The Master of Health Administration (MHA) program prepares students for careers as administrators or staff in the dynamic and diverse health care field, including positions in institutions and agencies involved in providing, financing, regulating, or insuring health care. The program provides specialized knowledge and management skills needed to understand and meet the leadership needs of complex, rapidly changing systems for health care services delivery.

The MHA program at UAMS is the only Health Administration program in Arkansas accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME).

Application Deadline
At this time, the MHA program does not have a specific deadline for completed applications, but applicants are encouraged to provide all materials as soon as possible and preferably before the end of the spring semester for fall admission. International applicants have additional admission requirements and should refer to our website or contact our office for specific policies. The international student deadline for fall semester is March 1.

Admission Requirements
1. Applicants must have the minimum of a U.S. baccalaureate degree equivalent (with a least a 2.75 GPA overall or a 3.00 GPA on a 4.0 scale in the last 60 hours of coursework) to be considered for admission.
2. The MHA program accepts applications processed through SOPHAS (Schools of Public Health Application Service) or HAMPCAS (Healthcare Administration Management, and Policy Centralized Application Service). Use SOPHAS if you plan to apply to several programs of the College of Public Health; otherwise use HAMPCAS. The web addresses are www.sophas.org and www.hampcas.org.

Additional application items to include:
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
- Official scores report for the GRE (COPH university code 6512, department code 0616) OR official scores report for the GMAT (COPH code OSF-3L-74) (We prefer applicants who score in the top 50th percentile or better on the verbal section of the GRE/GMAT, and above the 36th percentile on the quantitative section. The combined total score should be at least 300 on the GRE and 550 on the GMAT.)
- Current resume with contact information for two references
- Personal statement or letter of interest (500-700 words)
• SOPHAS or HAMPCAS application fee

3. There is a separate College of Public Health supplemental application and processing fee. Go to www.publichealth.uams.edu for application and fee information

4. Personal interview with MHSA faculty

5. International students must also submit a WES foreign transcript evaluation and score a minimum of 90 on the IBT TOEFL. International students with an undergraduate degree from a U.S.-accredited institution will be exempt from the TOEFL requirement.

Master of Health Administration Program Requirements

The Health Administration degree requires 51 graduate semester credit hours.

We offer full-time and parttime options. For sample parttime courses of study, view our website at www.publichealth.uams.edu or contact the MHA Program office: (501) 526-6643

Typical Course of Study

Full-Time Students - 12 Credit Hour Sequence

Fall Year 1:
BIOS 5013: Biostatistics I
HPMT 5013: The Health Care System
HPMT 5114: Management of Health Care Organizations
HPMT 5134: Introduction to Health Systems Financial Management

Spring Year 1:
HPMT 5333: Applications in Health Systems Financial Management
HPMT 5344: Operations Management: Performance and Quality Improvement
HPMT 5124: Health Systems Strategic Planning
HPMT 5104: Health Economics

Summer Year 1:
HPMT 5285: Health Administration Residency
or HPMT 5286: Management Project

Fall Year 2:
HPMT 5212: Health Information Systems for Administrators
HPMT 5583: Advanced Applications in Healthcare Management
HPMT 5343: Operations Management: Quality and Decision Analysis
HPMT 5223: Seminar in Human Resource Management

Spring Year 2:
HPMT 5201: Health Law
HPMT 5340: Management Capstone
EPID 5112: Epidemiology I
HPMT 5132: Health Policy
The MHA program did three things to set me up for success: 1) the traditional classroom work that built my understanding of core concepts in health care and health care administration, 2) the experiential learning opportunities that the program made possible to us through the summer residencies or administrative assistantships, and 3) the networking opportunities the program provided to begin building relationships with current health care professionals.

The MHA program does what it is meant to do -- it teaches you about health care administration. The program also does a great job of finding you a mentor and helping you get real-world experience.

The MHA program does a great job placing you in a position to gain experience. I was able to meet health care professionals from all over the state.

Links:
http://publichealth.uams.edu/
www.sophas.org
http://studentfinancialservices.uams.edu
http://studentlife.uams.edu/
http://www.uams.edu/campusop/depts/po/
https://secure.uams.edu/cophstudent/
https://www.apha.org/
http://www.aspph.org/
Find us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/uamscoph/

Mission
The mission of the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health is to improve the health and promote the well-being of individuals, families and communities in Arkansas through education, research and service.

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