HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION (MHA)

Built on a thriving undergraduate Healthcare Administration (https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences-public-health/healthcare-administration-bs/) (HCA) program and its strong national reputation within the Association of University Programs in Healthcare Administration (https://www.aupha.org/home/) (AUPHA), the new Healthcare Administration (HCA) graduate program is uniquely designed for aspiring professionals seeking the flexibility of part-time, online formats.

We encourage individuals from diverse backgrounds and those with varied interests in health care to apply.

Curriculum

The MHA is a two-year, 37 credit hour, cohort, online program with one-day immersion sessions required prior to each fall and spring semester. Cohorts are admitted in the fall semester. Faculty offer a wide variety of industry and academic experience that they leverage into substantial hands-on learning opportunities via twice-yearly immersion weekends, a unique capstone project, and case competition experiences.

With a solid curriculum of core courses, students may specialize in one of three high-demand tracks:

Healthcare Business Intelligence

- 9 hours of required courses including Topics in Healthcare Data Analytics and Business Intelligence and the specialty capstone experience
- 3 hours of elective courses selected from Foundations of Health Informatics, Population Health Informatics, or Decision Support in Healthcare

Healthcare Community Engagement and Partnership

- 9 hours of required courses including Topics in Healthcare Community Engagement and Partnership and the specialty capstone experience.
- 3 hours of elective courses selected from Program Planning and Marketing in Health Care, Advancing Health Equity Practice, or Management of Nonprofit Organizations.

Post-Acute Care Administration

- 9 hours of required courses including Topics in Post-Acute Care Delivery and the specialty capstone experience.
- 3 hours of elective courses selected from Advanced Concepts in Health Systems Management, Social Work Policy with Older Adults, or Loss, Grief and Dying.

Generalist Requirements

Students may also complete the degree as a generalist without a specialty track:

- Seven foundational core courses (21 credit hours)
- Four specialty track courses (12 credit hours)
- Four immersion sessions prior to each semester (4 credit hours)
- Specialty track includes the culminating capstone project (an applied field-based project)

Learning Outcomes

Aligned with our Jesuit heritage, MHA students (and graduates) will have the skills and encouragement to positively influence change in their communities. Through experiences such as the unique capstone project, students are asked to take initiative, identify and meet needs in their communities, and make long-term commitments. In short, MHA students are groomed to be leaders in improving the health of their communities.

Specifically, graduates will be prepared to:

- Apply core business and financial principles to the healthcare environment
- Evaluate industry and organizational dynamics in the healthcare environment
- Assess and prioritize population health needs
- Drive operational and performance improvements in healthcare organizations
- Manage data to guide decision making in health services organizations
- Synthesize theoretical and analytical knowledge, critical thinking, and communication skills to solve problems in healthcare administration
- Integrate values, ethics, and social justice into the management and leadership of health services organizations, aligned with the Jesuit Catholic tradition