

# BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, MBA

**Program Director:** Jeff Helton  
**E-mail:** Jeff.Helton@ucdenver.edu

## Introduction

The graduate program in health administration is consistently ranked as a top program in the United States and attracts students with a variety of backgrounds and experience levels, which further enriches the classroom experience. The HA program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education. Full-time faculty with distinguished research records and a select group of practicing managers provide students with the latest thinking on the most important health issues.

## Degree Requirements

The curriculum of the MBA in Health Administration is a synthesis of management concepts and techniques that are applicable to any economic organization and tools that can be specifically applied to health services systems. The program emphasizes skills that strengthen basic analytic and decision-making processes used by top-level managers in selecting broad strategies and by junior managers in administering sub-units in healthcare organizations.

Students enrolled in the Master of Business Administration in Health Administration must complete a minimum of 45 semester hours of graduate-level course work to receive their degree. The curriculum is based on a series of structured learning sequences. All of the courses are available in the evening to enable working students to pursue the degree on a part-time basis. The specific course requirements are as follows:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>MBA Core</b>		
BUSN 6521	Leading Individuals and Teams	3
BUSN 6530	Data Analytics for Managers	3
BUSN 6541	Legal and Ethical Environment of Business (Health Section)	3
BUSN 6550	Analyzing and Interpreting Accounting Information	3
BUSN 6561	Marketing Dynamics in the 21st Century (Health Section)	3
BUSN 6621	Applied Economics for Managers (Health Section)	3
BUSN 6640	Financial Management	3
BUSN 6711	Strategic Management (Health Section) <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Health Administration Core</b>		
HLTH 6010	Health Care Systems	3
HLTH 6070	International Health Policy and Management	3
HLTH 6730	Healthcare Operations Management	3
HLTH 6770	Healthcare Quality and Outcomes	3
HLTH 6911	Health Field Studies <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Health Administration Information Technology Elective</b>		
HLTH 6071	Introduction To Health Information Technology	3
or HLTH 6072	Management of Healthcare Information Technology	
<b>Health Administration Electives</b>		

Select one of the following: 3

ENTP 6801	Course ENTP 6801 Not Found
ENTP 6848	Leadership for New and Innovative Ventures
HLTH 6075	International Health Travel Study
HLTH 6740	Profiles in Health Care
ISMG 6810	Integration of Artificial Intelligence and Business Intelligence in Healthcare
RISK 6709	Life and Health Insurance

**Total Hours** 45

<sup>1</sup> This course is intended to be taken in your last Spring semester.

<sup>2</sup> This course is intended to be taken in your last Spring semester.  
Prereq: HLTH 6010 Health Care Systems or consent of instructor, minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

## Specialized Tracks within the MBA in Health Administration

Each track carries its own specific course requirements. To provide a variety of perspectives and experiences within a specific area of health administration, each track includes courses that span various departments within the Business School, other schools at CU Denver, and other University of Colorado campuses.

- International Health Management and Policy Track
- Financial Management Track
- Health Information Technology Management Track

## Notes and Restrictions

**Administrative Residency or Fellowship.** An administrative residency or fellowship is optional but recommended for students with limited healthcare experience. The program faculty provide guidance to students applying for residencies or fellowships. Information on the full range of local, regional, and national residencies or fellowships is available from the program director.

**Length of program.** A maximum of five years and one semester is allowed to complete the Health Administration program.