

Health Administration Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Amanda and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Grand Valley's Master of Health Administration. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this program entails. The Master of Health Administration will prepare students to fulfill managerial and leadership roles in the challenging and complex field of health care administration through lecture and lab courses. This is a 48 to 54 credit hour program and can be completed in 2 to 3 years as a full-time student or 3-4 years as a part-time student.

Employment in the health administration field is expected to grow 23% by the year 2020.

Standard Grand Valley admission requirements include completion of the online application as well as a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Your application must include official transcripts, and if English is not your native language you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a \$30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended GVSU previously or are currently attending GVSU.

Additional admission requirements for the Master of Health Administration program include three letters of recommendation and an essay explaining why you seek to obtain a Master of Health Administration degree at GVSU. In general, this program positively considers students with undergraduate GPAs of 3.0 or above, although the GPA of the last two years of undergraduate work is weighed more heavily.

More program details as well as the online application can be found on the Master in Health Administration website: www.gvsu.edu/spnha.

The great news about Grand Valley's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at www.gvsu.edu/financialaid or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu.

The Master of Health Administration program consists of 36 credit hours of core courses, a concentration and culminating experiences. There are four separate concentrations students can choose from, each of which are nine credit hours. The concentrations include Hospital Administration, Long Term Care Administration, Healthcare Finance, and Practice Management. The culminating experiences include up to 6 credit hours of external internship and the Management Seminar, which is the last class taken in the program.

The Master of Health Administration at GVSU is market appropriate, open and team-based. This program emphasizes management principles that are relevant to nonprofit health organizations, which comprise the largest segment of Michigan's health industry. Our program is open to full and part-time students, to pre-career and in-service students, and to students with undergraduate

backgrounds in the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, business, health professions, or any other relevant field. In addition, students in this program are organized into high-performance learning teams that emulate the working conditions common to the health sector.

That is just a snapshot of the Master of Health Administration graduate program at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to the Graduate Program Director, Dr. Raymond Higbea at higbeara@gvsu.edu or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.