MBA / MHA Dual-Degree Program

The MBA/MHA dual degree program offered by the David Eccles School of Business allows students to earn two masters degrees in three years. The purpose of the dual degree program is to prepare students for success in the healthcare/medical industry by providing essential business knowledge and industry specific skills.

Program Details

Dual Degree Total Credits - 84
The MBA program requires completion of 62 credit hours.
The MHA program requires 51.5 credit hours.

Many courses satisfy requirements in both degree programs. By maximizing the number of credits that are cross counted, students are able to complete both programs with just 84 total credit hours.

Degree Timing

Students begin the program in Fall Semester and begin by taking the MBA core curriculum along with other first-year MBA Students. During Spring semester students take the remainder of the MBA Core curriculum as well as electives which may include classes that satisfy MHA requirements. During the remaining semesters students can take a mix of MBA and MHA courses according to their preference.

Career Opportunities

The combination of a Master in Healthcare Administration and a Master in Business Administration prepares students for administrative positions in hospitals, large clinics, extended care facilities, clinical research laboratories, as well as for positions in healthcare consulting and with vendors including health IT companies, pharmaceutical companies, and medical device and supply companies.

Internships

As part of their course work students are required to complete a 500 hour internship. Typically internships are done during the first or second summer of the program. The internship may be completed part time and split over the course of two semesters. Internships are tailored to fit each student's specific interests. Students are often hired by the employer with which they complete an internship.

Administrative Fellowships

Many students elect to complete an administrative fellowship after completing the course work. Administrative fellowships are similar to internships except that they are longer (typically one year). Many health care organizations offer administrative fellowships as a way of testing a candidate’s fit with the organization before making a permanent job offer.
Admission Requirements

- **Bachelor's Degree** – MBA/MHA applicants must have completed the equivalent of a four-year U.S. bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

- **Work Experience** – For the MBA program, at least two years of professional work experience is strongly preferred. MHA applicants must show experience, either paid or volunteer, in a health care related field.

- **Minimum GPA** – Applicants must have earned their degree with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. Consideration will be made for applicants meeting this 3.0 GPA over the last 60 hours taken in their undergraduate course work.

- **Standardized Test Score Requirement (GMAT/GRE)** – MBA/MHA applicants are required to take the GMAT or GRE standardized tests. Scores are used to indicate aptitude for business studies and are valid for five years.

- **Quantitative Proficiency Requirement** – MBA/MHA applicants must meet a quantitative proficiency requirement. Proficiency may be demonstrated through a combination of a strong GMAT/GRE quantitative score, current employment responsibilities or past academic performance that provide a solid indication that the applicant will meet the quantitative demands of the MBA/MHA program.

  Applicants not meeting this requirement at the time of application may be asked to complete additional coursework prior to the start of the program.

- **Statistical Proficiency Requirement** – MBA/MHA applicants must demonstrate an understanding of statistical analysis. Applicants meeting this requirement will have successfully completed an approved statistics course with a grade of B or better. Applicants not meeting this requirement at the time of application may be asked to complete additional coursework prior to the start of the program.

- **English Language Proficiency Requirement** – International applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency and the ability to contribute to classroom discussions and interact in a team environment. International and permanent resident applicants who do not hold a bachelor's or graduate degree from a U.S. or English-speaking institution in accepted countries (Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, or the United Kingdom) are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). TOEFL scores are valid for two years. Applicants who score below 100 on the Internet-based test or 600 on the paper-based test should retake the test before submitting an application. Our program also accepts the IELTS exam with a minimum score of 7.0.

Applications

**Deadlines**

Please note that a majority of merit-based aid is awarded to applicants meeting the early deadlines.

The following items are required for your application to any School of Business graduate program:

1. David Eccles School of Business online application ([www.business.utah.edu/mastersapplication](http://www.business.utah.edu/mastersapplication))
2. GMAT/GRE official test score

What to expect from the David Eccles School of Business online application

- **Personal Information** – Name, address, social security number, date of birth, etc.
- **Professional Resume** – You will need to upload your resume
- **Essays** – Three essays are required for the MBA MHA application. Essay requirements will be detailed within the online application.
- **Unofficial Transcripts** – You will be asked to upload your unofficial transcripts from all undergraduate institutions.
- **Residency determination** – You will be asked questions to determine your residency status
- **Application Fee** – The application fee is $55 for domestic applicants and $65 for international applicants.
- **Recommendations** – 2 recommendations are required for all programs. You will need to supply the email addresses for the individuals submitting your recommendations for this online process. All recommendations must be submitted online. Paper recommendations will not be accepted.

**Tuition**

**Resident tuition for a student beginning the MBA/MHA program in Fall 2012 is estimated to be between $56,000 - $62,500.**

These estimates reflect 84 total credit hours taken at the current tuition rates. Please note that this does not include possible tuition increases that may occur over the course of this dual degree program.

Merit-based scholarships/graduate assistantships are available to MBA/MHA students. Students seeking scholarships are encouraged to submit application materials as early as possible. Financial aid in the form of loans is available to domestic graduate students. Please call the University financial aid office at 801-581-6211 or visit [www.sa.utah.edu/finance](http://www.sa.utah.edu/finance) for more information.

**Recent Internships & Fellowships**

- Ogden Regional Medical Center
- University of Utah Healthcare
- Veterans Administration Hospital
- Edwards Hospital (Naperville, IL)
- Mountain West Surgical Center
- Intermountain Health Care
- Trinity Health Care (Boise, ID)
- Henry Ford Health Care System (Detroit, MI)
- Nemours Health Care (Wilmington, DE)
- Good Shepherd Health Care Systems (PA)
- ARUP Laboratories
- Intermountain Healthcare

**Recent MBA Graduate Employment**

- University of Utah Healthcare
- Siemens Healthcare
- Good Shepherd Health Care Systems (PA)
- Avalon Health Care (WA)
- Contexo Media
- ARUP Laboratories
- Intermountain Healthcare

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