Welcome

The Master’s in Health Administration at CMU is designed for students interested in pursuing or advancing their careers in Health Administration, such as in hospitals, healthcare systems, long-term care, practice management and other related fields.

CMU’s MHA Degree

The Master’s in Health Administration (MHA) is designed for students interested in a career as executives or senior staff in healthcare institutions and organizations.

The program includes curriculum content that meets established competencies accepted in the field:

- organizational behavior
- healthcare finance
- health policy
- comparative health systems
- human resource management
- statistics and quantitative methods
- healthcare administration and management

The MHA is a convenient degree option. It is primarily offered in an Online format but is also available in the classroom on campus in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, and at designated satellite campus locations. Admission is open to working professionals and to traditional, full-time students, regardless of where the student happens to live.

Program Information

The Master’s in Health Administration (MHA) is an interdisciplinary program designed for students interested in a career as executives or senior staff in healthcare institutions and organizations.

**Required Courses (45 hours)**

- HSL 611 - Healthcare Administration and Ethical Compliance (3)
- HSL 621 - Healthcare Operations and Structures (3)
- HSL 631 - Healthcare Law, Compliance and Risk Management (3)
- HSL 641 - Healthcare Economics and Policy Implications (3)
- HSL 651 - Healthcare Finance and Compliance Issues (3)
- HSL 661 - Healthcare Planning and Marketing (3)
- MGT 643 - Human Resource Management (3)
- MHA 601 - Statistics for Health Professions (3)
- MHA 602 - Managerial Epidemiology (3)
- MHA 603 - Health Informatics and Quality Improvement (3)
- MHA 604 - Quantitative Decision-Making for Health Administration (3)
- MHA 605 - International Health Systems, Organizations and Policy (3)
- MSA 601 - Organizational Dynamics and Human Behavior (3)
- MSA 602 - Financial Analysis, Planning and Control (3)
- MSA 603 - Strategic Planning for the Administrator (3)

**Other Requirements (6 hours)** - select 6 credits from the following:

- MHA 697 - Health Administration Field Experience (6)
- MHA 698 - Health Administration Graduate Thesis (1-6)
- MHA 699 - Health Administration Internship (6)

**Total Credit Hours: 51**

Most newly admitted students can complete the MHA program in two and a half academic years. Students who transfer credits into the program and/or take summer courses can graduate in less time.
Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Master's in Health Administration program, students must have completed a four-year bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Any major is accepted, although the student must be dedicated to the profession and should demonstrate the core competencies required to succeed in the program.

Requirements for Admission

• Graduation from an accredited undergraduate degree program. Students who have graduated from a program certified by AUPHA will be given preferential consideration.

• A Minimum GPA (grade point average) of 3.0, on a U.S. 4.0 scale. Applicants with an overall GPA of less than 3.00 may be considered for regular admission if they have a 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours of course work. Conditional admission may be considered for an applicant with a lower GPA if the student has earned at least a 3.0 GPA for the last 60 hours of their undergraduate coursework.

• A Resume, which should include: educational experience, professional goals and objectives, work history, and professional experiences, memberships, and/or participation in professional activities. Please note that students with no work experience will be considered, although there will be an internship required before graduation.

• A Statement of Purpose (500 to 1,000 words in length). This is a personal statement that conveys the applicant’s reasons for pursuing a graduate degree in health administration, and how admission to the CMU program relates to the applicant’s professional aspirations.

• Three Letters of Reference. Each reference letter should attest to the applicant’s ability and likelihood to successfully complete the program.

• No entrance exams are required. However, students may submit GMAT or GRE scores if they believe the scores will strengthen their application.

• English Competency. International students from countries where English is not the primary language of instruction must submit an official score from the TOEFL Internet Based Test (TOEFL iBT exam). Applicants must have a minimum overall score of 94; and minimum scores of 22 for Reading, 22 for Listening, 26 for Speaking, and 24 for Writing. Comparable scores on alternate exams, such as Pearson’s or IELTS, may be considered.

Conditional Admission

Conditional Admission may be considered for students who do not fully meet all of the requirements for regular admission. Applicants wishing to be considered for Conditional Admission must submit a rationale which will then be reviewed by the program before a final decision is made. If Conditional Admission is granted, the student must earn at least a 3.0 GPA during the first nine credits taken in the program.

Transfer Students

Students may transfer up to nine credits from another regionally accredited graduate degree program, provided the student earned a grade of 3.0 or better in each class.

Why CMU?

The MHA at CMU features renowned professors with real-world experience, who diligently mentor students from start to finish. Classes are offered Online, On-Campus, and in Hybrid formats perfectly tailored to today’s very busy and mobile graduate students.

Students well into their careers may enhance their knowledge through research and a thesis, and those without work experience may gain valuable experience through field projects and internships.

All CMU students, anywhere in the world, enjoy state-of-the-art research and library services and highly active registered student organizations.

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For More Information

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The Master of Health Administration program is housed within The Herbert H. & Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions.

Founded in 1892, CMU has since become a multifaceted and highly respected Doctoral Research University with over 28,000 students, including more than 2,000 graduate students on campus in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

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