Saint Louis University is a Catholic, Jesuit institution that values academic excellence, life-changing research, compassionate health care, and a strong commitment to faith and service. Founded in 1818, the University fosters the intellectual and character development of nearly 14,000 students on two campuses in St. Louis, Missouri and Madrid, Spain. Building on a legacy of nearly 200 years, Saint Louis University continues to move forward with an unwavering commitment to a higher purpose, a greater good.

OVERVIEW

Ranked among the top ten graduate programs for health care management by U.S. News & World Report, Saint Louis University’s Master of Health Administration program prepares students to lead, manage and administer health services at hospitals, health care systems and public health systems. SLU has been a pioneer in health management education since 1947 and our excellence in teaching, research and service continues.

The SLU MHA program provides students with the finest quality health management education, evidenced by its continued accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education.

In addition to our full-time MHA program, the MHA is also offered as an option for working professionals - the Executive Master of Health Administration. This hybrid format of the EMHA better fits the needs of working professionals by blending distance learning with monthly face-to-face classes.

SLU MHA graduates occupy senior management positions in a variety of health care settings, such as, health and hospital systems, insurance companies, academic medical centers, physician practices, consulting firms and benefit management organizations. Recent MHA graduates have been very successful in securing health management fellowships and other key entry-level positions across the spectrum of the health sector.

Nationally recognized and fully accredited dual-degree programs are available with SLU’s School of Law (MHA/JD) and John Cook School of Business (MHA/MBA).

Sample Curriculum: A minimum of 60 credit hours is required. Students in dual degree programs will have a curriculum that varies from the one below.

- Health Care Organization
- Introduction to Health Care Accounting
- Management of Health Care Organization
- Health Policy
- Fundamentals of Public Health Practice
- Analytical Methods for Health Management
- Health Economics
- Health Care Marketing
- Management of Human Resources in Health Care
- Health Care Financial Management
- Health Information Systems
- Leadership and Ethics in Health Management & Policy
- Financial Aspects of Health Care

Four Electives (six credit hours):
- Health Operations Management
- Legal Aspects of Health Services Management
- Strategic Management in Health Care Organizations
- Special Study for Exams (Competencies) (0 credit hours)
- Health Management and Policy Rounds (0 credit hours)
- Internship

APPLICATION DEADLINE

M.H.A. E.M.H.A.

FALL | Feb 15 | Feb 15
SPRING | N/A | N/A
SUMMER | N/A | N/A

Deadlines for assistantships are listed online.

DEGREES OFFERED

Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.)

COURSES AVAILABLE

DAYS | ☑ NIGHTS | ☑ WEEKENDS | ☑ ONLINE | ☑

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Application Form and Fee
- Transcript(s)
- GRE scores (EMHA applicants excluded)
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Résumé/Curriculum Vitae
- Professional Goal Statement

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applications are considered on an individual basis with a balanced approach.

M.H.A.: A bachelor’s degree with no less than a 3.00 grade point average. Test scores are preferably in the 50th percentiles or higher, but there are no minimum cutoffs. Applicants are required to complete an introductory, undergraduate-level microeconomics course before starting the program.

E.M.H.A.: Limited to established professionals with at least three years of professional experience in a health care or health-related organization.
Health Administration

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• Eric S. Ambrecht, Ph.D.: Academic, government, corporate and non-profit organizations
• David Beavers
• Kevin Broom, Ph.D.: Health care finance
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• Mark Gaynor, Ph.D.: Sensor/RFid networks and applications
• Kathleen Gillespie, Ph.D.: Health economics
• Frank Hackmann, J.D.
• Paul J. Hauptman, M.D.: Outcomes assessment in advanced heart failure
• Louise Meret-Henke, Ph.D.: Long-term care policy
• James Hinrichs
• Sarah Holt
• Steven W. Howard, Ph.D., M.B.A.: Health reform
• James R. Kimney, M.D., M.P.H.: Health policy
• William L. Kincaid, M.D., M.P.H.: Public and private investment in community health
• Matt Kuhlenbeck
• Cynthia LeRouge, Ph.D., C.P.A.: Public health informatics
• Ronald J. Levy, M.H.A.: Organizational transformation
• Ana Maria Turner Lomperis, Ph.D.: Policy implications of changes in the size, composition and distribution of the U.S. health sector workforce and on effective strategies for improving health management and policy education
• Donna Meyer
• Ian Mitroff, M.S., Ph.D.
• Holly Pyatt
• Robert Raspe
• Lou Rowitz
• David Rugger
• Alanna Dawn Runge, Ph.D.
• Homer H. Schmitz, M.B.A., Ph.D.: Health management and health care finance
• Tara Sklar
• William Steadman
• Kevin M. Syberg, Dr.Ph., M.P.H.: Effectiveness and placement and program evaluation
• Jason S. Turner, Ph.D., M.A.E.: Community stakeholders and nonprofit hospitals
• James George Wiehl, J.D.
• Kristin Wilson, Ph.D., M.H.A.: Community benefit, research into practice
• Suzanne Wood, Ph.D.: Strategic management of health care organizations
• Kathleen S. Wright, Ed.D.: Behavior change in disease prevention/health promotion

The College for Public Health and Social Justice offers several ways to help finance your graduate education. Opportunities include a limited number of merit-based scholarships, graduate research assistantships and part-time jobs. Awards are made to applicants with the highest combinations of GPAs and test scores who complete their applications by Feb. 15.