

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

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Mission

The Department of Health Sciences and Human Performance through excellent instruction, innovative research, and community outreach to the local and global community is dedicated to preparing exemplary professionals who promote health and human performance.

The mission of the Master of Health Administration Program is to provide the knowledge and skills required for leaders in health services management and administration with a focus on rural-frontier healthcare delivery. Primarily designed for working professionals, the MHA is appropriate for clinicians, mid-level managers, and others who desire to enter and advance in this growing field.

Transfer Credits

Master of Health Administration

Transfer credits for the Master of Health Administration program are accepted from regionally accredited (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-admissions/>) institutions of higher education on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the student's advisor. No course credit may be transferred unless the grade received was a "B" or better. Copies of syllabi from transfer courses may be required to accurately judge the equivalency of courses.

Master of Science in Athletic Training

This is a clinical degree program where the curriculum is based on both cognitive and psychomotor learning experiences. The master of science Athletic Training Program (ATP) is designed to prepare students for the Board of Certification (BOC) Exam and to become athletic training professionals. In order to become eligible to sit for the BOC examination, students must successfully complete the didactic coursework and clinical competencies and proficiencies, and complete clinical education experiences each semester over the course of the two year (including summers) program. Each new ATP cohort begins in June.

A maximum of twelve (12) graduate credits may be accepted for transfer from approved accredited educational institutions. Copies of official transcripts must be sent directly from the registrar to the Office of Graduate Studies. No course credit may be transferred unless the grade received was at least a "B." Transfer credits will be evaluated by the faculty, the program director, and the Health and Human Performance Department. Copies of syllabi from transfer courses may be required to accurately judge the equivalency of courses.

DegreeWorks Program of Study

Once admitted to one of the above programs, students meet with their advisor during the first semester of coursework and develop a DegreeWorks program of study that reflects their area of professional interest.

Research Project or Thesis


Students must complete a research project or a thesis. Though both involve personal research that includes development of a research question, formulation of appropriate inquiry methods, data collection, analysis, interpretation, and communication skills, a thesis differs from a research project by having greater scope and greater potential contribution to the larger profession beyond personal interest.

Students should consult with the faculty prior to deciding between the research project or thesis.

Research Project/Thesis and Defense

The student will meet with an advisor to explore a master's thesis topic and design a suitable project. A formal proposal, the format of which is to be determined by the advisor, will be written and presented before the graduate faculty. Following completion of the project, a defense of the project will be conducted before the graduate faculty.

The most current descriptions and requirements for these academic programs including course syllabi are available at the Department of Health Sciences and Human Performance website (<https://www.msubillings.edu/chps/hshp/>).

- Health Administration Bachelor of Science/Health Administration Master Accelerated Option (3+2) (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/graduate/college-health-professions-science/departments-health-sciences-and-human-performance/bs-health-administration-m-health-administration-accelerated-option/>)  Offered Online
- Health and Human Performance Bachelor of Science/Athletic Training Master of Science Accelerated Option (3+2) (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/graduate/college-health-professions-science/departments-health-sciences-and-human-performance/bs-health-human-performance-ms-athletic-training-accelerated-option/>)
- Athletic Training Master of Science (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/graduate/college-health-professions-science/departments-health-sciences-and-human-performance/ms-athletic-training/>)
- Health Administration Master of Health Administration (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/graduate/college-health-professions-science/departments-health-sciences-and-human-performance/mha-health-administration/>)  Offered Online
- Interdisciplinary Studies Exercise and Sport Leadership Master of Science (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/graduate/college-health-professions-science/departments-health-sciences-and-human-performance/ms-interdisciplinary-studies-exercise-sport-leadership/>)
- Health Administration and Leadership Certificate (<https://catalog.msubillings.edu/graduate/college-health-professions-science/departments-health-sciences-and-human-performance/certificate-health-admin-leadership/>)  Offered Online