



DES MOINES  
UNIVERSITY  
MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES

MASTER OF  
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

# MAXIMIZE YOUR POTENTIAL

Beyond individual patient care, the delivery of safe, effective, affordable and accessible health care requires a unique combination of expert management and skills in leadership, service and performance. DMU's **rigorous, real-world Master of Health Care Administration Program** will prepare you to lead and succeed in this complex, growing industry.

The **48-credit-hour program** will give you skills in financial management, leadership, health policy and more. It's practical knowledge you can apply immediately in the daily management of health organizations and long-term, big-picture planning.

DMU's M.H.A. program is **accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME)**, assuring both students and employers of its high quality.

Another testament to the program's quality: It is **the only M.H.A. program selected to partner with the American Osteopathic Association (AOA)**.



**100%**  
employment rate

Program available

**100%**  
online

Program can be  
completed in

**2 YEARS**

Students are from

**23 STATES**

## LEARN FROM THE BEST

The DMU M.H.A. faculty are scholars and national health leaders with diverse professional experience. They bring the most current health care topics into the classroom and are adept at teaching, interacting with and supporting students in both online courses and on campus. Your professors will lead the learning experience as you explore challenges unique to health care and engage with your peers from health care organizations across the country.

## LEARNING OPTIONS

DMU's M.H.A. program **can be completed entirely online** and while you are working full-time, so it fits both your life and your goals. Two- and three-year programs of study offer flexible enrollment.

## LET'S GET REAL

The program includes **three professional development experiences** that are highly intensive and highly interactive. Whether you choose to complete them online or on campus, you will encounter the same content and gain the same competencies. Sessions cover current issues in health care, from leadership and quality assessment to governance and strategy implementation.



The professional development seminars will immerse you in real-world situations. On campus, they feature an exercise in DMU's **Standardized Performance Assessment Laboratory**. Student groups are assigned roles in a health care organization and given the task of investigating and resolving a case based on interviews of "actors" involved in the case. Online, the seminars



include an **interprofessional education experience** that lets you work with and learn from other members of a health care team to address an issue, solve a problem or enhance an organization.

### SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

As the final course of the program, students select a Field-based Learning or Long-term Care Internship in which they apply course knowledge to resolve a real-world administrative problem or to seize a professional opportunity. In the long-term care option, students complete an "Administrator in Training" experience that allows them to take the nursing home licensure exam. DMU's M.H.A. program is the only one in Iowa that supports long-term care licensure.

### JOIN THE HEALTH LEADERS

The DMU Health Leaders is a student club that strives to provide opportunities for students and health executives to interact, share knowledge and explore issues related to successful leadership and management in health care organizations. Open to all DMU students, it's part of the American College of Healthcare Executives Higher Education Network, an international professional society that offers access to networking, education and career development at the local level.

**10% DISCOUNT**  
to members of the American Osteopathic Association, alumni of any DMU program, current DMU students and active duty and retired members of the military.

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BLOCK I	BLOCK II	BLOCK III
Professional Development Seminar	Legal and Ethics II	Health Care Economics and Policy
Health Care Human Relations Management	Organizational Development I	Organizational Development II
U.S. Health Care & Public Health System	Health Care Financial Management II	Strategic Marketing and Communications
Health Care Financial Management I	Health Information Management	Organizational Development III
Organizational Behavior & Leadership Theory	Population Health & Managerial Epidemiology	Professional Development Seminar III
Legal and Ethics I	Strategy Formulation and Implementation	Field Based Learning or Long Term Care Internship*
Basic Statistics	Professional Development Seminar II	

\* STUDENTS SELECT ONE OF THESE COURSES

CHART LAST UPDATED: 2019

**HANDS-ON, RELEVANT AND REAL-WORLD:**  
DMU'S M.H.A. PROGRAM WILL PREPARE YOU TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY.

## HOW TO APPLY:

Apply through one of the following: the DMU direct application, the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS) or the Healthcare Administration, Management & Policy Centralized Application Service (HAMPCAS). Applications are reviewed once they are verified, and students may start the program at the beginning of the next available term (spring, summer or fall).

## M.H.A. PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ **Bachelor's degree** from a regionally accredited college or university
- ✓ **Submitted official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work with grades and degrees**
- ✓ **A cumulative GPA of 3.0 is preferred**
- ✓ **Professional resumé or CV**
- ✓ **A minimum of three references** from writers on their letterhead, addressing the applicant's academic background, leadership experience, career goals, commitment to service and the health care industry and qualities that make the applicant a strong candidate
- ✓ **Statement of purpose and objectives** that address the following:
  - Why do you want to pursue your M.H.A. at DMU?
  - Discuss the most challenging issue facing the U.S. health care system today, and explain what contributions you hope to make with your M.H.A. degree.
  - How will the M.H.A. degree build upon your previous academic, professional or clinical experiences toward the attainment of your career goals?
  - Describe unusual obstacles you have encountered, and explain how they have shaped your professional growth and leadership potential.
- ✓ **U.S. citizenship or permanent residency status**

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ACCREDITATION: DMU's M.H.A. program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education, [www.cahme.org](http://www.cahme.org). This accreditation is the benchmark for students and employers that ensures the integrity of graduate health care management education. Des Moines University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504; 312-263-0456; 800-621-7440; fax, 312-263-7462; [www.ncahc.org](http://www.ncahc.org), 07/19-1M



# BECAUSE OF WHERE YOU WANT TO GO AFTERWARD

Your ultimate goal is to become an exceptionally well-prepared health care professional. At DMU, you will learn with faculty and students who all share a common focus on medicine and the health sciences. You will become ready for both autonomous and interprofessional practice in providing the highest quality of care.

