

Master of Healthcare Administration Description

The Master of Healthcare Administration program offers an advanced educational opportunity in health care leadership. It is designed to provide graduates an opportunity to assume upper-level managerial and leadership roles within the health care delivery system.

Healthcare administrators are an integral part of health care delivery. They oversee and coordinate services, determine budgetary allocations, approve new programs, and control where and how healthcare dollars are spent within a facility or system.

The Master of Healthcare Administration program offers part-time and full-time enrollment. Online instruction is the primary method of content delivery. Courses are taught during fall, spring, and summer terms. Due to the specialized content of the program and the close working relationship between faculty and students, an on-site orientation will be required. The orientation will be conducted over a weekend at the beginning of the student's first term. New students are admitted only in the fall term. The program requires six terms for completion for the full-time track or 9 terms for completion for the part-time track.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 48 Course Requirements

The MHCA program requires completion of 48 hours. The majority of the course work is delivered online as a collaborative program between the School of Business at the University of Mississippi (MBA courses) and the School of Health Related Professions at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (MHA courses). The final semester includes an internship in a health care facility within Mississippi or other approved location. The required courses are listed below, shown in the sequence a full-time student would take:

Fall Term MB A 611- Finance MHA 600- Overview of the US Health Care Systems MHA 606- Quantitative Methods in Health Care

Spring Term MHA 612- Organization of Health Care Systems MHA 618- Management Overview of Disease and Health MHA 624- Health Policy and Regulatory Environment

Summer Term MBA 614- Environment of Business MBA 623- Integrative Business Analysis

Fall Term MHA 630- Health Program Evaluation and Performance Improvement MHA 636- Health Care Law and Ethics MHA 642- Health Care Finance

Spring Term MBA 606- Organizational Behavior MHA 648- Human Resources in Health Care MHA 654- Community and Long-term Care Administration

Summer Term MHA 660 Internship MHA 699 Integrated Health Care Leadership

