

# Master of Healthcare Administration & Master of Business Administration Dual Degree

## Overview

The 54-credit hour MHA/MBA dual degree curriculum is designed for those who wish to expand their career potential in business management and healthcare administration. With core business courses that focus on the healthcare market and business industry, and healthcare administration courses that are deeply rooted in healthcare management, this program provides the student with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to forge a career in high-level healthcare leadership.

Program Policies of the MHA apply to the MHA/MBA

## Admission Requirements/Process for the Master of Healthcare Administration & Master of Business Administration (MHA/MBA) Dual Degree

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

- College Transcripts: A bachelor's degree from an MBU approved, regionally accredited university is required prior to enrollment. Your official transcripts from your degree-granting institution must be sent to Mary Baldwin University, Office of Admissions, PO Box 1500, Staunton, VA 24402 or [admit@marybaldwin.edu](mailto:admit@marybaldwin.edu). Unofficial transcripts are allowable for initial review of an application, however, you will not be able to enroll in our program until your official transcript has been received verifying completion of the bachelor's degree and that you still meet the minimum GPA required.
- Students without a background in business, accounting, or an approved business-related field will be required to take an exam to evaluate his or her level of business knowledge. Based on exam results, applicants may be required to take one or more pre- MBA module courses offered at MBU.
- Application: Applications are available online.
- Test Scores: No entrance exam is required, however, applicants may submit GMAT or GRE scores if they believe the scores will strengthen their application.
- If English is not your native language, you will be required to submit TOEFL or IELTS scores. Mary Baldwin University's TOEFL institution code is 5397. You do not need to submit scores if you:
  - Earned an undergraduate or graduate degree at a U.S. college or university
  - Conducted your total education in English in a native English-speaking country
- Prerequisite Courses:
  1. Statistics (3 cr)
  2. Research (3 cr)
- Students may apply prior to completion of the prerequisite courses, as long as a plan for completion is in place.
- GPA: A minimum of 3.0 overall GPA required. We expect that most accepted students will surpass this minimum. In addition, prerequisite courses must be completed with a "C" or better.
- Essay: The personal statement should describe your reason for applying to the MHA/MBA dual degree program and how admission to the program relates to your professional goals.
- Conditional Admission: may be considered for students who do not fully meet all of the requirements for regular admission, but allows them to begin program coursework. If Conditional Admission is granted, the student must earn at least a 3.0 GPA during the first nine credits taken in the program.

## PREREQUISITE COURSES

Pre-MBA Module: Students without an undergraduate business or related degree will be required to take an internal exam to determine their level of business knowledge. Based on the exam results, students may need to take one or more of the competency-based pre-MBA modules. These will be online and self-paced. Areas included in these core competencies are accounting, business finance, business law, management, and marketing.

*Meeting Admissions Criteria Does Not Guarantee Admission to the program.*

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**Department:** Healthcare Administration  
Palmer College of Professional Studies

**Type:** MHA

## MHA/MBA COURSE REQUIREMENTS - Total Hours: 54

Students must complete the MHA/MBA Core Requirements plus the individual MHA **and** MBA requirements in order to earn both degrees as part of the MHA/MBA Dual Degree program. Students who are interested in the standalone MHA or MBA degree are referred to the MHA and/ or MBA sections of the Academic Catalog for information about those program requirements.

### MHA/MBA Core Requirements

Item #	Title	Credits
MHA 701	APEX PROJECT	6
MHA 501	ORGANIZATIONAL & SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP	3
MHA 502	THE BUSINESS OF HEALTHCARE	3
BUAD 563	MARKETING & BRANDING HEALTHCARE	3
BUAD 564	HUMAN CAPITAL MGMT IN HEALTHCARE	3

### MHA REQUIREMENTS

Item #	Title	Credits
MHA 504	POLICY, ETHICS, LEGAL PERSPECTIVES	3
MHA 601	QUANTITATIVE & QUALITATIVE METHODS	3
MHA 602	COMMUNITY, PUBLIC, POPULATION HLTH	3
MHA 610	QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, PATIENT SAFETY	3
MHA 510	FINANCIAL MGMT HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS	3
MHA 509	ORG BEHAVIOR & MGMT IN HEALTHCARE	3
	MHA Elective	3

## MBA REQUIREMENTS

The MBA program will offer a certificate in Healthcare Business at the completion of the 18 semester hours of the BUAD courses in this dual degree program.

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BUAD 560	MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING & FINANCE	3
BUAD 561	LEADERSHIP & STRATEGIES HEALTHCARE	3
BUAD 562	MEDICAL INNOVATION & PROJECT MGMT	3
BUAD 565	HEALTHCARE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	3
BUAD 660	STRATEGIC PLAN & PROCESS IMPROVEMNT	3
	<b>Total credits:</b>	<b>54</b>