

Online Master of Health Administration Program Information



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About the Program

The UMass Amherst SPHHS online Master of Health Administration degree is specifically designed for working professionals. The program is part-time and asynchronous. Students can access the program day or night on their time. The program builds on 25 years of online teaching experience by the School and provides the following benefits to students:

- Access to UMass faculty both during and outside of the virtual classroom
- Access to professional advising services before admissions, during your time as a student, and as an alum.
- Access to UMass library and the Five-College Library Consortium
- Access to the veteran's affairs office for help with VA benefits and for active duty members
- Flexibility in degree completion.
 - Take one class a term or three-it is up to you!
 - Take time away from the program as needed for any reason and rejoin when ready.
 - You are not bound to a cohort.
- Access to SPHHS Career Advisors for up to 6 months after degree completion.



MHA Curriculum

Credits: 40 Total

Required Public Health Course (3 credits):

- SPHHS 600-Great Challenges in Public Health II (can be taken at any point in program or prior to start of program as a non-degree student and transferred into degree)

Required Health Policy and Management Core (Four 3-credit courses):

- HPP 601AM-The U.S. Health Care System
- HPP 602AM-Managerial Epidemiology
- HPP 603AM-Healthcare Organization and Administration
- HPP604AM-Health Economics and Reimbursement

Required Management Core (Three 3-credit courses):

- HPP 611AM-Information Technology Management
- HPP 612AM-Financial Management
- HPP 613AM-Human Resources Management

Required Strategic Management Core (Two 3-credit classes):

- HPP 621AM-Strategy Formulation
- HPP 622AM-Strategy Implementation

Required Leadership Core (Two 3-credit classes):

- HPP 631AM-Team Leadership
- HPP 632AM-Change Leadership

Graduate Seminars (Three 1-credit seminars):

- HPP 691AM-Capstone Data Collection, Analysis, and Presentation Skills
- HPP 692AM-Capstone Writing and Presentation Skills
- HPP 693AM-Career Development Skills

Final Project (3-credit course):

HPP 699AM-Applied, Service-Learning Capstone Project

Suggested plan of study: based on two courses a term!

Year	Fall Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
1	HPP 601AM-The US Health Care System HPP 602AM-Managerial Epidemiology	HPP 603AM-Healthcare Organization and Administration HPP 604AM-Health Economics	HPP 611AM-IT Management
2	HPP 612AM-Financial Management HPP 621AM-Strategy Formulation	HPP 613AM-HR Management HPP 622AM-Strategy Implementation	HPP 632AM-Change Leadership
3	HPP 631AM-Team Leadership HPP 681AM-Grad Seminar I HPP 682AM-Grad Seminar II	HPP 683AM-Grad Seminar 3 HPP 699-Capstone	

*SPHHS 600-Great Challenges in Public Health may be taken at any time prior to the capstone.



Information on the Service-Learning Capstone

The Capstone Experience (HPP 699AM) is a hands-on learning project where students apply their knowledge by writing a case study related to their current or prospective workplace. It aligns with CAMHE accreditation standards and serves as a tool for career advancement.

The required Graduate Seminars help develop key skills and prepare students for the Capstone:

- Graduate Seminar 1 (HPP 691AM): Data collection & analysis
- Graduate Seminar 2 (HPP 692AM): Writing & presentation
- Graduate Seminar 3 (HPP 693AM): Career development

These seminars are completed prior to enrolling in the capstone. Students must secure institutional support before starting HPP 691AM, though the service-learning component is unpaid. They may work within their current department or propose projects in other departments or institutions, ideally aligning with future career goals.

Institutional support includes access to key stakeholders and organizational insights. Faculty and advisors provide guidance, and healthcare stakeholders are expected to review the case study and attend presentations when possible.

Meet the Faculty



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Tuition and Financial Aid

Tuition

- SPHHS tuition=\$950.00/credit
 - Total for 40 credits=\$38,000.00
- Additional Fees
 - Registration fee = \$85/semester
- Graduate school entrance fee = \$507 (paid first semester of matriculation)

Total for 6 semesters completion: \$39,017.00

Financial Aid

Students have a variety of options for paying for the degree.

- FAFSA-Federal Student Loans for US Citizens
- Private student loans
- 10% discount for US active duty military and veterans
- Payment plans arranged with bursars office (4 equal payments over the course of the term)
- Tuition remission and Reimbursement through employers

Ready to apply?

