

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 GRE, GMAT, or other graduate entrance exam scores taken within the past five years. Exceptions to the entrance exam requirement will be determined on a case-by-case basis for exceptional prior professional experience or exceptional academic performance. Credits earned in these courses do not count toward the degree.

Credits and Courses

MHA Options

There are three 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.

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

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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.