MHA Competencies
Effective Fall, 2016

Management Functions

MHA 1. Organizational Management. Assess opportunities to improve health services organizations through application of organizational theories and organization development principles.

MHA 2. Organizational Structure and Governance. Analyze how organizational and environmental factors shape the structure of health care organizations and the roles, responsibilities and influence of governing bodies.

MHA 3. Workforce and Organizational Development. Apply methods and techniques for organizational, employee and professional staff development that ensure a diverse and high performing work force.


MHA 5. Clinical Quality Assessment and improvement. Apply principles of quality improvement in the context of clinical performance.

MHA 6. Information Technology Management and Assessment. Analyze the value, risks and opportunities of information technology and associated data for improving performance of health organizations and the broader health system.

MHA 7. Strategic and Business Planning. Perform environmental, market, and community needs analyses, develop strategic alternatives, formulate strategic goals, and develop programs, business plans, and implementation strategies to support goal achievement.


Health Systems and Policy


MHA 11. Health Policy. Describe the public policy process related to health care, including the creation and implementation of policy and the political aspects of policy and articulate the impact on the delivery of health services.


Leadership and Professionalism

MHA 14. Leadership and Change Management. Develop effective leadership approaches to communicate a vision, motivate stakeholders, build consensus, and lead organizational change efforts.

MHA 15. Impact and Influence. Shape opinions, processes, or outcomes through example, persuasive communication, or use of informal power.


MHA 17. Collaboration and Working in Teams. Work cooperatively with others, create, participate on, and lead teams, including inter-professional.

MHA 18. Personal and Professional Ethics. Apply ethical principles, social and professional values to analyze managerial, organizational and policy situations; demonstrate professional values and ethics.

MHA 19. Critical Thinking. Evaluate a situation, issue, or idea by understanding and challenging assumptions, considering competing points of view, and anticipating potential effects within and beyond the health care system.

Business and Analytic Skills

MHA 20. Written Communication. Write in a clear, logical manner and prepare effective business communications.

MHA 21. Verbal Communication. Demonstrate effective oral communication and presentation skills.

MHA 22. Quantitative Skills. Analyze data and interpret quantitative information for organization decision making.


MHA 25. Problem-Solving and Decision-Making. Use multiple methods and sources to seek comprehensive information, generate creative new solutions—or adapt previous solutions—and apply structured decision-making techniques and tools to address health care questions.