HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, M.H.A.

Ranked among the top 10 graduate programs for health care management by U.S. News & World Report, Saint Louis University’s Master of Health Administration program prepares students to be leaders in a variety of health care organizations such as hospitals, health systems, insurance companies, pharmacy benefit management organizations, consulting firms and benefit management organizations. Saint Louis University has been a pioneer in health management education since 1947 and this excellence in teaching, research and service continues.

Curriculum Overview

As one of the nation’s most established M.H.A. programs, SLU’s M.H.A. connects students to a coast-to-coast network of internship sites and alumni working in senior leadership positions.

The curriculum has as its foundation the areas of knowledge basic to health management and policy.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

SLU’s program offers students a practice-integrated education. Students are transformed into knowledgeable, ethical professionals prepared for a range of management careers across the health sector.

Careers

M.H.A. graduates occupy senior management positions in a variety of health care settings. Alumni work in health and hospital systems, insurance companies, academic medical centers, physician practices, consulting firms and benefit management organizations.

The 2017 class had a 100 percent graduation rate and 95 percent were pursuing full-time careers in their fields (60 percent), fellowships (31 percent) or seeking further graduate education (4 percent) within 90 days of graduation.

The 2017 alumni are working in:

- Hospitals and health systems (27 percent)
- Managed care or insurance (13 percent)
- Law/other (12 percent)
- Consulting (8 percent)
- Medical group management (6 percent)

Admission Requirements

Applicants should have a bachelor’s degree with no less than a 3.0 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.

Application Requirements

- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Test scores (for M.H.A. applicants only) - GRE, GMAT, MCAT, LSAT are accepted

Application Deadline

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until classes are full.

Review Process

All applications are considered on an individual basis with a balanced approach. Candidates may be invited to an on-site interview.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

The College for Public Health and Social Justice offers several ways to help finance graduate education. Opportunities include a limited number of merit-based scholarships and graduate research assistantships.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at http://finaid.slu.edu.

Accreditation

The Master of Health Administration is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education.

Learning Outcomes

Saint Louis University’s Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.) works to transform talented service-motivated students into knowledgeable, ethical professionals prepared for a range of management careers across the U.S. health sector (adapted from M.H.A. mission statement). To achieve this goal the program relies on competency-based education. In fact, SLU’s M.H.A. program has a long history of competency-based education (CBE). In 2002 the program developed one of the three nationally recognized competency models that has since been adopted and adapted by health management and health administration programs throughout the country.

In keeping with CBE, classes and the corresponding learning objectives are organized to meet sixty core competencies necessary for success in health administration across the broad health sector (Attachment I). Similar types of knowledge, skills and abilities are grouped into

Requirements for International Students

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency)
- Proof of financial support must include:
  - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
  - A letter from the sponsor’s bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Awards are made to applicants with the highest combinations of GPAs and test scores who complete their applications by the priority deadlines.

Demonstrate English Language Proficiency

Approval of foreign language proficiency is required of all international applicants. The English Language Proficiency Requirement is met by demonstrating one of the following:

- Successful completion of at least one full year (or the equivalent) of courses in English language and composition at a secondary or an equivalent level of study in the United States.
- Successful completion of at least one full year (or the equivalent) of courses in English language and composition at the university level.
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International students must also meet the following requirements:

- A letter of recommendation from an academic representative
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six competency domains (leadership, critical thinking, science/analysis, management, political and community development and communication).

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Electives

Select 12 credits  
Total Credits 60

Non-Course Requirements

- Membership in Healthcare Financial Membership Association (HFMA);
- Concentration-specific comprehensive exam (HMP 5950 Special Study for Exams does not count towards this requirement)

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

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