

*Your path to  
leadership in  
healthcare  
administration*



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**Online Master of  
Healthcare  
Administration**  
Program Information

University of  
Massachusetts  
Amherst

UMassAmherst | School of Public Health  
& Health Sciences

Healthcare today needs leaders who can combine strategic vision with real-world action.

The Online Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) at UMass Amherst School of Public Health & Health Sciences is designed for working professionals ready to advance their leadership impact without putting their careers on pause.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Grounded in over 25 years of online teaching excellence, our part-time, asynchronous format empowers you to learn anywhere, anytime — and immediately apply your knowledge in your organization.



## WHAT MAKES OUR PROGRAM STAND OUT

### FACULTY ACCESS

Gain direct access to UMass faculty inside and outside the virtual classroom, ensuring you receive timely guidance rooted in real-world expertise

### ADVISING SUPPORT

Professional advisors assist you before admission, throughout your studies, and as an alum, helping you make informed decisions at every stage

### UMASS RESOURCES

Enjoy full access to UMass libraries, research tools, and student services across the Five-College Consortium to support your academic success

### FLEXIBLE PATHWAY

Study at your own pace with options to take one or multiple classes per term, pause when needed, and rejoin anytime without cohort restrictions



## SERVICE-LEARNING CAPSTONE

A workplace-based project aligned with CAMHE accreditation standards. Students develop a real case study with guidance from faculty and organizational partners.

Preparation includes three 1-credit seminars:

- Data Collection & Analysis
- Writing & Presentation
- Career Development

## A real-world project that advances career

Students secure institutional support prior to enrolling in this capstone. Projects may:

- Be completed within your current organization, or
- Be proposed at another department or institution aligned with your future career goals

## OUR CURRICULUM

**TOTAL CREDIT: 42**

### Public Health Foundation

Build essential understanding of public health systems and contemporary challenges.

**Course:** Great Challenges in Public Health II

### Health Policy & Management Core

Develop fluency in how healthcare systems operate, how policies shape care delivery, and how organizations function.

**Courses:**

- U.S. Health Care System
- Principles of Population Health Management
- Healthcare Organization & Administration
- Health Economics & Reimbursement

### Management Core

Gain operational and financial skills essential to healthcare leadership.

**Courses:**

- IT Management
- Financial Management
- Human Resources Management

### Strategic Management Core

Learn how to design strategy, implement change, and lead organizational transformation.

**Courses:**

- Strategy Formulation
- Strategy Implementation

### Leadership Core

Strengthen your leadership style, team management, and change leadership capabilities.

**Courses:**

- Team Leadership
- Change Leadership

### Graduate Seminars

Three 1-credit seminars build practical skills in:

- Data Collection & Analysis
- Writing & Presentation
- Career Development

### Capstone

Apply your learning to a real-world project that advances your career and contributes to your organization



## MEET OUR FACULTY



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## APPLICATION PROCESS

01

### Check eligibility

Bachelor's degree, minimum GPA, and professional experience in healthcare or public health

02

### Submit your application

Complete the two-step application process by applying through [SOPHAS](#), then submitting the UMass Amherst supplemental application



## APPLICATION DEADLINES

We accept applications twice a year:

- **Spring admission:** November 15
- **Fall admission:** June 15



## APPLICANTS MUST HAVE:

A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution

A cumulative GPA of 2.75+ on a 4.0 scale (successful applicants typically have 3.0+ in undergraduate and/or graduate work)

At least 2 years of professional experience in healthcare or public health:

- One year may be waived if you hold a BA/BS in Public Health
- One year may be waived if you hold a graduate certificate in Public Health

For international applicants or U.S. citizens who completed their education abroad:

- Bachelor's degree must be officially evaluated as equivalent to a U.S. four-year degree

## READY TO APPLY?

01

CV/Resume

02

Personal Statement

03

Graduate School Admissions Essay on Diversity

04

Three Letters of Recommendation

05

Official Transcripts from all institutions attended (including community colleges)

06

Test Scores (if applicable):

- TOEFL (UMass Code: 3917) for international applicants

07

Application Fees:

- SOPHAS: \$150
- UMass Supplemental Fee: \$60



## STEP 1: APPLY VIA SOPHAS

Start with the centralized public health application system.

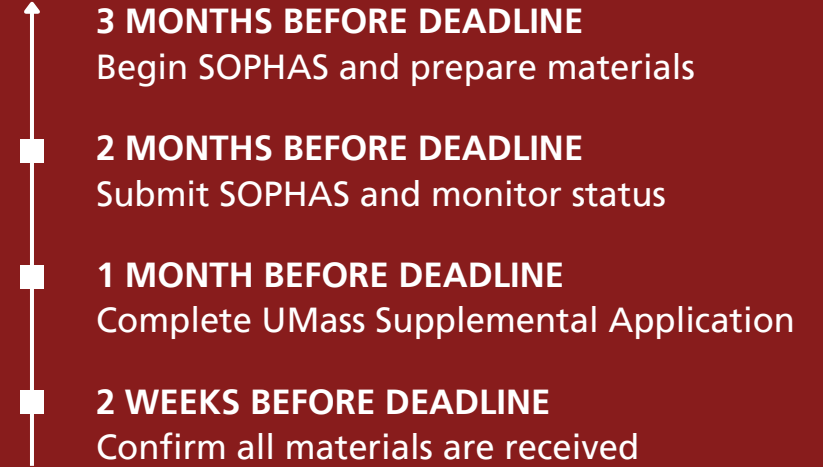
- Complete all required sections
- Submit and pay the \$150 SOPHAS fee
- Applications undergo verification (2–25 business days)

## STEP 2: COMPLETE THE UMASS SUPPLEMENT

After SOPHAS verification:

- Your application is sent to UMass Amherst
- You'll receive an email with the Supplemental Application link
- Submit the UMass application and second fee

## APPLICATION TIMELINE



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## FINANCIAL AID

Students have multiple options to finance their degree, including:

- FAFSA – Federal student loans
- Private student loans
- 10% tuition discount for U.S. active-duty military and veterans
- Payment plans through the Bursar's Office
- Employer tuition remission & reimbursement

## TUITION

**\$950 per credit** (SPHHS tuition rate)

Total for 39 credits: \$37,050

Additional Fees:

- Registration fee: \$85 per semester
- Graduate School entrance fee: \$507 (one-time, first term)

**Estimated total for 6 semesters: \$38,067.00**

