Health Administration

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 best 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 insurance companies, academic medical centers, physician practices, consulting firms and benefit management organizations. SLU has been a pioneer in health management education since 1947 and our excellence in teaching, research and service continues.

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

Our alumni are at work across the range of the health care, occupying senior leadership positions. This network provides connections for internships and practice experience. Recent M.H.A. graduates have been very successful in securing health management fellowships and other key entry-level positions across the spectrum of the health sector.

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

Nationally recognized and fully accredited dual-degree programs are available with SLU's School of Law (M.H.A./J.D.) and John Cook School of Business (M.H.A./MBA).

Areas of Concentration for M.H.A.

To better serve students and meet the needs of the field, the M.H.A. program has developed two areas of concentration: finance and operations. Students will receive strong, generalist training while also having the option of packaging their electives to develop a particular expertise. Students who pursue a concentration are required to demonstrate mastery of additional field-specific competencies and complete a culminating experience related to their chosen area.

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
- Mission and practice of global health
- Analytical methods for health management
- Health economics
- Health care marketing
- Management of human resources in health care
- Health care financial management
- Health information systems
- Ethical leadership in health management and policy
- Financial aspects of health care
- Four electives (12 credit hours)

ADMISSION CRITERIA

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

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

Executive M.H.A.: The Executive M.H.A. is limited to established professionals with at least three years of professional experience in a health care or health-related organization.
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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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.