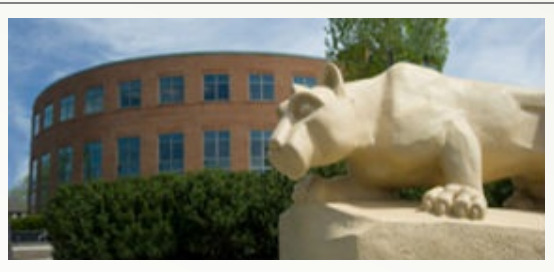


Master of Health Administration

The U.S. health care system is in a period of flux. In such a context, there is a critical need for highly effective administrators. The Master of Health Administration (MHA) is a 36 credit program that equips students with the knowledge and skills required to manage and lead various types of healthcare organizations in a highly complex, competitive, and rapidly-changing environment.

The MHA program at Penn State Harrisburg is aimed both at those beginning careers in healthcare administration and experienced professionals interested in advancing their careers. The program focuses on design and redesign of health-care systems. It spans all aspects of the U.S. healthcare system, while providing a comparative perspective. Over the course of the program, students develop skills to identify and address the potential impact of recent changes on system design and healthcare delivery, and to design systems that can meet demand for care, support mechanisms to contain and manage costs, and satisfy quality standards for care delivery.



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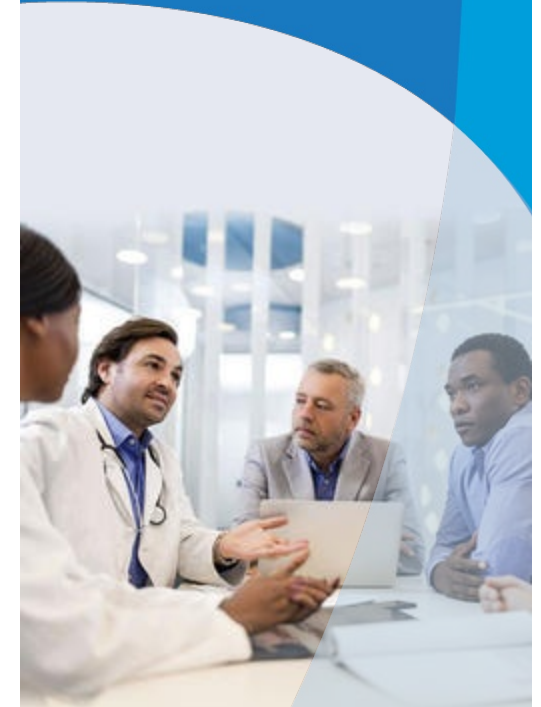
Program Website:

<https://harrisburg.psu.edu/health-admin>



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Curriculum

The degree requires a minimum of 36 graduate credits, including a 3-credit, faculty-supervised paper. Three credits of 400-level work may be included in the electives. An overall 3.00 (B) or higher grade-point average must be earned in all 400- and 500-level work.

Transfer Credits and Course Substitutions

Students may transfer up to 9 credits from an external institution, or up to 15 credits of nondegree work from Penn State, if the credits contribute to the required core and the electives. Transfer credits require approval by the Program Coordinator.

Grade-Point Average and Time Limit

Students may start the program at the beginning of any semester. Part-time students usually take one or two 3-credit courses each semester. Students may also take one or two courses during the summer session to maintain steady progress toward the degree. All Health Administration courses are offered during the evening, on campus, for the convenience of part-time students. A student may complete the M.H.A. on a part-time basis in about two to four years.

Students must have a 3.00 grade-point average to graduate and all degree requirements (including acceptance of the completed master's paper) must be met within eight years of admission to graduate status.

Testimonials

The Penn State Harrisburg Master of Health Administration provided me with the skills I need to be an effective leader in today's complex health care environment. The faculty provided a challenging and rewarding program.

Eric A Walker, MD

*Division Chief of
Musculoskeletal Radiology
Milton S. Hershey Medical
Center*

Courses Overview

The master's in health administration program shares many of the same goals and experiences as the undergraduate program, but focuses on developing the skills of leadership and management in the healthcare context. The program begins with an overview of the healthcare landscape in Health Systems Organization (HADM 539). Here students of all backgrounds discover the resources, policy issues, institutions, technology, and innovations of the American healthcare systems. Case studies form the foundations of achieving the learning objectives in Health Administrative Policy Formation (HADM 540). Specific forms of economic evaluations of healthcare policies are introduced in Health Economics and Policy (HADM 541).

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Program Requirements for Admission

Requirements	More Information
GPA	<p>A GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (with particular attention given to the last 2 years of undergraduate work) is generally required.</p> <p>The GPA requirement may be relaxed if the student has professional experience or other strong evidence suggesting likely success. Some applicants may be accepted on a non-matriculated probationary basis, pending performance at the 3.0 level or higher over 15 hours of approved credit.</p>
Professional experience	<p>Three years of professional work experience</p>
Supporting Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ a statement of career and educational goals✓ a resume✓ names and contact information (postal address, phone, and e-mail address) for three individuals willing to provide a reference✓ Satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) are required if the GPA is less than 3.0.

Application Deadline

This program has rolling admission, that is, no specific deadline. Note that it may take 4-6 weeks to receive transcripts and process an application.