

HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION, MHA

The Department of Health Care Administration offers the Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) to provide evidence-based training in micro and macro theory and practice to advance the health of individuals and communities—local, national, and international. The program enables students to understand the complex interrelationships between health organizations, societal and cultural contexts, and biological systems, and emphasizes the well-being of the individuals and populations affected by these complex interrelationships. The UWM MHA program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME) and is the only CAHME-accredited MHA program in the State of Wisconsin.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/>) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (<https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/>).

Admission

An applicant must meet Graduate School requirements (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/>) and submit the following materials:

- **Resume or CV**
- **Transcripts:** All applicants, including UWM students, must upload transcripts from all academic institutions where a bachelor's degree or above has been or will be earned.
- **Reason Statement:** An essential part of your application, the reason statement is used to determine the appropriateness of your educational and professional goals and serves as an example of your ability to express yourself in writing. In the statement:
 - Explain your reasons for pursuing graduate study.
 - Describe specific interests and your background in the field.
 - List any relevant skills or training you have acquired.
 - List relevant academic awards or honors you have received.
- **Two Letters of Recommendation:** Letters of recommendation should come from academic sources and/or supervisors. The letters should address the applicant's academic and professional strengths, and the applicant's potential for success in graduate study.

Credits and Courses

MHA Options

There are four options for the MHA:

Option 1: Face-to-Face Program

(39 credits required for graduation)

All courses are offered in face-to-face sections; 30 credits of required courses, a 2-credit internship, 1-credit MHA capstone course and 6 credits of electives are required.

Option 2: Online Program

(39 credits required for graduation)

All courses are offered online; 30 credits of required courses, a 2-credit internship, 1-credit MHA capstone course and 6 credits of electives are required.

Option 3: Executive Online Program

(33 credits required for graduation)

All courses are offered online; 30 credits of required courses, a 2-credit internship and 1-credit MHA capstone course required. Admission to the Executive Online program requires previous health-related administrative experience and/or an advanced professional degree. Examples of acceptable degrees include MBA, PharmD, PhD, MD, JD, DO, DPT, and APRN.

Option 4: Executive Online Program with the Pharmacy Leadership Academy

(30 credits required for graduation)

All courses are offered online; 27 credits of required courses, a 2-credit internship and 1-credit MHA capstone course required. Admission to this program requires concurrent enrollment in the Pharmacy Leadership Academy (<https://www.ashpfoundation.org/leadership-development/pharmacy-leadership-academy/>) (PLA) program.

*HCA 866 is not a

required course

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
HCA 801	Design of Health and Human Service Systems	3
KIN 702	Statistical Analysis in the Health Sciences	3
or HCA 843	Quantitative Methods for Healthcare Administrators	
HCA 821	Operations Management in Healthcare Organizations	3
HCA 822	Human Resources Management for Healthcare Executives	3
HCA 823	Strategic Planning in Health Care Organizations	3
HCA 865	Financial Management for Health Care Organizations	3
HCA 866	Leading Change & Innovation in a System	3
HCA 867	Global Population Health Management	3
HCA 813	Health Regulatory Policy and Politics	3
HCA 868	Health Law and Ethics	3
Required Internship		
HCA 870	Internship in Health Care Administration	2
Required Capstone		
HCA 871	MHA Capstone	1
Focus Area Electives:		
BUSMGMT 705	Corporate Finance	3
BUS ADM 775	Financial Strategy	3
or NURS 620	Global Food Security and Systems	

NURS 708	Global Maternal and Child Health: From Evidence to Action	3
or HI 723	Health Care Systems Applications - Administrative and Clinical	
HI 743	Predictive Analytics in Healthcare	3

Code	Title	Credits
Approved General Electives		
HCA 835	Patient-Provider Communication: Strategies & Practices	3

Additional Requirements

Major Professor as Advisor

A student must have a major professor to advise and supervise the student's studies as specified in Graduate School regulations. Initially, the director of the MHA Program advises and supervises newly admitted students. Students are then assigned faculty advisors according to faculty advising loads.

Time Limit

All degree requirements must be completed within seven years of the first enrollment semester as a degree student.