A Master of Health Administration (MHA) is a professional degree focused on the organization, delivery and management of healthcare and public health systems and services. It is the premier program for those seeking to lead the health systems of the future.

The WVU School of Public Health offers a two-year (full-time) MHA program. Part-time, residential and online options are also available.

Program graduates are prepared to advance into leadership positions throughout the broader health system, including hospitals, medical practice management, long-term care, behavioral health services and public health.

**POSSIBLE CAREERS**
- Hospital administrator
- Health program or service line manager
- Behavioral health administrator
- Health department manager
- Human resources manager
- Quality, safety and/or patient experience specialist or manager
- Data analyst
- Consultant
- Organization or agency director

**PROGRAM FEATURES**
- Small cohort sizes assuring personalized professional development
- Team-driven, student-centered academic culture
- Close partnerships with local and regional health systems for administrative residencies and internships
- Professional development seminars and networking opportunities
- Top-tier faculty deliver a cutting-edge, competency-driven curriculum focused on health system leadership, innovation and change

**POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS**
- Hospitals
- Medical group practices
- Insurance and managed care organizations
- Long-term care and rehabilitation services
- Behavioral health systems
- Consulting firms
- Local and state health departments
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Biotechnology and medical device companies
- Health research organizations

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Joseph M. Letnaunchyn, President and CEO of the West Virginia Hospital Association

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will achieve a specialized set of health administration competencies, including:

Communication and Relationship Management
• Building collaborative relationships
• Negotiation and conflict resolution skills
• Professional oral and written communications

Leadership Skills
• Self- and team-leadership
• Promoting and managing change

Professionalism
• Personal and team accountability
• Honest and ethical behavior
• Community engagement

Knowledge of the Healthcare Environment
• Critical issues in health systems and services
• Role and impact of health policies
• Determinants of population health

Healthcare Business and Analytic Skills
• Financial and human resources management
• Strategic planning and data-driven decision-making
• Project management

COURSEWORK

The WVU MHA program requires courses that cut across the broad domain of health administration, including:

• Health Administration and Operations Management
• Leadership and Organizational Behavior
• Health Finance and Economics
• Healthcare Policy, Law and Ethics
• Managerial Decision Making
• Health Information Systems
• Healthcare Quality and Outcomes Management
• Human Resources Management

Students can also take elective classes to specialize in an area of interest.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

• Baccalaureate degree (minimum 3.0 GPA with 3.5 preferred)
• Recommended GRE scores: 150 (quantitative), 150 (verbal), 4.0 (analytical writing)

GRE requirement waived with previous directly-related terminal degree (MD, JD, etc.) or 5+ years of directly related (healthcare or public health administration) work experience

GMAT may be substituted for GRE

• Personal statement, resume and 2-3 letters of recommendation

The WVU School of Public Health is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

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