THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

# 2026-2027 Curriculum Guide for the Online Executive Master of Health Administration Degree

MHA graduates will have the knowledge and skills for management and policy positions in health services careers. Students in the online Executive Master of Health Administration (EMHA) track will have access to a designated team of professionals including the EMHA Faculty Director, the EMHA Program manager, 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. 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 45 credit hours organized into two curricular domains:

1. Public Health Foundational Courses (6 credit hours)
2. Required courses (39 credit hours)

### Public Health Foundation Courses (6 credit hours)

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

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| 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 (39 credit hours)

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| PUBHHMP 6615 | Public Health Leadership and Organizational Behavior | 3 credit hours |
| PUBHHMP 6625 | Leveraging Healthcare Data for Practice and Policy Change | 3 credit hours |
| PUBHHMP 6630 | Project Management for Health Care and Public Health | 3 credit hours |
| PUBHHMP 7605 | Introduction to Health Policy | 3 credit hours |
| PUBHHMP 7611 | Health Care Law for Managers | 3 credit hours |
| PUBHHMP 7620 | Health Services Finance I | 3 credit hours |
| PUBHHMP 7622 | Health Services Financial Decision-Making | 3 credit hours |
| PUBHHMP 7624 | Health Economics for Experienced Professionals | 3 credit hours |
| PUBHHMP 7631 | Strategic Management & Program Development | 3 credit hours |
| PUBHHMP 7632 | Strategic Change for Public Health and Population Health Management | 3 credit hours |
| PUBHHMP 7683 | Operations Management and System Design | 3 credit hours |
| PUBHHMP 7690 | Executive Skills I: Professional Identity and Skills Development | 3 credit hours |
| PUBHHMP 7691 | Executive Skills II: Advanced Professional Growth and Skills | 3 credit hours |

## Sample Curriculum Plan for the EMHA

| TERM | COURSE | COURSE TITLE | CREDIT HOURS | TERM OFFERED |
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| **Year 1 Autumn** | PUBHHMP 6611 | Health and Health Care Services in the U.S. | 3 | AU |
| | PUBHLTH 6010 | Essentials of Public Health | 3 | AU |
| | PUBHHMP 7690 | Executive Skills I: Professional Identity and Skills Development | 3 | AU |
| **Year 1 Spring** | PUBHHMP 7605 | Introduction to Health Policy | 3 | SP |
| | PUBHHMP 7632 | Strategic Change for Public Health and Population Health Mgmt | 3 | SP |
| | PUBHHMP 7691 | Executive Skills II: Advanced Professional Growth and Skills | 3 | SP |
| **Year 1 Summer** | PUBHHMP 7624 | Health Economics for Experienced Professionals | 3 | SU |
| | PUBHHMP 7620 | Health Services Finance I | 3 | SU |
| | PUBHHMP 7622 | Health Services Financial Decision-Making | 3 | SU |
| **Year 2 Autumn** | PUBHHMP 6615 | Public Health Leadership and Organizational Behavior | 3 | AU |
| | PUBHHMP 6630 | Project Management for Health Care and Public Health | 3 | AU |
| | PUBHHMP 7683 | Operations Management and System Design | 3 | AU |
| **Year 2 Spring** | PUBHHMP 6625 | Leveraging Healthcare Data for Practice and Policy Change | 3 | SP |
| | PUBHHMP 7611 | Health Care Law for Managers | 3 | SP |
| | PUBHHMP 7631 | Strategic Management & Program Development (Capstone) | 3 | SP |

**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.

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