

# MEDICINE, DOCTOR OF (M.D.)/ HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, MASTER OF (M.H.A.) [DUAL DEGREE]

Advanced study in health administration and medicine is available through a dual degree program co-sponsored by the Department of Health Administration and the VCU School of Medicine. The program leads to the awarding of the Doctor of Medicine and Master of Health Administration degrees. The objective of the M.D./M.H.A. program is to provide highly motivated medical students the expertise for management and leadership competency in complex health care organizations. Students may indicate their interest in the dual degree program prior to matriculation or during the first three years of the M.D. program. The program may be completed in five years. Applicants for this program are required to meet the admission requirements of each program.

For the dual degree program, course work for the M.H.A. is initiated following completion of the first two or three years of the M.D. program, occupies a full academic year (fall, spring and summer) and extends into a second year, and is taken during a hiatus from the third or fourth year of the M.D. program.

Students interested in the program may contact the School of Medicine Office of Curriculum or the director of the M.H.A. program in the Department of Health Administration (College of Health Professions). For additional information refer to the School of Medicine handbook available on the school's website (<http://www.medschool.vcu.edu>).

## Degree candidacy requirements

A graduate student admitted to a program or concentration requiring a final research project, work of art, thesis or dissertation, must qualify for continuing master's or doctoral status according to the degree candidacy requirements of the student's graduate program. Admission to degree candidacy, if applicable, is a formal statement by the graduate student's faculty regarding the student's academic achievements and the student's readiness to proceed to the final research phase of the degree program.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following degree candidacy policy as published in the VCU Graduate Bulletin for complete information and instructions.

**Visit the academic regulations section for additional information on degree candidacy requirements.** (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/grad/candidacy>)

## Graduation requirements

As graduate students approach the end of their academic programs and the final semester of matriculation, they must make formal application to graduate. No degrees will be conferred until the application to graduate has been finalized.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following graduation requirements as published in the Graduate Bulletin for a complete list of instructions and a graduation checklist.

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The M.H.A. curricular sequence of the M.H.A./M.D. degree is shown below. Students take a total of 43 credit hours of M.H.A. course work, which includes a three-credit hour internship.

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Courses</b>		
HADM 602	Health System Organization, Financing and Performance	3
HADM 606	Health Care Managerial Accounting	3
HADM 607	Financial Management in Health Organizations	3
HADM 610	Health Analytics and Decision Support	3
HADM 611	Health Care Law and Bioethics	3
HADM 612	Information Systems for Health Care Management	3
HADM 614	Health Care Marketing	3
HADM 615	Health Care Politics and Policy	3
HADM/ECON 624	Health Economics	3
HADM 646	Health Care Organization and Leadership	3
HADM 647	Management of Health Care Organizations	3
HADM 648	Strategic Management in Health Care Organizations	3
HADM 649	Human Resources Management in Health Care	3
HADM 682	Executive Skills I	1
HADM 693	Internship in Health Administration	3
Total Hours		43

## Total graduate credit hours required (minimum) 43

### Typical plan of study

Many students often end up taking more than the minimum number of hours required for a degree program. The total number of hours may vary depending upon the program, nature of research being conducted by a study or in the enrollment or funding status of the student. Students should refer to their program websites and talk with their graduate program directors or advisers for information about typical plans of study and registration requirements.

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