

Master of Health Administration

Students advance their career potential in health care administration by completing the online Master of Health Administration (MHA) degree program at Wichita State University. The MHA allows students to complement existing experience and educational background in health management, building on that knowledge base to better plan, direct, manage and coordinate medical and health services. The program prepares students in areas of management, health care finance, human resource administration, strategic planning, law and ethics, health economics and health information systems.

The MHA provides quality distance education, enabling students to earn their Master of Health Administration from almost anywhere in the world; most international students residing in their home country can complete an online degree. For more information, please see WSU Online at <https://wichita.edu/online>.

Admission

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

- Possess an undergraduate degree in health management, business, clinical profession, or related field.
- Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.750 (on a 4.000 scale) or a 2.750 in the last 60 credit hours of undergraduate coursework. Students with lower GPAs may apply and will be considered for probationary admission pending a strong personal goal essay and letters of recommendation.
- Submit a personal goals essay of 500 words or less which clearly articulates the applicant's reason for seeking admission to the MHA program.
- Submit a current resume.
- Submit two professional letters of recommendation from persons acquainted with the applicant's background and potential success in graduate studies.
- Submit an official GRE test score, taken within the last five years. In the following situations the GRE requirement may be waived:
 - Three years or more of managerial work experience, evaluated by the MHA admission committee; or a WSU graduate from health management, business, clinical profession or related field, graduate certificate in health administration with a GPA of 3.500 or higher in the last 60 credit hours.
- 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.

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines are: July 15 for fall admission, December 1 for spring admission.

Applications are reviewed when the application and supporting documents 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 see the program website.

Program Requirements

The MHA is offered 100 percent online culminating in a 3-credit-hour practicum that can be completed in the student's state of residency.

Students also adhere to the requirements of 120 credit hours of synchronous online learning that is embedded throughout select core curriculum and completion of a comprehensive examination in the final semester of didactic study.

The MHA curriculum consists of 42 credit hours.

- Students must complete 36 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 then complete 3 credit hours of an elective; and
- Culminate their degree with completion of a 3 credit hour capstone in the final semester of study.

Course	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
MBA 802	Fundamentals of Accounting	1.5
MBA 803	Fundamentals of Finance	1.5
HA 621	Supervisory Management in Health Care Organizations	3
HA 622	Human Resource Management in Health Care Organizations	3
HA 648	Concepts of Quality in Health Care	3
HA 802	Health Law & Ethics	3
HA 804	Health Informatics	3
HA 806	Issues and Trends in Health Professions	3
HA 808	Principles of Epidemiology	3
HA 810	Strategic Planning and Performance Analytics	3
HA 812	Health Care Policy and Administration	3
HA 814	Health Care Leadership and Operations Management	3
HA 833	Health Economics	3
Electives		
Select 3 credit hours from the following		3
HA 818	Rural Health Care Leadership	
AGE 710	Systems in Long-Term Care	
MKT 801	Marketing Management	
DS 850	Operations Management	
Practicum		
HA 816	MHA Practicum	3
Total Credit Hours		42

Applied Learning

Students in the Master's 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 HA 816.

MHA to MA in Aging Studies

Students completing the WSU Master of Health Administration (MHA) program may be allowed to apply up to 12 credit hours (four courses) to the WSU Master of Arts in aging studies (AGE) program (i.e., double-counting 12 credit hours between two programs). The 12 credit hours are completed as a requirement for the MHA program and should be taken from the required courses in the AGE Administration concentration curriculum. The crossover coursework includes:

Course	Title	Hours
PHS 621	Supervisory Management in Health Care Organizations	3
PHS 622	Human Resource Management in Health Care Organizations	3
PHS 812	Health Care Policy and Administration	3
AGE 710	Systems in Long-Term Care	3

The main objective for this change is to provide the opportunity for students to pursue dual degrees (MHA and AGE) and structures the curriculum allowing both programs to be completed within a reasonable time frame. The double-counting rule allows students to complete both programs by taking 60 credit hours of coursework. The MHA program must be successfully completed before the student can be admitted to the AGE program for the completion of the dual Master's degree.