

HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION, M.H.A.

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The Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) seeks to prepare students to function as leaders in the delivery of health care services. The curriculum is competency-based and grouped in five domains: communication and relationship management, leadership, professionalism, knowledge of the health care environment, and business skills and knowledge. The program will be delivered fully online to provide flexibility for professionals who are balancing personal and work responsibilities with academia. The curriculum consists of 36 credits.

The Master of Healthcare Administration is designed to educate students to plan, direct, and coordinate the delivery of medical and health services. The program will prepare students to enter the workforce as healthcare administrators in a cadre of healthcare facilities throughout Virginia and the nation.

The program will expose students to the major forces that are transforming the healthcare industry and impacting the field of healthcare administration, for example, the aging and growing population, greater prevalence of chronic diseases, population health, and increase demand for healthcare services. Graduates will be knowledgeable in management and business principles to manage the delivery of health services and provide leadership in healthcare facilities and organizations.

Graduates will have the competencies to work in healthcare facilities such as hospitals, group physician practices, health insurance companies, outpatient clinics, government agencies, and pharmaceutical organizations.

Graduation Requirements

Subject Area	Credits
Course Requirements	33
Master's Project Requirements	3
Total Credit Hours	36

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Semester One		
HCA 501	Healthcare Organizations	3
HCA 515	Healthcare Financial Management	3
HCA 532	Healthcare Marketing	3
Semester Two		
HCA 540	Epidemiology and Population Health	3
HCA 560	Leadership, Ethics, and Professionalism	3
HCA 599	Law of Healthcare Administration	3
Semester Three		
HCA 601	Research Methods in Health Services	3
HCA 624	Public Health Policy and Administration	3
HCA 640	Healthcare Economics	3
Semester Four		

HCA 674	Health Informatics	3
HCA 690	Human Resources in Healthcare	3
HCA 699	Master's Project	3

The curriculum for the Master of Healthcare Administration requires the successful completion of 36 credit hours of course work including a master's research project (3 credits). Students must complete all degree requirements within four years. Courses are offered in sequence every fall and spring semester.

Admission criteria to the Master of Healthcare Administration program are in accordance with the Graduate Council of Norfolk State University. The criteria for admission to regular status are as follows:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. A foreign student should possess equivalent credentials.
2. A minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (G.P.A.) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

A complete application file will include the following:

1. Online application to Norfolk State University.
2. Non-refundable application fee (must be paid online to submit an application).
3. A complete and official transcript from each college and/or university attended.
4. Resume

Transfer Credits

No more than 12 graduate credits may be transferred from other graduate schools.