management tools and skills as practiced in health care organizations. Core business courses—management, finance, accounting, economics—are uniquely designed for application to health care organizations. Students learn and apply The Minnesota Problem Solving Method, a rigorous, practical method of solving problems and interacting with top-level executives in a variety of health care organizations. The program is CAHME-accredited, the gold standard in graduate healthcare education.

Students also may choose to design a subspecialty in: financial management, long term care administration, health policy, information and decision science, marketing management, maternal and child health, operations management, strategic management, or health products.

**SUMMER RESIDENCY**

All students enrolled in the MHA program are required to complete a summer residency. The residency provides students with a concentrated period of time to relate and apply what they have learned in the classroom to a health care organization. Students are introduced to the daily activities of an organization from the perspective of top management.

**ADVANTAGES OF THE PROGRAM**

**Support.** More than 2,600 graduates—top-level executives who are extremely connected to and invested in the success of MHA students—comprise the Minnesota MHA Alumni Association.

**Small classes.** Our cohort learning model broadens skills and confidence, and features hands-on learning.

**Career focused.** 100 percent of graduating students secure fellowships or employment by July of their graduating year.

**Location.** Minnesota is a health care industry hub, home to hundreds of health care organizations and more than 500 FDA-approved medical technology manufacturers.

**Highly ranked.** Our program consistently ranks among the top three health care management programs in the nation.

**Integrated health sciences.** The U of M’s innovative infrastructure of six health sciences schools—one of three such models in the U.S.—gives our students the ability to learn from and work with a diverse array of students and health experts.
CAREERS
The MHA program is well positioned to launch the careers of future health care leaders.

Most Minnesota MHA graduates advance to administrative fellowships in the nation’s leading health care delivery organizations including Mayo Clinic, Johns Hopkins Hospital and Health System, Cleveland Clinic, and Kaiser Permanente. Other employment placements include consulting firms, the insurance industry, medical device firms, and public policy agencies.

Leadership Development: Resume development and mock interviews, along with leadership assessment, feedback, and individual coaching from an industrial psychologist, prepare graduates to succeed in the workplace. All students are matched with an alumni mentor.

ADMISSIONS
Strong quantitative and communication skills are essential. Prior experience in health care is not required; however, the MHA program does give consideration to applicants with relevant professional work experience, superior credentials, and demonstrated leadership potential.

- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0
- Statement of Purpose and Objectives
- Resume
- Transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation
- 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

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DUAL DEGREE OPTIONS
MHA/MBA Dual Degree
A partnership between the MHA program and the MBA program at the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management. Both degrees can be completed in three years upon completion of the required 95 credits.

JD/MHA Dual Degree
The JD/MHA dual degree program is a partnership with the UMN Law School and can be completed in four years. This options prepares individuals for a career as legal advisor or general counsel in a health care organizations.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

The MHA student experience is enriched with career development, events, faculty support, and hands-on learning opportunities such as national case competitions where teamwork, problem solving, and communication skills are applied to real-life management scenarios.

Case competitions give students the chance to use knowledge and skills developed from multiple courses in the curriculum and apply them to a specific problem or issue.

Katherine Klingel, MHA ‘18 (pictured above), was part of a team of U of M MHA students who placed first at the 2018 UAB Health Administration Case Competition for their strategies to create sustainable value for a rural hospital through operational efficiency, service development, and value-based partnership.