

Dual/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. A student admitted to the accelerated program will be allowed to enroll in courses for graduate credit (up to 9 credit hours) while completing their undergraduate degree requirements for health management. Allowed joint degree hours include PHS 621, PHS 622 and PHS 648.

Admission and Application

The student should apply for tentative graduate admission to the accelerated program at least one semester before the semester in which he or she wishes to obtain credit at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

To be considered for admission to the accelerated program, the following must be satisfied:

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 (junior or senior standing);
3. Completion of at least four of the six PHS core classes (PHS 325, PHS 344, PHS 356, PHS 410, PHS 642 and/or HP 408);
4. Written positive recommendation from at least 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 Master's in Health Administration program.

A student completes the Graduate School application for the online accelerated MHA program and admission process (including paying the Graduate School application fee).

- The term applied for anticipated full admission should be for the semester following completion of the undergraduate degree.
- Should the student meet the program admission requirements (as detailed above) for the accelerated program, the student is granted tentative admission to the accelerated program in Health Administration pending the award of the bachelor's degree.
- Tentative graduate admission does not guarantee final admission to the graduate program in health administration. Final graduate admission is contingent upon the student's successful completion of the Bachelor of Science in health management degree.
- Upon award of the bachelor's degree, the student is granted full admission.

Program Guidelines

- For each of the dual credit, 600-level 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. Allowed joint degree hours include: PHS 621, PHS 622 and PHS 648. All 9 credit hours may be taken as electives under the

Bachelor of Science in Health Management and are core to the Master's in health administration.

- 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 dual/accelerated program.
- For the purpose of requesting exceptions to the program and university regulations, students in a dual/accelerated degree program are considered undergraduates and thus proceed through the undergraduate process until the bachelor's degree is awarded.

Students admitted to the dual/accelerated degree program, who do not complete the program or who request admission to any other WSU program, forfeit the joint hours in the program. The joint hours will be posted only to the undergraduate transcript. If joint hours are already posted to both the graduate and undergraduate transcript, the hours on the graduate transcript will be removed.