

# MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

A Master of Health Administration (MHA) degree enables students and professionals to advance their careers and take on leadership roles in healthcare delivery and financing organizations. These leaders plan, direct, and coordinate services in a wide variety of care delivery settings. The program blends coursework in healthcare management, policy, and business principles, providing a comprehensive education that equips graduates to navigate the complex and evolving healthcare landscape. Career outcomes include healthcare executive, health services manager, and policy and advocacy specialist, among others.

Students must meet the following requirements for admittance to the Master of Health Administration (MHA) degree program:

1. A student can be admitted to the program with a BA/BS in any field with an earned GPA of 3.0.
2. There are no prerequisite courses required for admission to the program.
3. The GRE/GMAT is not required for admission to the program.
4. Students must submit:
  - Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
  - Written essay including a statement of interest in the program and in the field of health administration.
  - Interview with MHA Graduate Coordinator, graduate administrative associate, and member(s) of graduate faculty.
  - Two to three letters of recommendation from previous employer, faculty/administrator that are written on organization/school letterhead.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Master of Health Administration</b>		
<b>Required Courses</b>		
ACCT 5302	Financial Reporting & Business Decisions	3
FINC 5300	Business Finance Environment	3
HLTH 5355	Health Services Administration	3
HLTH 5363	Management and Leadership for Health Professionals	3
HLTH 5378	Health Care Informatics	3
HLTH 5381	Health Economics and Finance	3
HLTH 5382	Healthcare Marketing	3
HLTH 6360	Healthcare Organizational Behavior & Theory	3
HLTH 6365	Health Care Policy	3
HLTH 6367	Healthcare Human Resource Management	3
SCMG 5325	Project Management	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Select one from the following:		3
HLTH 5371	Health Care Quality & Safety <sup>1</sup>	
HLTH 6373	Leading Change in Health Care Organizations	
HLTH 6397	Public Health Capstone / Practicum <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students must meet the requirements for HLTH 6397 through their work experience or completion of the capstone/practicum project. Students completing the requirements through their work experience may select HLTH 5371 or HLTH 6373 to meet the remaining 3SCH of their degree program. Please consult with the Graduate Coordinator for more information.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The Master of Health Administration is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Through their education, students will learn appropriate and professional ways in which to be able to communicate effectively with stakeholders in explaining health policies and procedures.
- Students will have well-developed sets of problem-solving skills which will enable them to effectively respond to the changes and fast-paced health environment.

- Students will be prepared to serve in healthcare leadership positions through a variety of professional development experiences and activities in their coursework.
- Students will have the knowledge and skills to effectively interpret and communicate health data to improve health-related policies and procedures.
- Students will acquire the skills to strategically analyze the organization, structure, and function of healthcare entities, public health functions, and regulatory systems in the state, national, and global environments.