Health Administration

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Department of Health Management and Informatics

Graduate level academic programs at MU in the area of Health Administration are offered through the Department of Health Management and Informatics (HMI) in the School of Medicine. The HMI Department develops, translates, and disseminates knowledge, innovations, and evidence-based solutions to improve health management and informatics performance in complex health systems. HMI advances the health of Missouri’s communities, the nation, and international partners by:

- Creating a culture of collaborative relationships in research, education, and service to generate innovative ideas and solutions;
- Providing professional health management and informatics education and fostering lifelong learning;
- Delivering technical assistance and consultation by partnering with health, human service, and policy-making organizations; and
- Developing innovative commercial products and services for health- and education-related application

Degrees & Certificates Offered

The HMI Department offers the following degrees and graduate certificate programs:

- Master of Health Administration (executive and residential cohort)
- Master of Science in Health Informatics and Bioinformatics (executive and residential cohort)
- Dual Master of Health Administration and Master of Science in Health Informatics (executive and residential cohort)
- Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics (distance and on-campus)
- Graduate Certificate in Health Ethics (distance and on-campus)
- Graduate Certificate in Informatics for Public Health (100% online)
- Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Project Management (100% online and on-campus)

Residential Master of Health Administration students may also pursue a dual MBA, MS in Industrial Engineering, MPA, or JD degree. Some students choose to complete an additional Master’s degree, such as the MPH, concurrently with the MHA degree.

Faculty

Professor  S. A. Boren**, J. Kapp**, M. Popescu**, E. J. Simoes**
Associate Professor  N. Khatr**, P. Rao**, I. Yoo**
Assistant Professor  T. Joshi**, A. Zohrabian**
Associate Teaching Professor  P. Alafaireet**
Assistant Research Professor  M. Golzy, M. S. Kim**, A. Mosa**, L. Sheets*, I. Zachary**
Assistant Teaching Professor  B. Hensel*
Clinical Instructor  D. Moxley*
Adjunct Professor  G. Sill*
Adjunct Associate Research Professor  J. Jackson-Thompson**
Adjunct Instructor  M. Johnson Moxley*, C. Schmaltz*, R. Sommer*, M. Seda*, J. Tucker*
Professors Emeriti  G. D. Brown*, L. L. Hicks**, D. Wakefield**

- Graduate Faculty Member - membership is required to teach graduate-level courses, chair master’s thesis committees, and serve on doctoral examination and dissertation committees.
- Doctoral Faculty Member - membership is required to chair doctoral examination or dissertation committees. Graduate faculty membership is a prerequisite for Doctoral faculty membership.

Undergraduate

While MU does not offer undergraduate degrees specifically in health administration, the University does offer baccalaureate opportunities in a number of related areas in the other Schools and Colleges that make up the University. The catalog provides a complete list of these degree options (http://catalog.missouri.edu/degreesanddegreeprograms/).

Graduate

- MHA in Health Administration (http://catalog.missouri.edu/schoolofmedicine/healthadministration/mha-health-administration/)

About the Master of Health Administration

The graduate program in Health Administration prepares professionals to meet critical and complex challenges in leadership and improvement in organizations and systems throughout the health industry. The program provides recognized national and global leadership in health management education.

The program is competency-based and distinctively equips graduates for success through (a) providing solid grounding in professional and operational knowledge and skills, (b) integrating health informatics throughout the health services management curriculum, and (c) incorporating overarching complex systems context and analytical approaches.

The residential and executive master’s degrees launch and advance patient-centered, improvement-oriented, financially-responsible, and ethically-grounded careers in evidence-based health administration.

The program admits diverse cohorts of students from Missouri, other states, and other nations. During the admissions process, the program seeks learners with strong academic records, maturity, motivation, leadership capabilities, and career potential. Primary post-graduation placement organizations include health systems, hospitals, academic medical centers, physician group practices, surgery centers, information technology companies, consulting firms, government agencies, insurance entities, and other points of health services delivery.
Whereas the residential master’s degree format is a traditional on-campus residential program, the executive master’s degree is offered in a hybrid model featuring both on-campus and distance learning. In both formats, emphasis is on fostering an individualized and collaborative culture of learning, mentoring, and professional development among students, faculty, staff, alumni, and other practitioners. The intent is to prepare students to enable transformational leadership and improve patient care quality, safety, value, and overall level of population health.

Established in 1965, the program is a member of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) and has been accredited since 1968 by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME), formerly Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration (ACEHSA).

Both executive and residential students may pursue the MHA degree jointly with the MS in Health Informatics degree. Residential students may also pursue a dual MBA, MS in Industrial Engineering, MPA or JD degree, or complete an additional Master’s degree, such as the MPH, concurrently with the MHA program.