Students choose an internship from a variety of community settings including hospitals, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation facilities, managed care organizations, physician group practices, and more.

Administrators who complete advanced degrees report a 25% higher income than those with a bachelor's degree according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Our students are taught by diverse academic researchers and professionals from a wide variety of health care backgrounds who blend theoretical foundations with practical experiences.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the demand for health care administrators is expected to grow 23% by 2020.
“The MHA program got me that head start in the professional world that I was looking for. The coursework exposed me to a variety of concepts within the field and really allowed me to hone in on a direction. I also feel that the MHA degree has allowed me to break through ceilings in my career path; it shows employers that you are serious about your career.”

- Dominic Henriques, ’11
  Director of Risk Adjustment, Prominence Health Plan

Courses

In addition to an internship and culminating experience of either a professional paper or a capstone, students in our 45-credit Master of Health Care Administration program will complete the following courses:

HCA 701 — U.S. Health Care System: Programs and Policies
HCA 702 — Epidemiology in Health Services Mgmt.
HCA 703 — Management of Health Service Orgs. and Systems
HCA 716 — Health Care Financial Mgmt. I: Health Care Accounting
HCA 717 — Human Resources Mgmt. of Health Care Orgs.
HCA 718 — Health Care Economics
HCA 719 — Operations and Quality Mgmt. of Health Services
HCA 720 — Information Systems in Health Services Mgmt.
HCA 721 — Health Care Financial Mgmt. II: Health Care Finance
HCA 730 — Strategic Mgmt. of Health Services
HCA 761 — Health Care Law and Ethics for Managers
EAB 703 — Biostatistical Methods for the Health Sciences
HCA 779 — Capstone
HCA 793 — Internship

Election Options:
HCA 631 — Quality Improvement in HCOs
HCA 652 — Health Politics & Policy
HCA 680 — Org. Mgmt of Long Term Care Services
HCA 715 — Research Methods (required for Professional Paper/Thesis tracks)

A 48-credit thesis option is also available.

Eligibility

You are encouraged to apply to our program if you hold a bachelor’s degree or recognized equivalent from an accredited institution. Students should have a 3.0+ GPA for their undergraduate degree and any graduate credits.

How to Apply

Applications must be received by April 1st for fall admission and December 1st for spring admission. For a step-by-step guide to applying to our program, visit http://bit.ly/SCHSMHA. Applicants will need to submit the following supporting materials:

- Official transcripts from all degree granting institutions attended
- Resume and three letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- GRE or GMAT (or equivalent) and, if applicable, TOEFL scores

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