

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (153)

Program Coordinator

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Joint Undergraduate Master's Program (JUMP)

This degree offers a Joint Undergraduate Master's Program (JUMP) which provides academically outstanding students the opportunity to complete both an undergraduate and graduate degree in an accelerated timeframe. Contact the graduate program coordinator for additional information.

Applicants to the residential MHA program option may receive full admission if they hold a baccalaureate degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher is required on their baccalaureate degree, along with a statement of intent (minimum of 1 page, and no more than 2 pages) sent to the graduate program coordinator (Dr. Gregory Ellis-Griffith: gregory.ellis-griffith@wku.edu).

Applicants to the online MHA program may receive full admission if they hold a baccalaureate degree, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 and at least two years of professional work experience. Applicants to the online program must also send a statement of intent, current resume (with professional positions listed), and two reference contacts to the graduate program director (Dr. Gregory Ellis-Griffith: gregory.ellis-griffith@wku.edu).

International Student MHA Admissions: The MHA program follows WKU Graduate Studies's international student admission requirements (https://www.wku.edu/graduate/prospective_students/admission/requirements.php).

Conditional Admission: If a student does not meet all university and program admission requirements, and if the academic program's review of the student's record indicates the likelihood of success, the student may be granted conditional admission by the Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Education upon the recommendation of the program.

• Application and Graduate Studies Fees. Apply through: Graduate Admissions

Joint Undergraduate Master's Program (JUMP)

The Master of Health Administration program's Joint Undergraduate Master's Program (JUMP) allows undergraduate students to earn graduate credit towards a graduate degree in an accelerated time frame. Qualified students will apply directly to the Joint Undergraduate Master's Program. A recommendation will then be made to Graduate Studies for acceptance to JUMP. Please contact the MHA graduate program coordinator for additional information.

JUMP students may complete a maximum of fifteen (15) graduate hours as undergraduate students. However, for undergraduate candidates pursuing a first baccalaureate degree in combination with a master's degree, up to twelve (12) graduate hours may be counted on both the undergraduate and graduate transcripts as prescribed by the approved program curriculum.

To be considered for admission to the MHA JUMP program to earn a BS and MHA, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Be an undergraduate student in one of the following majors: Health Sciences (564), Health Care Administration (559).
- A minimum of 60 credit hours earned and 15 or more credit hours remaining to complete the undergraduate degree.
- A minimum of 24 undergraduate hours earned at WKU.
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.25 for individuals earning their first baccalaureate degree.
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00 for individuals earning their second baccalaureate degree.

Graduate Studies Admission

Please refer to the admission section (<http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/admission/>) of this catalog for Graduate Studies admission requirements.

Degree Requirements (42 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses: 33		
HCA 540	Health Care Organization and Management	3
HCA 541	Strategic Management & Marketing of Health Services	3
HCA 542	Health Care Human Resources Administration	3
HCA 543	Health Care Quality and Accountability	3
HCA 545	Managerial Finance for Health Services	3
HCA 551	Health Care Jurisprudence	3
HCA 586	Health Economics & Policy	3

PH 520	Biostatistics for Public Health	3
PH 582	Epidemiology	3
PH 587	Health Behavior Theory	3
PH 583	Public Health Administration	3
Electives		
Select 3 hours of the following		3
HCA 544	Healthcare Systems Design and Behavior	
HCA 555	Healthcare Preparedness and Leadership	
HCA 556	Ambulatory Care/Rural Health	
HCA 564	Health Systems Informatics	
HCA 572	Special Topics in Health Services	
HCA 574	Decision Making in Health Care (Select 3 hours of the following)	
PH 584	Principles of Environmental Health	
Select one of the following options: (A total of 6 hours must be completed)		6
HCA 546	Graduate Internship (Internship Option)	
PH 599	Thesis Research/Writing (Thesis Option)	
Total Hours		42