MASTER OF
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION
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).

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. 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.

AN OPTIMAL APPROACH

DMU’s M.H.A. program blends web-based instruction with on-campus experiences, a combination proven to optimize learning outcomes. Much of the program can be completed online and while you are working full-time, so it fits both your life and your goals. The program offers flexible enrollment, allowing students to earn their degree in as little as two years.

LET’S GET REAL

The program’s three on-campus experiences offer professional development that’s highly intensive and highly interactive. Sessions cover current issues in health care, from leadership and quality assessment to governance and strategy formulation and implementation. Students also enjoy connecting with faculty.

MAXIMIZE YOUR POTENTIAL

100% employment rate

Program can be completed in

2 YEARS

Students are from

23 STATES
and classmates as they build a professional network of mentors and peers. These seminars are offered in the spring and fall semesters.

**INNOVATIVE TEACHING**

M.H.A. faculty at DMU are adept at teaching, interacting with and supporting students in both online courses and on campus. An innovative component of the on-campus experiences is an exercise in the **Standardized Performance Assessment Laboratory**. Small groups of students are assigned roles in a health care organization and given the task of investigating, assessing and resolving a case based on interviews of “actors” involved in the case. Students then review video of those interviews and discuss the experience.

**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 knowledge gained from their course work to resolve a real-world administrative problem or to seize a professional opportunity. 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 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.

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*STUDENTS SELECT ONE OF THESE COURSES

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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.

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 (HAMPACAS). 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