

Accelerated BS in Health Management to Master of Health Administration

The online accelerated bachelor's to master's program in health administration is designed to prepare qualified students for graduate work in health administration at WSU through a coordinated accelerated program leading to both a Bachelor of Science in health management and a Master of Health Administration (MHA).

A student admitted to the accelerated program will be allowed to enroll in courses for graduate credit (up to 9 credit hours) while also earning undergraduate credit for dual courses. This dual credit allows students an advanced start on the MHA curriculum, while still completing their undergraduate degree in health management. Students can streamline their graduate education with the accelerated bachelor's in health management to Master of Health Administration.

Admission and Application

To be considered for admission to the accelerated program in health administration, a prospective student must submit a graduate school application and fee, and satisfy the following requirements:

1. An undergraduate GPA of 2.750 overall, and 3.250 in PHS courses;
2. Completion of at least 60 credit hours of undergraduate study;
3. Completion of at least *four* of the following five PHS classes (PHS 325, PHS 344, PHS 356, PHS 410 and/or PHS 408);
4. A letter of recommendation from one member of the PHS faculty; and
5. A personal goals essay of 500 words or less which clearly articulates the applicant's reason for seeking admission to the accelerated program.

Prospective students apply for admission to the program during the semester prior to the first semester in which they intend to enroll in a course for graduate credit.

A student in the accelerated program will be admitted to the Master of Health Administration upon being awarded the bachelor's degree if all admission requirements for the master's program are satisfied at that time and the student has made continued satisfactory progress.

Program Requirements

The online accelerated bachelor's degree to master's in health administration program enables academically qualified WSU undergraduate students a direct path to simultaneously earn both undergraduate and graduate (dual) credits in health administration. The accelerated program is ideal for undergraduate students in the Bachelor's of Science in health management or health science degrees in the department of public health sciences. Students admitted to the accelerated program enroll in graduate coursework (up to 9 credit hours) while completing their undergraduate degree. Students should consult with their advisor and the director of graduate programs to determine how the 9 credit hours best align with their remaining undergraduate curriculum.

The recommended courses for dual credit include: PHS 621, PHS 622 and, PHS 562 **or** PHS 809. All 9 credit hours apply towards the Bachelor of Science in health management degree. For the Master of Health Administration program, PHS 621 and PHS 622 are core; PHS 562 **or** PHS 809 fulfill an elective.

Make a smooth, immediate transition from your undergraduate program to graduate work in health administration.

Program Guidelines

- For each of the dual credit courses, the student must meet the learning outcomes specific to graduate students to apply the course to graduate credit, earning no less than a 3.000 in each course.
- Each course taken for joint credit must be so identified at the time of enrollment in that course and a dual enrollment form must be completed which indicates the courses taken for graduate credit.
- Continuation in the accelerated program also requires a continuing WSU undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least 2.750.
- A student who has previously been admitted to a graduate degree program at Wichita State may not be admitted to the accelerated program.
- For the purpose of requesting exceptions to the program and university regulations, students in an accelerated degree program are considered undergraduates and thus proceed through the undergraduate process until the bachelor's degree is awarded.