Health Administration, Master of Science in - Residential Program

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The objective of the Master of Science in Health Administration (M.S.H.A.) Program is to develop highly qualified administrators for management in the health field. The program includes study of the management of hospitals, group practices, health maintenance organizations, mental health facilities, long-term care facilities, and other health services organizations.

Accreditation: The residential program is accredited by the Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration.

Credentials Conferred: Diploma—The Master of Science in Health Administration degree is awarded by the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Length of Study: The Master of Science in Health Administration is a 25-month program with 16 months of full-time courses on campus and 9 months in a residency. In addition to providing directed experience, the residency also provides a stipend and frequently leads to employment opportunities.

Of the 20 M.S.H.A. courses taken on campus, four are chosen by the student as electives. During the Administrative Residency, students enroll in a Capstone Synthesis course that is conducted via the internet.

The School of Health Related Professions and the Graduate School of Management offer the opportunity for simultaneous pursuit of the Master of Science in Health Administration (M.S.H.A.) and Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degrees. Students in this coordinated program spend 21 months completing courses on campus full-time before beginning a 9-12 month residency. A student who enters the coordinated program but subsequently decides to pursue only one of the degrees must satisfy all of the regular requirements for the degree sought.

Program Entrance Date: Fall semester.

Application Deadline: March 1; applications completed after that time
will be considered on a space-available basis.

**Application Procedure:** The following materials must be submitted to the M.S.H.A. Program:

- completed application form (available from M.S.H.A. Program, School of Health Related Professions, Webb Building, Room 506, 1675 University Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama 35294-3361),
- non-refundable application fee (U.S. $60.00, Foreign $85.00),
- official transcripts from all colleges attended,
- scores for either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT); GMAT required for the coordinated M.S.H.A./M.B.A. program,
- two essays on specified topics and a résumé, and
- three separate evaluation forms accompanied by optional letters of reference.

In addition, the candidate is expected to satisfy the following requirements:

- complete an interview with the admissions committee, and
- if accepted, complete the UAB medical history questionnaire and physical, provide proof of required immunizations, and receive satisfactory screening by the UAB Medical Center Student Health Service.

**Requirements for Admission:** Undergraduate degree including the following prerequisite with a minimum grade of B in each (course requirements are listed in semester credit hours):

Statistics (3)

Students applying for the coordinated M.S.H.A./M.B.A. must include 3 hours of calculus.

**Essential Requirements:** Fundamental tasks, behaviors, and abilities necessary to successfully complete the academic and clinical/residency requirements of the program and to satisfy licensure/certification requirements, if any, have been outlined and are available upon request from the academic program office. Students requesting disability accommodations must do so by filing a disability accommodation request in writing with the academic program office.

**Typical Program - M.S.H.A.**
(Course requirements are listed in semester credit hours)

**First Year**

**Fall**
- HA 602 Introduction to Health Care Systems (4)
- HA 631 Organization Theory and Behavior (3)
- HA 632 Quantitative Methods in Health Services Administration (3)
- HA 645 Health Economics (3)
- MBA 610 Cost and Control (3)

**Spring**
- HA 612 Essentials of Health and Human Disease (3)
- HA 613 Health Law (3)
HA 620 Health Care Financial Management I (3)  
HA 671 Health Care Marketing (3)  
HCO 720 Health Insurance and Managed Care (3)  

May Miniterm  
Elective (3)  

Summer  
HA 621 Health Care Financial Management II (3)  
HA 640 Information Systems and Management Science in Health Services Administration (3)  
Elective (3)  

Second Year  

Fall  
HA 625 Strategic Planning and Management (3)  
HA 635 Human Resources Management in Health Services Administration (3)  
HA 661 Seminar: Social Issues in Health Services Administration (3)  
Elective (3)  
Elective (3)  

Spring  
HA 655 Seminar: Synthesis of Health Services Administration (2)  
HA 690 Administrative Residency (5)  

Summer  
HA 655 Seminar: Synthesis of Health Services Administration (2)  
HA 690 Administrative Residency (5)  

Typical Program - M.S.H.A./M.B.A.  
(Course requirements are listed in semester credit hours)  

First Year  

Fall  
HA 602 Introduction to Health Care Systems (4)  
HA 632 Quantitative Methods in Health Services Administration (3)  
HA 645 Health Economics (3)  
MBA 610 Cost and Control (3)  
MBA 632 Organizational Behavior (3)  

Spring  
HA 612 Essentials of Health and Human Disease (3)  
HA 620 Health Care Financial Management I (3)  
HCO 720 Health Insurance and Managed Care (3)  
MBA 671 Health Care Marketing (3)  
MBA 633 Production and Operation Management (3)  

May Miniterm  
HA Elective (3)  

Summer  
HA 621 Health Care Financial Management II (3)  
MBA 611 Management Information Systems (3)  
MBA 630 Social, Ethical, and Legal Environment (3)  
MBA 641 Macroeconomics Analysis and Decision Making (3)  

Second Year  

Fall  
HA 625 Strategic Planning and Management (3)  
HA 635 Human Resources Management in Health Services Administration (3)  
HA 661 Seminar: Social Issues in Health Services Administration (3)  
MBA 651 Seminar in Marketing Policy (3)  
HA Elective (3)  

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Spring
HA 613 Health Law (3)
MBA 622 Investments (Finance Elective) (3)
MBA 634 Business Policies and Simulation (3)
MBA 661 Quantitative Methods II (3)
International Business Elective (3)
May Mini-term
HA Elective (3)
Summer
HA 655 Seminar: Synthesis of Health Services Administration (2)
HA 690 Administrative Residency (5)

Third Year
Fall
HA 655 Seminar: Synthesis of Health Services Administration (2)
HA 690 Administrative Residency (5)

Typical Program - Gerontology Certificate
(Course requirements are listed in semester credit hours)

Single Degree M.S.H.A. Students
Spring
HA 620 Health Care Financial Management I (3)
HCO 720 Health Insurance and Managed Care (3)
May Mini-term
HA 643 Long Term Care Administration (3)
Summer
HA 697 Independent Study (3)
Fall
GRD 600 Core Issues in Aging (Gerontology Elective) (3)

Dual Degree M.S.H.A./M.B.A. Students
Spring
HA 620 Health Care Financial Management I (3)
HCO 720 Health Insurance and Managed Care (3)
May Mini-term
HA 643 Long Term Care Administration (3)
Summer
HA 697 Independent Study (3)*
Fall
GRD 600 Core Issues in Aging (Gerontology Elective) (3)
*May be taken during the second May Mini-term if preferred.

For further information, contact:
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For course descriptions, see the UAB School of Health Related Professions Catalog - Course Descriptions.