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MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Get to the Heart of Healthcare Organizations

Healthcare organizations today face complex challenges, and in the future these are likely to increase. A Master of Healthcare Administration degree gives you the conceptual and analytical skills you'll need to understand and manage healthcare organization challenges. This professional program is designed to provide skills and knowledge in the practice of healthcare administration and management and to prepare you for entry-level and middle-management roles in healthcare organizations. Special attention is given to the social side of the profession and its unique people-dependent focus. You'll find this is a degree with smarts and heart.

The program explores the organization and the financing and delivery of services to prevent and treat illness and disease. The program includes programs that serve the public and private sectors at all levels—local, state, and federal. You'll learn from faculty members who are united by a common commitment to solving problems and developing innovations related to the access, cost, and quality of healthcare.

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You'll increase your chances for professional growth and job placement through carefully planned internships and a capstone experience, plus gain practical experience in project management, teamwork, and leadership. If you are looking for career advancement from middle to upper middle management, or to transition into healthcare administration from other professions, this degree will expand your options.

Program highlights:

- Entire program can be completed online
- Solve complex problems in a healthcare environment by employing analytical skills
- Align the priorities of the organization with the needs and values of the community it serves
- Comprehend the financial and accounting information needed to make long-term investment decisions for a healthcare organization
- Incorporate the principles of quality management for improving outcomes in healthcare organizations

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The Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) is a graduate professional degree designed to enhance the practice of healthcare administration/management by preparing students for entry-level and middle-management roles in healthcare organizations. Healthcare management involves the organization, financing and delivery of services to prevent and treat illness and disease, including programs that serve the public and private sectors at all levels local, state, and federal. Faculty members have expertise in diverse fields such as management, economics, law, medicine, public health, planning, sociology, and statistics. They are united by a common commitment to solving problems and developing innovations related to the access, cost, and quality of healthcare.

The MHA program emphasizes the conceptual and analytical skills required to understand and manage today's healthcare organization and prepare for tomorrow's challenges. Special attention is given to the social contributions of the profession and its unique people-dependent focus. Also featured are experiential opportunities in project management, teamwork, and leadership. Ideal candidates for the MHA program are those students looking for career advancement from middle to upper-middle management; those looking for career transition into healthcare administration from other professions; and those looking to advance from clinical/technical roles to management roles. Graduates will enhance their opportunities for professional growth and job placement through carefully planned internships and a capstone experience. The MHA program is an associate member institution of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA).

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Solve complex problems in a healthcare environment by employing analytical skills.
- Establish strategic priorities of a healthcare organization in line with the needs and values of the community it serves.
- Conduct financial analysis, explain financial and accounting information, and make long-term investment decisions for a healthcare organization.
- Apply healthcare management concepts for healthcare organizations.
- Utilize administrative and clinical information technology and decision-support tools in process and performance improvement.
- Incorporate the principles of quality management for improving outcomes in healthcare organizations.
- Synthesize best practices in healthcare leadership.
- Evaluate the ethical, legal, and regulatory requirements of the healthcare industry.

Degree Requirements

To receive an MHA degree, students must complete at least 72 quarter units of graduate work. A total of 13.5 quarter units of graduate credit may be granted for equivalent graduate work completed at another institution, as it applies to this degree and provided the units were not used in earning another advanced degree. Refer to the section on graduate admission requirements for specific information regarding application and evaluation.

Core Requirements

(16 courses; 72 quarter units)

HCA 600	U.S. Healthcare System
HCA 610	Health Policy <i>Prerequisite: HCA 600</i>
COH 602	Biostatistics
HCA 620	Health Organization Management <i>Prerequisite: COH 602</i>
HCA 626	Healthcare Information Systems <i>Prerequisite: HCA 620</i>
HCA 622	Quality Appraisal & Evaluation <i>Prerequisite: HCA 600, HCA 610, HCA 620 and COH 606</i>
COH 606	Epidemiology <i>Prerequisite: COH 602</i>
HCA 660	Health Economics
HCA 628	HA Human Resources Management <i>Prerequisite: HCA 622</i>
HCA 630	Healthcare Law & Ethics
HCA 663	Healthcare Accounting/Finance <i>Prerequisite: HCA 628</i>
HCA 624	Healthcare Planning & Marketing <i>Prerequisite: COH 611</i>
COH 611	Public Health Research Methods
HCA 670	Healthcare Leadership <i>Prerequisite: HCA 624</i>

HCA 691	Healthcare Internship <i>Prerequisite: HCA 600, COH 602, HCA 610, HCA 620, HCA 622, COH 606, HCA 624, HCA 626, HCA 628, HCA 630, HCA 660, HCA 663, COH 611, HCA 670 and permission by instructor</i>
HCA 692	Healthcare Capstone <i>Prerequisite: HCA 691 or permission by instructor.</i>

Recommended Elective

(1 course, 4.5 quarter units)

HCA 650	Medical Practice Management
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