HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (ONLINE) (HLSO)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Public Health

ABSTRACT
The Master of Health Administration (MHA) online 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
The Master of Health Administration program (MHA) online program has a two-step application process. Applicants first submit the SOPHAS application (www.sophas.org), the centralized application service for schools and programs of public health (Step 1). Once the SOPHAS application has been verified applicants will submit their UMD Supplemental application (Step 2). Applicants will receive an email from the SPH Admissions team with instructions for how to complete the UMD Supplemental Application. Applications will not be reviewed until both the SOPHAS and UMD Supplemental applications are completed.

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
• A Bachelor’s degree
• Minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA
• At least one undergraduate math course
• Transcripts from all previous coursework
• English proficiency test score (TOEFL, IELTS or PTE) (international applicants)
• Statement of purpose and objectives including career and educational goals, professional experience, and areas of interest, and faculty you are interested in working with

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
• SOPHAS application (Step 1) & UMD Supplemental application (Step 2)
• Three letters of recommendation
• Resume or curriculum vitae
• Fit between applicant’s goals and expectations and program degree competencies
• Official GRE Test Score submission is waived for Fall 2022 admissions. GRE scores won’t be reviewed.
• A writing sample is optional

For detailed instructions on how to submit your application, please visit the School of Public Health Website: https://sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-process.

RESOURCES AND LINKS
Office of Extended Studies (OES) Program Website: https://oes.umd.edu/professionals-post-baccalaureates/professional-graduate-programs/health-administration
SPH Program Website: https://sph.umd.edu/academics/online-programs/mha-master-health-administration-online
Application Process: https://sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-process
Admissions FAQ: https://sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-faqs
Requirements

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