

# MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (MHA@GWU)

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The online Master of Health Administration (MHA) program is designed to educate health care professionals seeking to improve health care structures across the globe. The MHA coursework and curriculum aim to build your expertise across multiple skillsets, leverage research to positively affect diverse populations, and prepare you for an executive role in health care administration.

The program features a multidisciplinary curriculum that concentrates on core principles of health care management, health economics, financial leadership, and policy.

MHA@GW focuses on enhancing the skill sets necessary for successful health organization leadership, including:

- Leadership and ethics
- Management and strategy
- Information technology and decision science
- Community health and quantitative methods
- Finance and economics
- Quality improvement
- Law and regulation

## ADMISSIONS

**Deadlines:** Fall – March 15 (Applications must be complete by December 15 for priority scholarship consideration.)

### Spring – October 1

Individuals interested in applying to this program should submit their application and supporting documents through SOPHAS, a general online application for schools of public health, or through HAMPCAS, an online application for healthcare management professions. A graduated fee is charged for these applications, depending on the number of accredited schools to which you apply.

**Standardized test scores:** GRE general test (institutional code 5268).

Applicants who already have a conferred graduate degree (i.e. MA, MS, JD) are exempt.

**Recommendations:** Two (2) recommendations required.

**Prior academic records:**

Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Transcripts must be forwarded to SOPHAS or HAMPCAS in their original sealed envelopes directly from the institution.

Official transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grade-point average (GPA), United States degree equivalency, and date of degree conferral. Please refer to the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services for a list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services.

**Statement of purpose:** In no more than 1500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in your chosen field. Include your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned in the application.

The Committee reviews your Statement of Purpose to determine your motivation for pursuing a career in public health.

**Additional requirements:** Prerequisite coursework in introductory statistics and accounting at the undergraduate level is required.

**International applicants only:** Please review International Applicant Information carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 GW, and English language requirements. Detailed documentation needed for this program is available here.

PLEASE NOTE that all programs in the Milken Institute School of Public Health require the following minimum English language test scores for admission:

- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 7.0 with no individual band score below 6.0.
- TOEFL: 100 on Internet-based.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Admissions  
Suite 200  
Milken Institute School of Public Health  
950 New Hampshire Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20052

Contact for questions:

GWSPHAdmit@gwu.edu ~ 202.994.2160 (phone)  
http://publichealth.gwu.edu/admissions (http://  
publichealth.gwu.edu/admissions/)  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

4. ePortfolio: All MHA@GW students must complete a comprehensive leadership portfolio

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 50 credits in required courses, including 9 credits in immersion experiences.

Code	Title	Credits
Core online course requirements		
HSML 6264	Health Care Management and Strategy	
HSML 6265	Medical Informatics and Decision Management	
HSML 6266	Health Care Financial Management	
HSML 6267	Community and Population Health	
HSML 6268	Health Economics and Quantitative Methods	
HSML 6269	Quality and Performance Improvement	
HSML 6280	Health Law and Policy	
HSML 6281	Systems Thinking and Learning	
HSML 6282	Organizational Research Project I	
HSML 6283	Organization Research Project II	
PUBH 6080	Pathways to Public Health *	
On-site immersion requirements		
HSML 6255	Leadership and Ethics I	
HSML 6256	Leadership and Ethics II	
HSML 6258	Health System Analysis	
HSML 6259	Organization Research Project and Portfolio Presentation	

\*PUBH 6080 is required only for students who do not have an MPH degree.

### Graduation Requirements

1. Graduate Credit Requirement: 50 graduate credits are required.
2. Grade Point Requirement: A 3.0 (B average) overall grade-point average is required.
3. Time Limit Requirement: The degree must be completed within five years.