

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health
Master of Health Administration Degree Program



FAQ'S

How do I receive an information packet or other information?

You can call the program office at 501-526-6643, or email or call Richard Ault, the MHA Program Director, rjault@uams.edu, 501-526-6652, for information about the program.

How do I learn about the Program on the Internet?

You can get a great deal of information about the Health Administration Program and get a link to the application for admission to the MHA Program from our website. Our [main page](#) has a general overview. Our [MHA Program Guide](#) can be accessed from the home page is a more detailed resource.

Can I be admitted without taking any of the graduate tests?

No, unless you possess the “terminal” degree in a professional field (MD, JD, etc.)

Which graduate test should I take?

We accept either the GRE or GMAT. Individuals with a Business Administration undergraduate degree may prefer the GMAT.

How do I apply for admission?

Applications for this program are processed through [SOPHAS](#) or [HAMPCAS](#).

Use SOPHAS if you plan to apply to several MHA programs and those programs are part of a College of Public Health; otherwise, use HAMPCAS. You can apply to either one, but only apply to one application service.

See our [Program Guide](#) for a list of required documents.

When should I apply?

Applications are reviewed by the Office of Student Services at the UAMS College of Public Health soon after the all required information is received from SOPHAS or HAMPCAS. The earlier you apply, the earlier you will get a response. We may contact you for an interview upon receipt of your completed file.

Fall 2017 applications may be reviewed as early as October 2016. We prefer Fall applications to be completed by June 15th. For Spring admission all required application materials should be submitted by November 15th. We have a “rolling admissions process with no specific deadline. (*Dates are sometimes flexible. Please contact us if you have questions.*)

International applicants will be admitted for **Fall semester only**. All materials requesting admission must be received no later than March 1 preceding the Fall term start. International applicants are required to submit officially translated and certified documents including the original and English translation. See our [Program Guide](#) for details.

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Is there financial aid available?

While traditional scholarships are not common in professional programs, we offer several ways for our students to help meet the cost of a graduate degree. All of our full-time students participate in a paid Summer Residency in a healthcare organization, and many of our students, particularly in the second year, participate in Management Assistantships in healthcare organizations, whereby they work twenty hours a week in return for a tuition grant and a monthly stipend.

Also, academically qualified out-of-state students are eligible for a waiver of the out-of-state portion of their tuition. This makes UAMS an unparalleled value among CAHME accredited program

What should be included in the statement of objectives?

The 500-700 word statement should describe for the faculty why you are seeking a degree in health administration, your career goals and objectives, and information about your previous work experience, particularly any leadership or management experiences.

Is the program accredited?

Yes, we are accredited by the Commission on Healthcare Management Education (CAHME), the only nationally recognized accrediting agency in the field. Attending an accredited program is vitally important, particular for those students aspiring to Administrative Fellowship and the best job placements. Our accreditation runs through 2023.

When are the classes offered?

Most of the classes are offered in the evening. All classes meet one night per week. Occasionally select courses may be offered online. A full time student will go to class four nights a week. A part-time student generally attends classes two nights a week.

How do I apply for a Healthcare Management Assistantship?

Unless you state otherwise all full-time students are considered for Assistantships.

When are decisions made about Healthcare Management Assistantships?

Opportunities for assistantships are limited and generally most assistantships go to second year students, though there are some opportunities for first year students. The sponsoring organization interviews candidates and make the hiring decision.

International applicants: Foreign students will not be considered for an assistantship during the first academic year of their program.

How much does it cost?

The MHA program requires 51 credit hours of graduate study. Current tuition rates are \$400 per credit hour for students with in-state resident status and are subject to change at the beginning of each Fall semester. Fees are also assessed each semester. Books may cost \$400 or more per semester. Nonresident students pay a higher rate, though academically qualified non-resident students are eligible for in-state tuition. Tuition and fees are delineated on the College website.

What happens during the interview?

The faculty asks a series of questions related to the statement of career goals and objectives, previous work and academic performance. The interview also includes time for the applicant to ask any questions he/she may want answered. The interview generally lasts from 30 to 45 minutes.

What teaching methods are used by the faculty to help students master the competencies?

A variety of teaching methods are employed that are tailored to each course. Lectures utilizing Power Point presentation with in-class discussion are often used in core courses. In courses with more advanced material students are often divided into teams and assigned a project that demonstrates their mastery of material and competencies. Additionally students will be exposed to a variety of healthcare settings through guest speakers at student meetings and on field trips to healthcare facilities. Other opportunities for competency development include a summer residency and working directly with a preceptor on a management project.