Health Care Administration Program - Houston Center

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Graduate Degree Offered

• Master of Healthcare Administration (M.H.A.) (http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2016-17/graduate/health-sciences/health-care-administration/master-healthcare-administration-mha) (Pending THECB approval, this degree program will transition from the College of Health Sciences to the School of Management during the 2016-2017 academic year.)

The master's degree program in Health Care Administration prepares graduates for management positions in the variety of firms and organizations that comprise the health services industry. The industry is undergoing rapid and dramatic change. Therefore, the faculty seeks to prepare managers who possess the tools and knowledge that will enable them to analyze problems, formulate solutions, and implement decisions to guide their organizations through dynamic times. The course of study will encourage development of the student’s personal and leadership potential by fostering attitudes of lifelong learning, and social and ethical responsibility. The Houston M.H.A. program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (https://www.cahme.org) (CAHME).

The program also offers a CAHME accredited executive MHA track. The executive track is intended for practicing professions with management experience. In addition to waiving the requirement for the GRE or GMAT entrance exam, applicants accepted into the executive track may start with the Level 2 Courses of our current Course Sequence, and complete the remaining courses alongside other MHA students in the order which best matches their work and lifestyle responsibilities, with some priority to prerequisites.

The program achieves its goals by:

1. Offering flexible educational opportunities to working students, with particular awareness of the needs of women and minority students.
2. Contributing to the effectiveness of the health care delivery process through faculty and student research and technical consultation.
3. Enhancing the profession of health services through active participation of faculty and students in support of professional health service management associations.

The Health Care Administration curriculum provides professional education in both basic and applied health administration. This educational focus involves providing knowledge and skills required for health services managers to function successfully in a complex and rapidly changing environment. The broad content areas include:

Health Systems Organization, Policy, and Operations
History and organization of the health care system, financing, and utilization of health services, health status and disease occurrence, legal aspects of health care, and medical sociology. Government health policy formulation and implementation and its impact on health care organizations.

Finance, Economics, and Accounting
Accounting and financial management tools for health care administrators, budgeting, financial analysis, costing, variance analysis, capital structure, and performance measurement. Fundamentals of microeconomic theory, economic determinants of health, markets for medical care, and health insurance, economic analysis in decision making.

Management of Health Services Organizations
Organization theory and behavior, health care planning and marketing, human resource management, and leadership, managerial communications, ethics, legal applications for managers, information systems, and strategic management.

Quantitative Methods
Application of statistical methods to solving health care management problems, operations research, research design and analysis, epidemiology, and performance and quality assessment.

M.H.A./M.B.A. Degree Program Agreement with University of St. Thomas

By special agreement, students in the Health Care Administration Program of Texas Woman's University are provided an opportunity to obtain an M.B.A. through the Cameron School of Business at the University of St. Thomas (http://www.stthom.edu/Academics/Cameron_School_of_Business) (UST). Students obtain both the fundamental set of health services management skills through the M.H.A. and specialized training provided by the M.B.A. program. Students first apply and are accepted into Texas Woman's University M.H.A. program. Students interested in this option must contact the graduate admissions advisor at the UST Cameron School of Business in order to determine specific course requirements needed to complete the M.B.A. degree and TWU-HCA courses that will qualify for waiver of required M.B.A. courses.

TWU Executive M.B.A., M.H.S.M., and M.H.A. Degrees

TWU offers the Executive Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Health Systems Management (M.H.S.M.), and Master of Health Care Administration (M.H.A.) degrees. The Executive M.B.A. and M.H.S.M. degrees are offered by the School of Management; and the M.H.A. is offered by the College of Health Sciences. The M.H.S.M. degrees are offered on the Dallas campus only, and the M.H.A. is offered on the Houston campus only. Students desiring both M.B.A. and M.H.A. degrees must apply and be accepted by each program/school separately and fulfill admission requirements defined by each program. Acceptance in the M.B.A./M.H.S.M. dual-degree program
does not guarantee acceptance into the M.H.A. program offered by Health Care Administration (H.C.A.) Houston and vice versa. Students cannot enroll in H.C.A. - Houston courses to fulfill the requirements of either the M.B.A. or M.H.S.M. programs, and vice versa.

