

Health Administration

College of Public Health

The Master of Health Administration (MHA) program is offered in the College of Public Health. Its mission is to provide students with critical competencies required to succeed in leadership positions in health systems, hospitals and other complex health-related organizations, and to build a solid foundation for their future career development. The MHA program focuses on preparing students early in their careers for positions that require management and strategic abilities, and places special emphasis on needs and opportunities in healthcare organizations within Kentucky and the region. MHA courses draw on the expertise of faculty from several UK colleges, UK HealthCare, and other healthcare organizations in Kentucky and beyond.

Admission Requirements

- A 3.0 or higher undergraduate grade point average is recommended.
- Official scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT). Verbal and quantitative scores at the 50 percentile or better are recommended.
- Three letters of recommendation (at least one from a faculty member who has taught or supervised the applicant).
- Personal statement
- Official TOEFL scores (international students only).
- Official GRE/ GMAT, TOEFL scores and copies of official transcripts must be submitted by the applicant directly to SOPHAS or HAMPCAS.
- Applicants must also submit a supplemental application to the University of Kentucky's Graduate School; <http://www.research.uky.edu/gs/ProspectiveStudents/Admission.html>
- Applicants are encouraged to apply early for all scholarship/financial aid consideration.
- Application deadline for international students March 15th.
- Application deadline for all other applicants is June 30th.
- Admission is competitive and decisions are made on a rolling basis, so applicants are encouraged to apply early.
- Students are admitted only in the fall semester.

Prerequisites

Students who have not taken courses in financial accounting and microeconomics are required to take ECO 201 and ACC 201 or the equivalent before they begin the economics and accounting courses in the MHA curriculum.

Curriculum

The MHA curriculum consists of 54 semester hours, including an internship and an Integrative Final Exam. Degree requirements include the successful completion of all course work with a 3.0 or better GPA and successful completion of the Integrative Final Exam. For more information about the program, contact:

Office of Admissions and Student Affairs
College of Public Health Building, Suite 120
859.218.2096 or ukcph@uky.edu

Course Requirements

Completion of 54 credit hours of coursework is required.

MHA Curriculum

CPH 600	Health Services and Systems Organization	(3)
CPH 614	Managerial Epidemiology	(3)
CPH 652	Health Finance	(3)
CPH 655	Management Accounting for Healthcare Organizations	(3)
CPH 658	Health Economics	(3)
CPH 663	An Introduction to Public Health Practice and Administration	(3)
CPH 681	Legal Aspects of Healthcare Management	(3)
CPH 682	Quantitative Methods for Healthcare Management	(3)
CPH 683	Healthcare Operations Management	(3)
CPH 684	Human Resources Management in Healthcare	(3)
CPH 687	Organizational Theory and Behavior	(3)
CPH 688	Internship in Health Administration	(1)
CPH 780	Strategic Planning and Marketing in Healthcare	(3)
CPH 781	Healthcare Ethics and Governance	(2)
CPH 782	Information Systems in Healthcare	(3)
CPH 784	Case Studies in Health Administration	(3)
CPH 785	Health Policy	(3)
CPH 787	Independent Study in Health Administration	(1)
	Electives	(5)

MHA/JD Dual Degree

The JD/MHA Dual Degree Program encompasses the Master of Health Administration (MHA) degree from the College of Public Health and the Juris Doctor (JD) degree from the College of Law. Students who are currently enrolled in either the JD or the MHA program can be considered for admission to the JD/MHA dual degree program after the end of the first full-time year. Students can complete the dual program in four years, one year less than completing each program individually. Earning a dual degree will make students highly marketable in the job market. For more information on the MHA/JD dual degree program, contact the MHA Program Director.

MHA/MPH Dual Degree

The MHA/MPH Dual Degree Program combines the Master of Health Administration (MHA) degree and the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree, both housed in the College of Public Health. This dual degree addresses the knowledge gap between delivery of healthcare services and management of the health of a population. Students may complete the degree in two and a half or three years rather than the four years required if the degrees are completed separately. Initial students will be in the MPH concentration in Population Health Policy & Management, which is housed in the same department as the MHA program. For more information on the MHA/MPH Dual Degree Program, contact the MHA Program Director/DGS or the MPH Director of Graduate Studies.

Graduate Courses

CPH 600	Health Services and Systems Organization	(3)
CPH 614	Managerial Epidemiology	(3)
CPH 652	Health Finance	(3)
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CPH 658	Health Economics	(3)
CPH 663	An Introduction to Public Health Practice and Administration	(3)
CPH 681	Legal Aspects of Healthcare Management	(3)
CPH 682	Quantitative Methods for Healthcare Management	(3)

CPH 683	Healthcare Operations Management	(3)
CPH 684	Human Resources Management in Healthcare	(3)
CPH 687	Organizational Theory and Behavior	(3)
CPH 688	Internship in Health Administration	(1)
CPH 755	Leading Change with Healthcare Teams	(3)
CPH 780	Strategic Planning and Marketing in Healthcare	(3)
CPH 781	Healthcare Ethics and Governance	(2)
CPH 782	Information Systems in Healthcare	(3)
CPH 784	Case Studies in Health Administration	(3)
CPH 785	Health Policy	(3)
CPH 787	Independent Study in Health Administration	(1)
CPH 788	Special Topics in Health Administration: Health Finance II	(3)

Incoming students are informed of the graduate school/departmental academic policies at the MHA Orientation held before classes begin each fall. The MHA handbook is also on the College of Public Health Website: <http://www.uky.edu/publichealth/student-resources/student-handbooks>