

# MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION



The #2 ranked healthcare administration program is designed for students with minimal health care management experience who want to pursue management and leadership positions in healthcare 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 healthcare delivery and complex healthcare organizations.

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News and World  
Report

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## CURRICULUM & PROGRAM FORMAT

### 60 CREDITS, 21 MONTHS

The full-time curriculum emphasizes mastery of leadership and management tools and skills as practiced in healthcare organizations. Core business courses—management, finance, accounting, economics—are uniquely designed for application to health care organizations. The program is CAHME-accredited, the gold standard in graduate healthcare education.

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

## ADVANTAGES OF THE PROGRAM

**Support.** More than 3,000 graduates—top-level executives who are extremely connected to and invested in the success of MHA students—comprise the Minnesota MHA Alumni Association. All students are matched with an alumni mentor.

**Exposure to the field.** Students engage with health care organizations and executives from day one. They visit Twin Cities health care organizations during their first semester where they meet with top leadership.

**Summer residency experience.** The summer residency between the first and second years of coursework allows students to apply what they have learned in the classroom to a real-life problem in a health care organization. Students receive support from on-site executive-level preceptors and clerkship project advisors, most of whom are alumni of the program.

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

**Career focused.** 100% of graduating students secure fellowships or employment within three months of graduation.

**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 is ranked #2 among healthcare management programs in the nation by the U.S. News and World Report.

**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 healthcare leaders.

Most MHA graduates advance to administrative fellowships in the nation's leading healthcare 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.

**Personalized Career Coaching:** The MHA program offers a dedicated coaching team that supports students throughout the program and during their residency and fellowship searches.

## ADMISSIONS

Strong quantitative and communication skills are essential. Prior experience in healthcare 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 100 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.

**Emily Johnson, Marissa Sandkuhler, Dominick Mesdjian,** (pictured above) took first place at the 2022 UAB Health Administration Case Competition for their strategies to develop robust market growth strategies for CVS-Aetna in the Northeastern Region of the United States.