

HEALTH POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

Degree Requirements

Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

The program can be completed on a full-time basis in 21 months or on a part-time basis or with the aid of technology through the World Campus in 28 months. Requirements for the completion of the M.H.A. include 49 credits with at least 39 credits at the 500-or 800-level. Included in the 49 credits is a residency in a health care setting and a capstone course to demonstrate evidence of analytical ability and synthesis of material.

Master of Science (M.S.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies. (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>)

The M.S. curriculum in HPA includes study in three substantive areas:

1. a core set of courses in health services organization, delivery, finance, and policy;
2. courses in health services research methods and statistics, and
3. courses and a master's thesis approved by the thesis advisor.

At least 15 credits of the program must be completed in HPA departmental course offerings at the 400-and 500-level. At least 18 credits of the degree must be in 500-and 600-level courses. A 6-credits master's thesis must be completed as part of the degree requirement.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies. (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>)

The HPA doctoral curriculum includes study in three substantive areas:

1. core courses in health services organization, delivery, finance and policy;
2. core courses in health services research methods and statistics, and
3. courses and a doctoral dissertation in an emphasis track approved by the Ph.D. committee.

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