

## THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE

UNC Charlotte is one of North Carolina's most energetic and responsive public universities, providing quality undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral, and continuing education in the liberal arts and sciences and continuing education in architecture, business, computing, education, engineering and human services and health professions. With an enrollment of more than 25,000 students in its academic programs and approximately 5,000 students residing on campus, UNC Charlotte attracts a diverse student body from 46 states and 89 countries.

The UNC Charlotte campus, encompassed by a thriving metropolitan area of more than 2 million people, has the feel of a small residential campus. Contemporary and dynamic, its pedestrian core is located in the midst of approximately one thousand acres of rolling hills, woods, streams, and ponds.

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

One of the seven colleges within the university, the College of Health and Human Services offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs that lead to careers in the health professions and human services. Undergraduate programs are available in athletic training, exercise science, nursing, public health, respiratory therapy and social work. Graduate degree programs are available in clinical exercise physiology, health administration, nursing, public health, and social work and a doctoral degree (PhD) program in health services research.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training (BS)
- Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science (BS)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN & RN-BSN)
- Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH)
- Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy (BSRT)
- Master of Science in Clinical Exercise Physiology (MSCEP)
- Master in Health Administration (MHA)
- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
- Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH)
- Master of Social Work (MSW)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Health Services Research (PhD)

### MSN Specialty Areas:

- Community/Public Health Nursing (CS)
- Nurse Practitioner Across the Lifespan (FNP)
- Nurse Administrator
- Nurse Anesthesia Across the Lifespan (CRNA)
- Nurse Educator



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For information on academic programs in the College of Health and Human Services, please contact the Office of Student Services, College of Health and Human Services, UNC Charlotte, 9201 University Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28223-0001. (704) 687-7922

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# Master of Health Administration

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## MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

The Master of Health Administration (MHA) program at UNC Charlotte is an interdisciplinary program designed for administrators in a changing health care environment. Attentive to the specific needs of participants, the program addresses academic and professional expectations of those currently employed in health care administration as well as students who seek new careers in the field. Upon completion of the program, students will demonstrate competence in the six domains of leadership, critical thinking, health administration sciences and quantitative analysis, management, political and community

stakeholders development, and communication. The UNC Charlotte MHA program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME).

### Added Value of Accreditation

“CAHME accreditation becomes the benchmark by which students and employers determine the integrity of healthcare management education and establishes the standard of measurement for the world community.”

Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education

### MHA PROGRAM VISION AND VALUES

The vision of the Master of Health Administration program is to be a premier program developing healthcare leaders prepared to address the challenges of a changing healthcare environment. Our program values intellectual rigor, innovation, teamwork, mentoring, professionalism, ethical leadership, diversity, personal integrity, lifelong learning, and personal growth.

### MHA-MBA DUAL DEGREE

A dual MHA and Master of Business Administration (MBA) opportunity is possible, in cooperation with the Belk College of Business. The dual degree option allows students to gain a broader understanding of general business concepts, in addition to in-depth specialization in health care. Students must declare their intention to complete the dual degree option within their first semester of matriculation.

Many students combine one of the University's graduate certificates with their MHA degree. Popular choices include: gerontology, health information technology, and non-profit management.

# MHA

## BENEFITS OF AN MHA

Trends in health care management point to a future of rapid change confronting managers in new and diverse health care delivery settings. While the number of acute hospitals is expected to decline, alternative health care facilities will increase on local, regional, and statewide levels. As funding sources for health care delivery undergo modification complexity in health care administration will increase. Masters prepared health service managers may work as chief or executive administrators, assistants to chief executives, or as directors and managers of departments and units. Examples of the settings where MHA graduates work include: hospitals and hospital systems, physician practices and clinics, long term care facilities, managed care organizations, consulting firms, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, local/state/federal health agencies, health insurance companies, and medical supply and equipment manufacturers.

### Excellent Career Earnings Potential

“Students pursuing healthcare management careers have excellent earnings potential. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, medical and health services managers earned an average annual salary of \$81,160 in 2006. Senior healthcare executives with more experience and achievements can earn \$200,000 or significantly more.” Association of University Programs in Health Administration

## CAHME ACCREDITATION AND AUPHA MEMBERSHIP

The Department of Public Health Sciences is committed to continuous program improvement. The MHA Program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME). CAHME is committed to excellence in health care administration education and continuous educational quality improvement. To learn more about CAHME, visit [www.cahme.org](http://www.cahme.org).

The department is a full member of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA), a worldwide organization dedicated to promoting excellence in healthcare management education. To learn more about AUPHA, visit [www.aupha.org](http://www.aupha.org).



MHA Students with Michael Tarwater, President and CEO of Carolinas Healthcare System

## PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT

Charlotte Healthcare Executives Student Organization (CHESO) is a UNC Charlotte graduate student society. CHESO is designed to meet its members' professional, educational, and leadership needs; to promote high ethical standards

and conduct; and to provide opportunities for members to learn from one another as well as individuals in the healthcare executive profession.

The Greater Charlotte Healthcare Executives Group (GCHEG), an independent chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), acts as a local resource for its members and promotes the ACHE mission of advancing its members and healthcare management excellence.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

MHA Admission is considered annually, for a summer or fall start. Applications are due by 15th February for full consideration. General requirements for Master's students at UNC Charlotte can be found on the Graduate Admissions website: [www.graduateschool.uncc.edu](http://www.graduateschool.uncc.edu). Applicants to the MHA program must demonstrate acceptable scores on both the verbal and quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), and have a record of undergraduate coursework that demonstrates preparation for graduate coursework in health administration. Applications need to include a statement describing the applicant's experience and objective for undertaking graduate study in health administration along with three letters of recommendations from persons who can reflect upon the applicant's prior academic and/or professional performance and capability for serving as a health care administrator. Applicants with a variety of undergraduate degree specializations have the potential to be successful in the program.

For more information about the MHA program, contact the Program Coordinator at [MHAprogram@uncc.edu](mailto:MHAprogram@uncc.edu) the Department of Public Health Sciences at (704) 687-7191 or visit <http://publichealth.uncc.edu>.

Effective with the 2010/11 academic year, MHA students are assessed a modest tuition increment. Please visit <http://finance.uncc.edu/controllers-office/student-accounts/tuition-and-fees> for complete details.