

Doctor of Medicine/ Master of Health Services Administration



The joint Doctor in Medicine (M.D.) and Master of Health Services Administration (M.H.S.A.) degree program is offered through the department of Health Policy and Management and School of Medicine at the University of Kansas. The joint program allows students to achieve both degrees in five years.

The MSHA portion of the curriculum combines social science and business content in the context of health care and prepares students for management and executive positions in health care organizations. Students pursuing the joint MD/MHSA option will be prepared for careers as physician executives or to provide administrative support for their medical practice. As the health care environment becomes more complex and competitive, administrative skills can be extremely important to individuals starting careers in medicine or those seeking to enhance their current careers.

MD/MHSA Curriculum

Students in the MD/MHSA Program complete requirements for the MD degree, as specified by the School of Medicine. Remaining coursework for the MSHA should be taken in the summer between years one and two of the medical school curriculum and in a year between years two and three of the medical school curriculum. The administrative internship required for the MSHA Program may be completed as an elective during year four of medical school. Depending on a student's course schedule, it may be necessary to complete one to two MSHA courses during years three and four of the medical school curriculum. The total time for completion of the MD/MHSA Program is five years

MHSA Degree Requirements

These courses comprise the current MSHA portion of the joint curriculum. The faculty may make curriculum changes from time to time.

HP&M 810 The Health Care System.....	4
HP&M 814 Health Care Economics.....	3
HP&M 824 Health Finance.....	3
HP&M 825 Managerial Accounting.....	3
HP&M 826 Management Information Systems.....	3
HP&M 828 Human Resources Management.....	3
HP&M 830 Health Services Management.....	3
HP&M 833 Health Law.....	3
HP&M 835 Health and Social Behavior.....	3
HP&M 842 Strategic Marketing.....	3
HP&M 837 Health Policy and Administration.....	3
HP&M 840 Strategic Management.....	3
HP&M 880 Internship.....	3
M.H.S.A. Electives.....	6

On a case-by-case basis, up to six hours of medical school (M.D.) electives may be counted toward MSHA elective requirements, if approved by the Department of Health Policy and Management.

Waivers, substitutions and all other degree requirements are governed by Departmental and Graduate School policies. Students should consult the Student Services Manager if they have questions or concerns regarding the M.H.S.A. degree requirements.

Continuation in the MD/MHSA Program

To continue in the MD/MHSA Program, students must remain in good academic standing in both the MD and MSHA Programs. In the MSHA Program, students must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average. In the MD Program,

students must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average and must pass Step I of the USMLE. If students do not pass the USMLE step I in May or June, they will be removed from the MSHA Program until they re-take and pass the USMLE I, and they will be delayed in their MD/MHSA curriculum.

M.D./ M.H.S.A. Admission Requirement

Students interested in the joint MD/MHSA Program option must apply to and be accepted into both degree programs. Medical school students may apply to the MSHA Program during their **first** year of medical study.

Students admitted to the MSHA Program should have successfully completed an undergraduate course in financial accounting and an undergraduate course in statistics prior to beginning coursework in the Program. Applicants to the MSHA program must submit the following:

1. A completed **application** for admission.
2. A non-refundable application **fee of \$35**. Please make your check payable to the **University of Kansas**.
3. **Official transcripts** of all previous academic work beyond the secondary level. To be admitted as a regular graduate student, applicants must have not less than a B average GPA (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) overall. Copies of transcripts may be relayed from the Medical School Admissions Office, if requested by the MD/MHSA applicant.
4. A report of the results of the Graduate Record Examination (**GRE**), the Graduate Management Admission Test (**GMAT**) or the Medical College Admission Test (**MCAT**).
5. Three **letters of recommendation**, preferably on the program's Recommendation Form.
6. **A personal statement**, (two pages maximum) outlining reasons for wanting to pursue a graduate education in health services administration combined with medicine, career objectives and any other information you want the Admissions Committee to consider.
7. A copy of **your resume**, indicating your education and work background, honors, memberships in professional, school and service organizations.

Each competitive applicant will be invited for an admission interview. Successful must have completed the first semester of medical school with not less than a 3.0 grade point average. Students on a "reduced load" School of Medicine curriculum will be ineligible to apply to the joint MD/MHSA Program. In general, no more than ten students will be admitted to the MD/MHSA program per year.

For more information, please contact:

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Sample Course Sequence for MHSA Portion of MD/MHSA

Summers Between MD Years 1-2 and 2-3

HP&M 810
HP&M 814
Electives (3-6 hours)

Fall of MHSA

HP&M 825
HP&M 830
HP&M 837
HP&M 842
Elective (3 hours)

Spring of MHSA

HP&M 824
HP&M 833
HP&M 826
HP&M 828
Elective (0-3)

During MD Years 3-4

HP&M 840
HP&M 880
Elective (0-3)