

Master of Health Administration

Students can advance their career potential in healthcare administration by completing the online Master of Health Administration (MHA) program at Wichita State University. Designed to build upon students' existing experience and educational background in health management, the MHA equips them with the skills to effectively plan, direct, manage and coordinate medical and health services. Combined with professional experience, the program prepares graduates for careers in hospitals, outpatient care centers, government agencies, insurance companies, consulting firms and health technology organizations. Potential roles include hospital administrator, healthcare operations manager, clinical director, practice manager, health services manager, quality improvement manager, supply chain manager, healthcare consultant, healthcare policy analyst, risk management director, compliance officer and more.

The MHA provides affordable, quality distance education, enabling students to earn their Master of Health Administration from almost anywhere in the world with in-state tuition regardless of residency; most international students residing in their home country can also complete the online degree. For more information, please see WSU Online (<https://wichita.edu/online/>)¹.

CAHME Candidacy

The MHA program at Wichita State University has been awarded CAHME Candidacy status. Achieving candidacy through the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education 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.

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Admission

In order to be admitted into the Master of Health Administration degree program, the applicant must meet the following quality indicators:

- Preference for an undergraduate degree in health management, business, clinical profession or related field. Will consider unrelated fields for candidates with health care experience or other high-quality indicators below.
- Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.750 (on a 4.000 scale) or a 2.750 in the last 60 credit hours of study. **Preferred overall GPA of 3.000 in the last 60 credit hours of study.** Students with lower GPAs may apply and will be considered for probationary admission pending a strong personal goals essay, recommender scores, and letters of recommendation.
- Submit a high-quality essay of 500 words or less which clearly articulates the applicant's reason for seeking admission to the MHA program. The essay should specifically address the following:
 - Part I: Clearly state your detailed personal objectives and specific career goals.
 - Part II: Describe your past performance as a student. Explain how your experience in prior studies has prepared you to be a motivated, committed graduate student, ready to work in collaboration with your peers throughout the graduate program.
- Submit a current resume.
- Two professional references must supply scores of recommendations with written letters of recommendation in the application system. Professional references should be acquainted with the applicant's background and potential success in graduate studies.

- All applicants whose native language is not English and who have not received their undergraduate education in an English-speaking country must submit scores from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). An IELTS score of 7.0, or a TOEFL of 88 (internet)/230 (computer)/570 (paper) is required.
- The GRE is not required for admission.

Application Deadlines

Priority application deadlines are: July 15 for fall admission, December 1 for spring admission, April 15 for summer admission.

To be reviewed for admission, applicants should submit the designated application for admission, application fee, supporting transcripts and additional supporting documents to the Graduate School via the online application portal.

Applications are reviewed when the graduate application fee and all supporting documents have been submitted and are received by the program director. Applicants will be notified of their admission status by the Graduate School. Upon enrollment, the student will be assessed a \$100 nonrefundable acceptance fee. For additional details, please visit the MHA program website (https://www.wichita.edu/academics/online/Program_Pages/MHA.php)¹.

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Program Requirements

The MHA is offered 100 percent online and includes a 3-credit-hour practicum that can be completed in the student's state of residency. Students may be expected to complete some synchronous hours in select coursework across the curriculum and will complete a comprehensive exam in their last semester of didactic study.

The MHA curriculum consists of 43 credit hours.

- Students must complete 37 credit hours of core courses which provide sufficient background for the MHA discipline and adhere to standards set forth by the accrediting body, Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Management Education (CAHME);
- Students also complete 3 credit hours of an elective; and
- Completion of a 3-credit-hour practicum with an applied learning project.

Course	Title	Hours
Required Core Courses (37 credit hours)		
PHS 621	Effective Management in Healthcare	3
PHS 622	Human Resource Management in Healthcare	3
PHS 801	Introduction to the MHA Program	1
PHS 803	Healthcare Finance	3
PHS 805	Healthcare Law and Ethics	3
PHS 806	Issues and Trends in Healthcare	3
PHS 807	Healthcare Informatics	3
PHS 808	Managerial Epidemiology	3
PHS 810	Strategic Planning and Performance Analytics	3
PHS 812	Healthcare Policy and Administration	3
PHS 815	Healthcare Leadership and Operations Management	3

PHS 833	Healthcare Economics	3
PHS 848	Concepts of Quality in Healthcare	3
Suggested Electives ¹		
Select 3 credit hours from the following		3
PHS 562	Senior Living Operations	
PHS 626	Hospitality and Enrichment in Aging Communities	
PHS 809	Rural Healthcare Leadership	
DS 850	Operations Management	
MGMT 662	Managing in Diverse Organizations	
MIS 874	Management Information Systems	
MKT 801	Marketing Management	
HRM 665	Employment Law	
HRM 690I	Current Topics in Human Resource Management	
HRM 866	Selection	
HRM 868	Rewards	
Practicum		
PHS 819	MHA Practicum	3
Total Credit Hours		43

¹ Additional electives are allowed, consult with a graduate advisor for approval.

Applied Learning

Students in the Master of Health Administration program are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from this program. The requirements can be met by the successful completion of PHS 819.