

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

**Saleema Karim, Ph.D.**  
Interim chair

The overall purpose of the Department of Health Administration is to provide top quality education, research and service related to the organization and administration of health care services. Education in health administration at the university began in 1949 with the establishment of a graduate curriculum in hospital administration. Early graduates received a certificate; the master's degree was awarded beginning in 1955.

These early efforts grew and developed into the Department of Health Administration, established in 1972. The department now includes three major programs: Master of Health Administration; Doctor of Philosophy in Health Services Organization and Research; and Master of Science in Health Administration. The latter program, aimed at mid-career professionals, was among the first to offer a health administration degree in a hybrid format (periodic on-campus sessions complemented by online learning in between). The department also cooperates with the school of law at the University of Richmond to offer dual-degree programs in health administration and law (M.H.A./J.D.). In 2001, a dual-degree program was established with the VCU School of Medicine (M.H.A./M.D.). Both master's programs are fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education. The Department of Health Administration also has a major research program and is involved in a wide range of public service activities.

Students who complete the requirements for the below will receive a Master of Health Administration.

- Health Administration, Master of (M.H.A.) (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-allied-health-professions/health-administration/health-administration-mha/>)
- Health Administration, Master of (M.H.A.)/Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the University of Richmond [dual degree] (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-allied-health-professions/health-administration/health-administration-mha-jd-university-richmond-washington-lee-university-combined/>)

Students who complete the requirements for the below will receive a Master of Science in Health Administration.

- Health Administration, Master of Science in (M.S.H.A.) (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-allied-health-professions/health-administration/health-administration-msha/>)

Students who complete the requirements for the below will receive a Doctor of Philosophy in Health Services Organization and Research.

- Health Services Organization and Research, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-allied-health-professions/health-administration/health-services-organization-research-phd/>)

Students who complete the requirements for the below will receive a Certificate in Health Care Financial Management.

- Health Care Financial Management, Certificate in (Graduate certificate) (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-allied-health-professions/health-administration/health-care-financial-mgmt-cert/>)

Students who complete the requirements for the below will receive a Certificate in Health Equity.

- Health Equity, Certificate in (Graduate certificate) (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-allied-health-professions/health-administration/health-equity-cert/>)

Students who complete the requirements for the below will receive a Certificate in Sustainability, Health and Health Care.

- Sustainability, Health and Health Care, Certificate in (Graduate certificate) (<https://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-allied-health-professions/health-administration/sustainability-health-healthcare-certificate/>)