Pursue leadership opportunities with an MHA

Decisions about quality, technology, data, sustainability and patient safety are made in healthcare leadership positions. A Master of Health Administration can help prepare you to lead in these complex situations. Our curriculum aligns with the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). And, our course schedule allows you to enhance your healthcare career while keeping up with your job and family. Your degree can be completed in as little as 17 months, just one 6-week course at a time.

In this MHA program, you’ll learn to:

- Develop the leadership skills needed to work in healthcare administration
- Use data to address the “Triple Aim” of healthcare (cost/quality of care, population health, patient-centrism)
- Navigate the world of healthcare mergers and acquisitions
- Respond with agility to emerging trends across the sector

Your MHA can stand alone, or you can specialize your degree with a concentration in Informatics. Or, pursue a dual Master of Health Administration/Master of Business Administration (MHA/MBA) degree to respond to healthcare demands from a business perspective.

Mission: The mission of the Master of Health Administration program is to prepare early-to-mid careerists, who desire to pursue a degree while employed, with the competencies necessary to grow professionally, facilitate cross-system transformation, and engage with their communities.

Vision: Creating a new type of health sector leader who is authentic, transparent, and creative – who thinks critically and with agility, comfortable at the intersection of industry expertise and academic scholarship.

What sets us apart?

When you choose our Master of Health Administration program, you can:

Trust our commitment to quality
Our MHA program was recently granted candidacy status by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME).

Become a well-rounded leader
Our unique Novel Initiative uses literary works to help students cultivate empathy for patients and colleagues whose experiences might be different than their own.

Broaden your expertise
Earn a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in addition to your MHA and learn the business skills needed to work in executive healthcare management.
Unavailable
Programmatic accreditation candidacy

Our MHA program was recently granted candidacy status by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME). Candidate status is an indication that a program in healthcare management has voluntarily committed to participate in a plan of self-improvement and is actively progressing toward the status of accreditation. Candidate status is not accredited status and does not guarantee eventual accredited status.
Requirements and prerequisites

You’ll need 36 credits to complete this program.

Relevant curriculum

Our MHA is designed in close collaboration with senior and executive leaders across the healthcare industry to anticipate emerging needs and trends in the health sector. Curriculum also aligns with competencies set by ACHE.

Novel Initiative

Our Novel Initiative, launched in 2017, incorporates literature into core Health Administration courses in order to cultivate a deeper sense of empathy. Why? Research shows engagement in the humanities helps lessen bias and understand others’ situations from their perspective. The Novel Initiative helps students prepare to navigate the complex life and death issues and diverse needs inherent to healthcare.

Novels utilized in the MHA curriculum include:

- “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” (Skloot, 2010)
- “The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down” (Fadiman, 1998)

The College of Health Professions implemented the Novel Initiative because effective leadership isn’t just about healthcare expertise and business acumen; it’s about empathy, too.

Core courses

- MHA516: Operating In Structure: Health Sector Policy And Governance
- MHA507: Leveraging Informatics In The Health Sector
- MHA520: Sector Stakeholders: Identifying And Cultivating Alliances
- MHA560: Creating A Sustainable Legacy: Healthy Communities
- MHA508: Navigating The Regulatory Environment In Health Care
- MHA515: Scanning The Health Sector As An Industry Expert
- MHA598: Leveraging Results To Build Brand In The Health Sector
- MHA599: Capstone: Leading The Organization Through Change
- MHA505: Systems Thinking In Health Care Environments
- MHA543: Tackling The Talent War In The Health Sector
- MHA542: Leading With Authenticity In The Health Sector
- MHA506: Ethical Marketing: The New Health Care Economics

While widely available, not all programs are available in all locations or in both online and on-campus formats. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.