

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

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The mission of the GW master of health administration (MHA) program is to train the next generation of leaders in the healthcare industry to improve health and health systems on a local, national, and global scale. Graduates will contribute to the improved efficacy of healthcare. They will use research and evidence to inform decisions about policies that affect diverse populations. In addition, the MHA coursework prepares students to become skilled executives in healthcare delivery systems. Attending a school situated in Washington D.C., the nation's health policy and management epicenter ensures that graduates will become transformational leaders in healthcare.

An MHA degree incorporates coursework in business and medical informatics training, knowledge of health care systems, management theory, finance, quality, law, policy, critical values in decision making, and much more. At the George Washington University, we are proud to educate students who are committed to improving healthcare and health policy and engaging in and promoting improvements in programs and services. We emphasize these qualities in the MHA program because they are essential for future leaders in healthcare delivery. Students who graduate with a Master of Health Administration degree will be able to:

- Effectively manage organizational change and promote organizational and clinical excellence.
- Manage health services organizations under alternative financing mechanisms.
- Lead and manage human resources in diverse organizational environments.
- Manage information resources to assist in effective administrative decision-making and clinical management.
- Use statistical, quantitative, and economic analyses.
- Utilize leadership skills to improve both business and clinical outcomes of health services organizations.

The only two prerequisites for matriculation into the MHA program are an undergraduate course in introductory accounting and an introductory course in statistics. Students must have earned a grade of B or better in both subjects to be considered for admittance into the Master of Health Administration degree program.

Visit the program website (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/health-administration-mha/>) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Deadlines:

Fall - March 15 (Applications must be complete by December 15 for priority scholarship consideration.)

Spring - N/A

Individuals interested in applying to this program should submit their application and supporting documents through SOPHAS (<https://sophas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>) and HAMPCAS should be linked to <https://hampcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>, 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), LSAT, MCAT, or GMAT. *Not required for Fall 2021 application, however, students may submit their scores if they feel it would be beneficial.*

Recommendations required: Two (2) recommendations

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 (<http://www.naces.org/members.htm>).

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 (<https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-applicants/>) 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 (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/>).

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

REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisites for admission into the MHA program include an undergraduate course in financial accounting and an introductory course in statistics earned with a minimum grade of *B*.

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 50 credits, including 31 credits in core courses, a 2-credit health policy selective course, 11 to 14 credits in elective courses, and 3 to 6 credits in field experience.

Students select one of five focus areas. The following two focus areas require 6 credits in a residency to fulfill the field experience requirements: acute and ambulatory care

management and post-acute care management (including long-term care). The following three focus areas require 3 credits in an internship to fulfill the field experience requirement: information systems and financial management; operations management; and strategic management and policy.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
Core courses		
HSML 6202	Introduction to Health Services Delivery	
HSML 6203	Introduction to Health Management	
HSML 6204	Quality and Performance Improvement	
HSML 6206	Quantitative Methods and Epidemiology in Health Services	
HSML 6207	Health Services Information Applications	
HSML 6208	Medical Informatics	
HSML 6209	Health Services Finance	
HSML 6210	Health Services Financial Applications	
HSML 6211	Health Economics	
HSML 6212	Community Health Management and Advocacy	
HSML 6213	Health Services, Marketing, and Planning	
HSML 6215	Health Law for Managers	
HSML 6216	Human Resources Management and Organizational Behavior	
HSML 6218	Seminar: Health Services Management and Leadership	
HSML 6254	Seminar: Ethics in Health Services Management	
PUBH 6080	Pathways to Public Health	

Health policy selectives

One health policy course selected from the following:

PUBH 6012	Fundamentals of Health Policy
PUBH 6325	Federal Policymaking and Policy Advocacy
PUBH 6356	State Health Policy

PUBH 6370	Medicare/Medicaid Law and Policy
PUBH 6374	Pharmaceutical Policy
PUBH 6378	HIV Policy in the US
PUBH 6380	Bridging Health Policy and Health Information Technology
PUBH 6399	Topics in Health Policy (Substance Use Disorder Policy) *
PUBH 6399	Topics in Health Policy (Cost-Benefit Analysis in Healthcare) *
PUBH 6399	Topics in Health Policy (Maternal and Child Health Policy Analysis) *
PUBH 6561	Maternal and Child Health Policy Analysis

Electives

Students whose focus area requires a fellowship take 11 credits in courses selected from the following; students whose focus area require a residency take 14 credits in courses selected from the following:

HSML 6231	Management of Acute Care Hospitals
HSML 6236	Post-Acute Care Management and Leadership
HSML 6238	Ambulatory Care Management
HSML 6245	Disaster Management for Health Care Organizations
HSML 6247	Consulting in Health Care
HSML 6263	Advanced Health Financial Applications
HSML 6270	Research in Health Services Administration (Independent Study)
HSML 6285 & HSML 6286	Readings in Health Services Management and Readings in Health Services Management
HSML 6299	Topics in HSML

Field experience

Students select either the fellowship or residency or internship focus area.

Fellowship:

Students pursuing the fellowship focus area in acute and ambulatory care management or post-acute care management (including long-term care) take the following two courses for a total of 6 credits:

HSML 6274 Fellowship

HSML 6275 Fellowship

Residency:

Students pursuing a residency in information systems and financial management, operations management, or strategic management and policy take the following 3-credit course:

HSML 6271 Residency

*Only specific topics indicated for PUBH 6399 count toward this requirement.

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.
4. Transfer Credit Policy: Up to 12 graduate credits that have not been applied to a previous graduate degree may be transferred to the MHA, upon approval. Credits must have been earned from a CAHME accredited institution in the last three years with a grade-point average of 3.0 or above.
5. Transfer to Degree Program Policy: Up to 18 credits may be transferred to the MHA from the Health Administration Generalist Certificate. Students wishing to transfer to a degree program may apply to do so via the online change of concentration petition after completion of three or more courses and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. A grade of *B* or above is required for a course to be eligible for transfer. Students interested in applying to an MHA degree program should meet with the program director regarding program-specific admission requirements. Transfer credits must have been completed within the past three years.
6. Residency or Internship Requirement: Successful completion of a 6 credit residency or 3-credit internship.

COMBINED PROGRAM

- Dual Master of Health Administration and Graduate Certificate in health care corporate compliance (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/mha-corporate-compliance-certificate/>)