Applicants to the M.H.A. program may request a waiver of courses completed in either the M.B.A. or M.H.S.M. programs toward the M.H.A. degree plan. Waivers are generally limited to no more than 12 semester credit hours and require H.C.A. program approval. Use of M.B.A. or M.H.S.M. courses towards the M.H.A. degree plan are not guaranteed, are evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and must have a grade of B or higher. Students who have not successfully completed all requirements of the M.B.A. program will be required to submit tests scores from the GRE or GMAT for consideration of admission into the M.H.A. program. Students who have successfully completed all requirements and earned the M.B.A. or M.H.S.M. degree will be waived from the GRE/GMAT requirement. For additional information review the Health Care Administration (http://www.twu.edu/health-care-administration) website.

**Admissions**

**Admission Requirements**

Admission for graduate study in Health Care Administration is available to applicants who have attained an undergraduate degree, from a regionally accredited institution, with a GPA in the final 60 semester credit hours of 3.0 or greater. Applicants who have undertaken prior graduate study must also have achieved a minimum of 3.0 GPA. In addition, successful applicants will submit evidence of outstanding academic and work or life experiences that demonstrate potential for leadership in the health services environment. Prior health care experience (employment, internship or volunteer) is preferred but not required.

Provisional admission may be considered for an applicant who did not attain an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 but who demonstrates potential for graduate study based on GRE/GMAT scores, as well as work and/or life experiences that show evidence of leadership qualities. Provisional admission is not guaranteed and will be based on an evaluation of the applicants’ record of accomplishments and potential. Students admitted provisionally must achieve a grade of B or better in each course taken during the first 12 course semester credit hours of study. Failure to meet the conditions of provisional admission will result in removal of the student from the degree program without possibility for readmission to this program.

**Due Dates for Completed Applications for US residents**

- May 30 for Fall semester
- September 30 for Spring semester
- March 1 for Summer semester

Applicants identified by the University as international applicants must adhere to earlier deadlines. These deadlines are identified in the international student section of this catalog.

All applicants must submit the required documentation in the following manner:

**Application Documents**

- Application
- Transcripts for all previous coursework
- GRE or GMAT Scores
- TOEFL Scores (for international students)

Send Application Documents To:

Texas Woman’s University
Student Records
P.O. Box 425649
Denton, TX 76204

**Resume Documents**

- Resume
- Three Letters of Recommendations
- Career Goal Statement

Send Resume Documents To:

Texas Woman’s University
Program in Health Care Administration
6700 Fannin
Houston, TX 77030

Advanced standing may be granted to applicants who hold a prior master’s or doctoral degree from an accredited U.S. university. This advanced standing means that an applicant may request and be eligible for waiver of certain foundation or core courses, in addition to the GRE/GMAT waiver as described above. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make the request for specific course waiver or transfer credit. In addition the applicant must submit evidence of equivalent prior course work. Waivers are not automatic and are made on a case by case basis by examination of the content of each course requested for waiver/transfer credit. Each course accepted for transfer credit of a required core course must have been completed within the 6 years of the date the M.H.A. degree is to be awarded. Otherwise these courses must be repeated.

Students who have completed the M.B.A., E.M.B.A. or M.H.S.M. degree at Texas Woman’s University may be eligible for award of up to 12 semester credit hours of transfer credit toward the M.H.A. degree subject to Graduate School policies.

**Non-Degree Admission**

The Health Care Administration Program does not normally admit students for non-degree status. The exception is those cases where TWU-HCA has a formal agreement with another University or another TWU department to allow limited enrollment for a specific purpose.

**Orientation Requirement**

The Health Care Administration Program holds orientation for new students in the fall and spring semesters. It is a requirement that all new students must attend one of these sessions. Information is given at these sessions that will enhance the student’s learning experience.

**Deferral**

Students may request deferral of admission date up to one year due to personal circumstances. No additional deferrals will be granted and the applicant must reapply.
Certificates
Certificate in Health Care Administration

• Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Health Care Management (http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2016-17/graduate/health-sciences/health-care-administration/post-baccalaureate-certificate-health-care-management)

Faculty
Professor
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Associate Professors
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