Admissions Requirements

These minimum requirements cannot be waived

- A bachelor's degree
- A cumulative minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. Most successful applicants will have an equivalent GPA of at least 3.0 in both undergraduate and graduate work
- At least 2 years of professional Experience in Health Care or Public Health
 - one year can be waived if you hold an BA or BS in Public Health
 - one year can be waived if you have a graduate certificate in Public Health
- For international applicants or those U.S. citizens who completed their education internationally, the bachelor's degree must be translated and evaluated as equivalent to a four-year degree from the U.S.

Application deadlines & required materials

We consider applications twice a year:

- Spring admissions deadline is Nov. 15th
- Fall admissions deadline is June 15 (with a Feb. 1st priority deadline)

Materials you need to apply:

- CV/résumé
- Personal statement
- Graduate School Admissions Essay on Diversity
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended, including any community college prior to university
- TOEFL (if applicable) UMass code: 3917
- Application fees: SOPHAS: \$150 UMass Supplemental \$60

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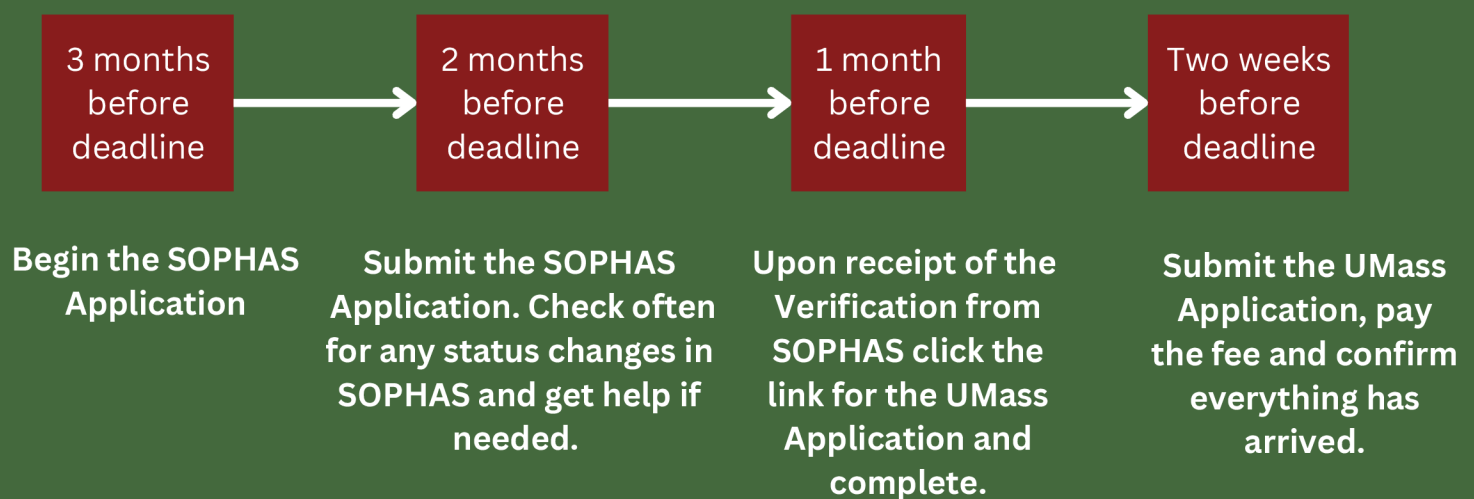
Application: All prospective students must complete both the SOPHAS application and the UMass Supplemental Application.

You should start with the SOPHAS application, which can be found here: [SOPHAS](#). Please fill out all sections, submit it and pay the fee of \$150.00. Please know that the application is extensive and may take several days to complete if not longer. It is recommended that you have all the materials ready when you sit down to complete the application.

Once you submit the application and pay the fee, it will go through a verification process. This process can take 7-25 business days and it is highly suggested that you plan for this when submitting your application.

Once the verification process is complete, your application will be sent to UMass. At that time, you will get an email from UMass letting you know to complete the supplement application and pay the second fee.

Please do not attempt to apply for the UMass supplemental application without receiving confirmation of your verified SOPHAS application and receiving the supplemental application link. If you do this, your application will be delayed.



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