

Master of Healthcare Administration

Plan Description

The Master of Healthcare Administration degree program is the only graduate healthcare administration program in the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). The MHA will prepare students to assume leadership roles in healthcare organizations. The degree is recognized in the health care field as an important credential that allows graduates to assume healthcare management positions. The curriculum is developed to include all the critical competencies for health care leadership, including issues of healthcare delivery, healthcare finance, ethical and legal issues in healthcare administration and management topics. Students and faculty will contribute through research and service to the knowledge and applications of management in health care; and they will use their education and expertise to help meet the health care management needs of the State of Nevada and beyond.

For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes please visit the Degree Directory.

Plan Admission Requirements

Application deadlines Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website. To be considered for admission, an applicant must meet Graduate College standards and: Hold a bachelor's degree or recognized equivalent from a regionally accredited institution. A criterion for admission is at least a B (3.0) grade point average, or equivalent in work completed after the first two years of a bachelor's degree program, and in all post-baccalaureate course work. An applicant who does not meet this academic criterion may request special consideration. Submit the following documents as part of your online application for admission: A one to two page personal essay describing why they want to pursue a career in health care management. A resume. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. Contact information for three recommendation providers who will upload letters of recommendation on your behalf. ~~Submit competitive Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Graduate Management Aptitude Test (GMAT) scores (or equivalent e.g., MCAT, LSAT) on verbal, quantitative and analytical measures. GRE scores will be assessed relative to other applicants in the pool, as well as relative to other graduate programs at UNLV. The GRE is required for all applicants and must be current within 5 years.~~ All domestic and international applicants must review and **follow fol low** the Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements. Students are accepted into a degree program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

Plan Requirements

See Subplan Requirements below.

Subplan 1: Thesis Track

Subplan 2: Capstone Track

Subplan 3: Professional Paper Track

Subplan 1 Requirements: Thesis Track

Total Credits Required: 48

Course Requirements

Required Courses – Credits: 42

EAB 703 Biostatistical Methods for the Health Sciences	3
EOH 710 Fundamentals of Public Health	3
HCA 701 U.S. Health Care System: Programs and Policies	3
HCA 703 Management of Health Service Organizations and Systems	3
HCA 715 Health Services Research Methods	3
HCA 716 Health Care Accounting and Finance	3
HCA 717 Human Resources Management of Health Care Organizations	3
HCA 718 Health Care Economics	3
HCA 719 Operations and Quality Management of Health Services	3
HCA 720 Information Systems in Health Services Management	3
HCA 721 Advanced Health Care Finance	3
HCA 730 Strategic Management of Health Services	3
HCA 761 Health Care Law and Ethics for Managers	3
HCA 793 Internship in Health Care Administration	3 – 6

Thesis – Credits: 6

HCA 799 Thesis Research	3
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Degree Requirements

Completion of a minimum of 48 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.00.

In consultation with his/her advisor, a student will organize a thesis committee of at least three departmental members. In addition, a fourth member from outside the department, known as the Graduate College Representative, must be appointed. An additional committee member may be added at the student and department's discretion. Please see Graduate College policy for committee appointment guidelines.

Graduation Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing his/her degree requirements.

The student must submit and successfully defend his/her thesis by the posted deadline. The defense must be advertised and is open to the public.

Students must submit his/her approved, properly formatted thesis to the Graduate College, and submit the approved electronic version to ProQuest by the posted deadline.

Subplan 2 Requirements: Capstone Track

Total Credits Required: 45

Course Requirements

Required Courses – Credits: 39

EOH 710 Fundamentals of Public Health	3
HCA 701 U.S. Health Care System: Programs and Policies	3
HCA 702 Epidemiology in Health Services Management	3
HCA 703 Management of Health Service Organizations and Systems	3
HCA 716 Health Care Accounting and Finance	3
HCA 717 Human Resources Management of Health Care Organizations	3
HCA 718 Health Care Economics	3
HCA 719 Operations and Quality Management of Health Services	3
HCA 720 Information Systems in Health Services Management	3
HCA 721 Advanced Health Care Finance	3
HCA 730 Strategic Management of Health Services	3
HCA 761 Health Care Law and Ethics for Managers	3
HCA 793 Internship in Health Care Administration	3 – 6

Elective Course – Credits: 3

Choose one of the following courses:

HCA 631 Quality Management in Health Services Organizations	3
HCA 652 Health Politics and Policy	3
HCA 680 Organization and Management of Long-Term Care Services	3
HCA 715 Health Services Research Methods	3
EAB 703 Biostatistical Methods for the Health Sciences	3

Capstone Course – Credits: 3

HCA 779 Health Care Administration Capstone Course	3
[After] **Students that choose the Capstone Course requirement do not have to complete the Appointment of Advisory Committee Approval Form and the Culminating Experience Form.	

Degree Requirements

Completion of a minimum of 45 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.00.

Graduation Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing his/her degree requirements.

The student must successfully complete the capstone course. Students do not need to complete advisor or culminating experience forms.

Subplan 3 Requirements: Professional Paper Track

Total Credits Required: 45

Course Requirements

Required Courses – Credits: 39

EOH 710 Fundamentals of Public Health	3
HCA 701 U.S. Health Care System: Programs and Policies	3
HCA 703 Management of Health Service Organizations and Systems	3
HCA 715 Health Services Research Methods	3
HCA 716 Health Care Accounting and Finance	3
HCA 717 Human Resources Management of Health Care Organizations	3
HCA 718 Health Care Economics	3
HCA 719 Operations and Quality Management of Health Services	3
HCA 720 Information Systems in Health Services Management	3
HCA 721 Advanced Health Care Finance	3
HCA 730 Strategic Management of Health Services	3
HCA 761 Health Care Law and Ethics for Managers	3
HCA 793 Internship in Health Care Administration	3 – 6

Elective Course - Credits: 3

EAB 703 Biostatistical Methods for the Health Sciences	3
HCA 702 Epidemiology in Health Services Management	3

Professional Paper – Credits: 3

HCA 794 Professional Paper in Health Care Administration	3
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Graduation Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing his/her degree requirements.

Successfully complete and defend his/her professional paper by the posted deadline. The defense must be advertised and is open to the public.

Plan Graduation Requirements

Refer to your subplan for Graduation Requirements.

Subplan 1: Thesis Track

Subplan 2: Capstone Track

Subplan 3: Professional Paper Track