

2026-2027 Curriculum Guide for Master of Health Administration Degree

MHA graduates will have the knowledge and skills for management and policy positions in health services careers. Master of Health Administration (MHA) students will have access to a designated team of professionals including the MHA Program Manager, MHA Program Director, faculty advisors, and other HSMP and CPH faculty to guide them as they complete the program. This document outlines the 2-year, full-time MHA academic curriculum. This is not considered an online degree program; however, students will enroll in a combination of courses designed for on-campus in-person delivery (IP) and distance learning (DL). All students are expected to be familiar with the College of Public Health (CPH) Graduate Student Handbook: <https://cph.osu.edu/students/graduate/student-handbook>, the Graduate School Handbook: <https://gradsch.osu.edu/graduate-school-handbook-gsh> and the CPH competencies: <https://go.osu.edu/cphcompetencies>.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

The MHA curriculum consists of a minimum of 57 credit hours organized into four curricular domains:

1. Public Health Foundational Courses (6 credit hours)
2. Required courses (40.5 credit hours)
3. Electives (10.5 credit hours)
4. Administrative Residency (between year one and two)

In addition to credit hour requirements, The Ohio State University College of Public Health requires all Master of Health Administration students to participate in interprofessional practice and education activities.

Public Health Foundation Courses (6 credit hours)

Every student in the MHA program must take the following courses in areas of knowledge basic to public health:

PUBHLTH 6010	Essentials of Public Health	3 credit hours
PUBHHMP 6611	Health and Health Care Services in the U.S.	3 credit hours

Required Courses (40.5 credit hours)

PUBHHMP 7601	Economic Analysis of Health Services	3 credit hours
PUBHHMP 7602	Health Insurance and Payment Policy	3 credit hours
PUBHHMP 7605	Introduction to Health Policy	3 credit hours
PUBHHMP 7611	Health Care Law for Managers	3 credit hours
PUBHHMP 7615	Health Services Organizational Management	3 credit hours
PUBHHMP 7617	Health Services Leadership and Organizational Change	3 credit hours
PUBHHMP 7620*	Health Services Finance I	3 credit hours
PUBHHMP 7621	Health Services Finance II	3 credit hours
PUBHHMP 7622	Health Services Financial Decision-Making	3 credit hours
PUBHHMP 7631	Strategic Management and Program Development	3 credit hours
PUBHHMP 7672	Clinical Rotations	1.5 credit hours
PUBHHMP 7673	Understanding Health Care Organization Data	1.5 credit hours
PUBHHMP 7680	Operations Management for Health Service Organizations	3 credit hours
PUBHHMP 7682	Information Systems for Health Services Organizations	1.5 credit hours
PUBHHMP 7684	Health Services Strategy and Marketing	3 credit hours

*PUBHHMP 7620 requires an introductory financial accounting course as a prerequisite

Electives (10.5 credit hours)

(Choose courses to bring the total credit hours to 57 credit hours)

Students can choose electives from a variety of inter-professional disciplines, including (but not limited to) business, public administration, public affairs, nursing, and sociology. A list of approved electives can be found in Appendix E: <https://cph.osu.edu/students/graduate/student-handbook/appendix-e> in the CPH Graduate Student Handbook.

Other courses can fulfill elective hour requirements with a petition to the MHA Program Director.

Administrative Residency

Each MHA student is required to satisfy a practice placement requirement, which is ordinarily accomplished through an administrative residency during the summer between the first and second academic years.

Complete details on the process for seeking and confirming the residency, as well as detailed policies governing the residency, are found in the CPH Graduate Student Handbook and the Summer Administrative Residency Guidelines.

Sample Curriculum Plan for the MHA

TERM	COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	TERM OFFERED	DELIVERY MODE
Year 1 Autumn	PUBHHMP 6611	Health and Health Care Services in the U.S.	3	AU	IP
	PUBHHMP 7615	Health Services Organizational Management	3	AU	IP
	PUBHHMP 7620	Health Services Finance I	3	AU	IP
	PUBHLTH 6010	Essentials of Public Health	3	AU	DL
		Professional Development Seminar	0	AU	IP
Year 1 Spring	PUBHHMP 7601	Economic Analysis of Health Services	3	SP	IP
	PUBHHMP 7621	Health Services Finance II	3	SP	IP
	PUBHHMP 7672	Clinical Rotations	1.5	SP	IP
	PUBHHMP 7673	Understanding Health Care Organization Data	1.5	SP	IP
	PUBHHMP 7680	Operations Management for Health Service Organizations	3	SP	IP
	PUBHHMP 7684	Health Services Strategy and Marketing	3	SP	IP
Year 1 Summer	Administrative Residency				
Year 2 Autumn	PUBHHMP 7602	Health Insurance and Payment Policy	3	AU	IP
	PUBHHMP 7605	Introduction to Health Policy	3	AU	IP
	PUBHHMP 7622	Health Services Financial Decision-Making	3	AU	IP
	PUBHHMP 7682	Information Systems for Health Services Organizations	1.5	AU	IP
	ELECTIVES		4.5		
Year 2 Spring	PUBHHMP 7611	Health Care Law for Managers	3	SP	IP
	PUBHHMP 7617	Health Services Leadership and Organizational Change	3	SP	IP
	PUBHHMP 7631	Strategic Management & Program Development	3	SP	IP
	ELECTIVES		6		

Grade Policy:

In addition to the general Graduate School requirements of a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, students must meet specific college grade policies. Students should familiarize themselves with Section 12 of the College of Public Health Graduate Student Handbook.

College of Public Health - Office of Academic Programs and Student Services (OAPSS)

OAPSS staff are available to assist with College, Graduate School and University policies and procedures.

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