

HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION (THESIS OPTION), MASTER OF SCIENCE

Master of Science in Health Care Administration

Texas Southern University offers a two-year Master of Science degree in Health Care Administration (MHCA). This pioneer program is jointly sponsored by the Texas Southern University Graduate School and the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Health care will continue to experience change in the near future as the health care delivery system adapts to services that are sensitive to health management as it changes from a biomedical model to a behavioral model. Navigating this complex, competitive and market driven world of health care requires sophisticated administrative skills. Graduates of our Texas Southern University Health Care Administration Program will be prepared to have these skills.

With the Master of Science in Health Care Administration degree from Texas Southern University, graduates join a distinguished group of administrators and alumni who demonstrate skill and proficiency as healthcare managers and executives. Health care organizations have long been recognized as being complex organizations. Too few people, including health managers and health consumers, appreciate the complexity of the organizations. A critical part of the solution for health care in America lies in preparing professionals who can manage these organizations and positively impact the health care system. Consequently, the MHCA program at Texas Southern University is designed to prepare students to focus on improvements in the health care system.

Admission Requirements

The Master of Health Care Administration (MHCA) program requires approximately twenty-four months to complete (including administrative internship) following completion of prerequisite courses in management, statistics, and accounting. Prerequisites must be completed no later than the semester prior to enrollment. Upon being accepted into the (MHCA) program students will have a choice of drafting a Thesis or completing coursework to graduate. Students will declare which option they prefer by signing their degree plan designating they select either (Option 1 Thesis or Option 2 Non- Thesis).

Applicants may have undergraduate degree training in disciplines outside of healthcare administration. Applications for admission to the MHCA program are processed through the University Graduate School.

The Graduate Admissions Committee within the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences will review all applications and with approval of the Dean of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, the decisions of the Committee will be referred to the Dean of the Graduate School.

Applicants must have graduated with a bachelor's degree (or its equivalent) from an accredited college or university. Applicants must have completed a satisfactory undergraduate sequence of courses.

Applicants must have a strong background in the courses shown below to provide an academic base for advanced studies in health care administration. In addition, prospective students must demonstrate competencies in communications (oral and written) and mathematics. Prerequisite courses may be waived for students who have successfully completed previous course work with a grade of "B" or higher in the following content areas:

- Quantitative Methods in Public Administration
- Public Budgeting
- Finances and Economics of Health Care
- Health Information Systems

Applicants must have a score on the aptitude section of the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) acceptable to the Admissions Committee for the Graduate School.

Applicants must have a TOEFL score of at least 550 on the paper-based test or 213 on the computer-based test or 79 on the Internet based if the applicant is an international student. Applicants must present an essay identifying career goals and objectives, research interest and the relationship of the health care administration program to the candidate's professional goals. Applicants must present three (3) letters of recommendation from persons qualified to evaluate applicants' capability for graduate study, including past scholastic performance, administrative abilities (as applicable), and personal motivation. Applicants must submit a resume detailing educational accomplishments and work experience.

Application Deadline

The deadline for applications can be found on the Graduate School website.

For students with a program start date during or after to Fall 2014

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
HSHA 511	Info Systems in Hlth Care Admi	3
HSHA 512	Intro to Hlth Care Org	3
HSHA 513	HC: Management Statistics	3
HSHA 517	Health Care Economics	3
Hours		12
Second Semester		
HSHA 514	Human Resource & Labor Mgmt	3
HSHA 525	Healthcare Managerial Communication	3
HSHA 621	Healthcare Org, Strategy & Mgm	3
HSHA 652	Healthcare Managerial Finance	3
Hours		12
Third Semester		
HSHA 535	Health Care Professionalism/Leadership	3
HSHA Elective		3
HSHA 663	Epidemiology Health Care Administration	3
Hours		9
Second Year		
First Semester		
HSHA 612	Health Care Law & Bioethics	3
HSHA 670	Cultural Competency for HealthCare Leaders	3
HSHA 650	Administrative Residency I	3

HSHA 658	Thesis Research I	3
Hours		12
Second Semester		
HSHA 662	Health Policy Analysis	3
HSHA 680	Health Admin Capstone	3
HSHA 659	Thesis Research II	3
Hours		9
Total Hours		54