HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (HLSA)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Public Health

Abstract
The Master of Health Administration (MHA) program at the University of Maryland, College Park offers students a rigorous, multi-disciplinary program with courses in public health services administration, epidemiology, environmental health, biostatistics, health behaviors and determinants, health policy, health law and ethics, health economics and analysis, strategic management of human resources, health service information systems, financial management of health organizations, marketing for competitive health service, quality assessment and evaluation, and health care leadership and communications. The 45-credit professional degree will prepare graduates to manage the many complex health-related organizations including hospitals, long term care facilities, managed care organizations, rehabilitation agencies, public health clinics, state agencies, among others. With the impending retirement of the first wave of baby boomers, public health and health care organizations face large scale losses of middle and executive level administrators.

Public health and health services now comprise the largest industry in the United States, producing nearly one seventh of the United States’ gross national product. According to the World Health Report 2000, the health care system should be conceptualized as including not only health services, but also public health and social welfare activities. The Department of Health Services Administration adopts this integrated approach to address current health needs, provide leadership in a rapidly evolving health care industry, and anticipate future health challenges in an expanding global economy. The MHA program is considered to be equivalent to the MPH and is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

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Admissions
Applications to the MHA program in the University of Maryland School of Public Health are processed through the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS).

Applications for the MHA program are reviewed with consideration to the following criteria:
1. Minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA
2. Undergraduate and graduate transcripts (if applicable)
3. GRE scores taken within the past 5 years
4. 3 letters of recommendation that address the applicant’s academic capabilities and probability of success in graduate school
5. Statement of professional goals and interests and their congruence with those of the program
6. Relevant academic and work experience

Applicants for the Master of Health Administration degree should be sure to use the HLSA major code when selecting the program on the Graduate School application.

Application Deadlines

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Other Deadlines: Please visit the program website at http://sph.umd.edu/department/hlsa/master-health-administration-mha-program

Requirements
- Health Administration, Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/health-administration-hlsa/health-administration-mha)