

Class of 2025 Graduation Requirements

Master of Community Health Administration (MCHA)

The Master of Community Health Administration (MCHA) program requires students to complete 33.0 credits, which can be achieved through full-time or part-time study. The program curriculum consists of asynchronous didactic courses and practical experience gained through a Community Engagement Capstone Project.

Out of the total 33.0 credits, students must complete four (4) certificates totaling 27.0 credits. These certificates are in Community Health (9.0 credits), Health Systems (6.0 credits), Healthcare Economics (6.0 credits), and Leadership (6.0 credits). Moreover, students must also complete a Community Engagement Capstone Project (6.0 credits) to fulfill program requirements.

Program Requirements

Certificates and Capstone Project	Credits
Community Health Certificate	9
Health Systems Certificate	6
Healthcare Economics Certificate	6
Leadership Certificate	6
Community Engagement Capstone Project	6
Total	33.0

Program Curriculum

The Master of Community Health Administration (MCHA) curriculum is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of community healthcare and enhance their leadership and management skills specifically for the healthcare sector. This is accomplished by completing four specialized certificates in areas related to the healthcare industry. The four (4) certificates that Master of Community Health Administration students will pursue are:

Community Health Certificate	Credits
MSCM 5001 Infectious Diseases and Community Health	3.0
MSCM 5002 Chronic Diseases and Community Health	3.0
MSCM 5302 Community Health Challenges	3.0

Health Systems Certificate	Credits
MSCM 5105 Health Systems Sciences	3.0
MSCM 5501 Direct to Community Healthcare	3.0

Health Economics Certificate	Credits
BUS 5200 Healthcare Economics	1.5
BUS 6210 Advanced Healthcare Economics	1.5
BUS 6220 Drug Pricing & Reimbursement	1.5
Health Economics Elective	1.5

Note: MCHA students must complete a 1.5-credit elective course in Health Economics. Students are encouraged to consult with the MCHA program director for assistance in selecting the elective course, as not all electives are offered every year. Please refer to the Henry E. Riggs School of Applied Life Sciences course list for course information.

Leadership Certificate	Credits
BUS 6400 Organizational Behavior	3.0
MSCM 5601 Motivation, Change, and Leadership	3.0

All MCHA students are required to complete a total of 6 credits of the Community Engagement Capstone Project in their local community.

- Students have two options for completing their capstone project. They can choose to complete their capstone project over **two semesters** by taking MSCM 5997 in the Fall (3.0 credits) and MSCM 5997 in the Spring (3.0 credits), totaling 6 credits. This option requires a commitment of at least **9 hours per week over two semesters**. Alternatively, students can take MSCM 5998 (6 credits), a **one-semester** capstone project, and dedicate at least **18 hours per week** to it. This must be completed within one semester (Fall or Spring). All students must participate in the Capstone Research Symposium or Virtual Oral Presentations offered in the Spring (April or May, specific date to be announced).
- Students must secure capstone projects and obtain approval from the MCHA program director at least **two weeks before the semester begins**. Additionally, they must submit the Capstone Contract to register for the Capstone Engagement course.

Community Engagement Capstone	Credits
MSCM 5997 Community Engagement Capstone Project (Fall)	3.0
MSCM 5997 Community Engagement Capstone Project (Spring)	3.0
<u>OR</u>	
MSCM 5998 Community Engagement Capstone Project (Fall or Spring)	6.0