

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, MHA

The Master of Health Administration (MHA) program prepares students with a foundation in health care leadership and applied analytical skills to promote data-driven decision making. Graduates can address the unique challenges presented in this complex industry, including ensuring equitable opportunity to health and optimal well-being.

The 54-credit program provides study in leadership of health care organizations, applied analytics, health care economics, financial management, population health, communications, and strategy in 22 months. Students complete a residency in health care organizations to gain practical experience, develop professionalism, and apply management skills.

Anticipated growth in health care positions continues to outpace all other occupations. The MHA opens a path to leadership positions and opportunities for advancement in diverse settings across the industry.

The MHA program at Tulane is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME).

Program Competencies

At the completion of the MHA degree, the student will be able to:

- Speak and write in a clear, concise and logical manner in formal and informal situations within healthcare settings to convey cogent business presentations and to facilitate a group. (Effective Communication)
- Demonstrate attributes necessary to influence others to achieve high performance in a healthcare setting. (Leadership)
- Continuously strive to improve oneself and to act with respect and sensitivity for others. (Professionalism)
- Consider the business, demographic, ethno-cultural, political, and regulatory factors in developing strategies that continually improve the long-term success and viability of healthcare organizations. (Strategic Management)
- Utilize data to effectively organize and coordinate the performance and activities of a healthcare organization in order to achieve defined objectives. (Management)
- Deconstruct complex problems into smaller elements and synthesizing that with other data to derive recommendations. (Critical Thinking and Analysis)
- Use financial and accounting information to assess the financial health of an organization, to inform short-term operational decisions and to assess long-term resource allocation opportunities. (Financial Skills)

Requirements

The MHA requires a total of 54 credits total that includes:

Course ID	Title	Credits
Program Course Requirements		
SPHL 6020	Foundations in Public Health	3
HPAM 6050	Health Systems Concepts	3
HPAM 6170	Qual Mgmt in Health Care	3
HPAM 6200	Intro to Healthcare Analytics	3
HPAM 6210	Health Law and Regulation	3
HPAM 6300	Data Visualization and Comm	3
HPAM 6320	Managerial Communications	3
HPAM 6450	Health Economics	3
HPAM 6500	Intro to Health Care Acct.	3
HPAM 6540	Mgr Acct. for Hlth Care Mgrs	3
HPAM 6550	Dynamics of Pay Sys Pol & Func	3
HPAM 6710	Quantitative Decision Models	3
HPAM 6890	Health Mkt Analysis	3
HPAM 6910	Leadership & Ethics	3
HPAM 6950	Relational Communication and Professionalism	3
HPAM 6970	Leading and Designing Innovative Learning Organizations	3
HPAM 7170	Strategic Mgmt & Plan for Hlth	3
HPAM 7100	Population Health Analytics	3
SPHL 9980	Applied Practice Experience	0

SPHL 7950	Integrated Learning Experience	0
Total Credit Hours		54

MHA students may select other departmental courses or other graduate-level courses with advisor approval.

Administrative Residency

MHA students conduct an administrative residency that fulfills provides practical experience in the field. See MHA guidance for more information about the residency requirement.

Integrated Learning Experience

The MHA program requires an oral comprehensive examination. The exam consists of a case study and four competency-specific questions. The case study tests the student's ability to integrate material taken from all areas of the curriculum through the analysis of a complex situation, while the four questions assess specific knowledge in the MHA program competency domains.

MHA Model Course Schedule

Course ID	Title	Credits
Year 1, Fall		
HPAM 6050	Health Systems Concepts	3
HPAM 6200	Intro to Healthcare Analytics	3
HPAM 6320	Managerial Communications	3
HPAM 6450	Health Economics	3
HPAM 6500	Intro to Health Care Acct.	3
Total Credits:		15
Year 1, Spring		
HPAM 6300	Data Visualization and Comm	3
HPAM 6540	Mgr Acct. for Hlth Care Mgrs	3
HPAM 6550	Dynamics of Pay Sys Pol & Func	3
HPAM 6710	Quantitative Decision Models	3
HPAM 6910	Leadership & Ethics	3
Total Credits:		15
Year 1, Summer		
SPHL 9980	Applied Practice Experience	0
Year 2, Fall		
HPAM 6170	Qual Mgmt in Health Care	3
HPAM 6210	Health Law and Regulation	3
HPAM 6950	Relational Communication and Professionalism	3
HPAM 6890	Health Mkt Analysis	3
Total Credits:		12
Year 2, Spring		
HPAM 6970	Leading and Designing Innovative Learning Organizations	3
HPAM 7100	Population Health Analytics	3
HPAM 7170	Strategic Mgmt & Plan for Hlth	3
SPHL 6020	Foundations in Public Health	3
SPHL 7950	Integrated Learning Experience	0
Total Credits:		12
Total Degree Credits:		54