

## Class of 2026 Graduation Requirements

# Master of Community Health Administration (MCHA)

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

Out of the total 33.0 credits, 27.0 credits are earned through four specialized certificates and a 6.0-credit Community Engagement Capstone Project.

### Program Requirements

Certificate and Capstone Project	Credits
Community Health	9.0
Health Systems	6.0
Healthcare Economics	6.0
Leadership	6.0
Community Engagement Capstone Project	6.0

### Program Curriculum

The 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
<b>MSCM 5001</b> (FA) Infectious Diseases and Community Health	3.0
<b>MSCM 5002</b> (SP) Chronic Diseases and Community Health	3.0
<b>MSCM 5302</b> (SP) Community Health Challenges	3.0

Health Systems Certificate	Credits
<b>MSCM 5105</b> (SP) Health Systems Sciences	3.0
<b>MSCM 5501</b> (FA) Direct to Community Healthcare	3.0

Health Economics Certificate	Credits
<b>BUS 5200</b> (FA) Healthcare Economics	1.5
<b>BUS 6220</b> (SP) Drug Pricing & Reimbursement AND/OR	1.5
<b>BUS 6210</b> (SP) Advanced Healthcare Economics	1.5
<b>Health Economics Elective</b> (Choose one, 1.5 credits required)	
— <b>REG 5000</b> (FA) Introduction to US Food and Drug Law	1.5
— <b>BUS 5000</b> (FA) Introduction to Bioscience Industries	3.0
— <b>BUS 5110</b> (SP) Corporate Finance	3.0

**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
<b>BUS 6400</b> (FA) Organizational Behavior	3.0
<b>MSCM 5601</b> (FA) Motivation, Change, and Leadership	3.0

### Community Engagement Capstone Project

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.

Community Engagement Capstone	Credits
<b>OPTION 1:</b> Requires a commitment of at least <b>9 hours per week</b> over two semesters.	
— <b>MSCM 5997</b> (FA) Community Engagement Capstone Project AND	3.0
— <b>MSCM 5997</b> (SP) Community Engagement Capstone Project	3.0

**Community Engagement Capstone****Credits**

**OPTION 2:** Requires a commitment of at least **18 hours per week** within one semester.

- **MSCM 5998** (FA or SP) Community Engagement Capstone Project 6.0

**Note:** All students must present their capstone research at the **Riggs Research Symposium** or **Virtual Oral Presentation Day**, held in the Spring following the completion of their capstone project (the specific date will be announced).

**Capstone Project Approval Process:**

- Students must secure their capstone project and receive approval from the MCHA program director no later than **two weeks before the semester starts**.
- A Capstone Contract must be submitted to register for the Capstone Engagement course.