



## California Northstate University Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA)

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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**Q: What are the mission and the vision?**

A: California Northstate University's mission is to advance the science and art of healthcare. Our vision is to provide innovative education and healthcare delivery systems. We aim to prepare early to mid-careerists with the industry knowledge and business administration skills required to pursue potential leadership positions in healthcare management such as health service administrators, division managers, analysts, technologists, engineers, consultants, innovators, entrepreneurs, and eventually, executive leaders.

**Q: Why should I choose a Master Healthcare Administration (MHA) program?**

A: The MHA degree provides the requisite knowledge in business administration and the healthcare industry to pursue positions in healthcare organizations such as hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, labs, pharmacy chains, drug development and manufacturing, medical devices, insurance, digital health, etc. as well as public agencies, and therefore an MHA degree provides very broad job opportunities.

**Q: Who is this program for?**

A: Students including aspiring clinicians such as medical doctors, nurses, psychologists, pharmacists, dentists, therapists, dietitians, technicians, clinical scientists, as well as administrators, directors, HR managers, marketers, supply chain and operations managers, data analysts, and scientists, systems and project engineers, accountants and financial managers, health insurance managers, IT managers and engineers, consultants, start-up owners, and anyone who seeks to start or advance a promising career in healthcare. Throughout your student journey, you can expect a stimulating networking environment with students and alumni from CNU's professional doctoral programs, working professionals, and those who aspire to lead in a healthcare career.



**Q: Do I have to have a healthcare undergraduate or business-related degree to join the program?**

A: No, applicants do not need a specific healthcare-related undergraduate major or business background for admission. The MHA program is designed for students with any undergraduate background.

**Q: Why is this program special?**

A: California Northstate University's MHA program is the only MHA headquartered in Northern California. It has three innovative concentrations of the degree: Leadership, Service Excellence, and A. I. (Analytics and Intelligence). It is the first MHA in the nation to offer an A.I. concentration. The program also integrates change management in the Leadership concentration, as well as Lean Six Sigma in the Service Excellence concentration. In addition, experiential and service-learning is an integral part of the curriculum and our students will have many practicum, practical training, internship, and networking opportunities including becoming student members of the [ACHE](#) and [AUPHA](#) networks.

**Q: What is the program completion time?**

A: Our degree can be attained in two academic years by completing: seven core courses, a fieldwork practicum, or service-learning experience (such as the International Study Abroad Trip potentially to be included as a Service-Learning Activity to obtain a global understanding of varying healthcare delivery models), four courses from one of the three concentrations, and a final capstone/residency/thesis. Please see detailed information about the high-quality [curriculum](#) and [course descriptions](#).

**Q: What time are the classes offered?**

A: Classes are offered via a convenient weekend schedule on Friday evenings from 5 pm to 8 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 2 pm. Courses are offered in a hybrid modality with one course every 5 weeks (2nd and 4th weekends online) in a blended delivery to include lectures/seminars, discussions, case studies, projects, simulations, group work, and online distance learning.

**Q: Where the classes will be offered?**

A: The program is offered in a Hybrid modality. In-person classes will be offered at our Rancho Cordova campus (CNU satellite campus) located at 2910 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.



**Q: How much is the tuition fee?**

A: [Here](#) is the breakdown of the cost of attendance, tuition, and fees (2021 version).

**Q: Do you issue I-20 for the international students?**

A: Yes, the CNU Master of Healthcare Administration program has been approved by SEVIS to accept international students. We can issue I-20's for international students who are admitted to our program.

**Q: When is the application deadline for the Spring 2022 cohort?**

A: The application for Spring 2022 is now open.

- International applicants: Nov 5, 2021
- Domestic applicants: January 7, 2022

**Q: Where should I submit my application?**

A: All application to California Northstate University MHA program is made through [HAMPCAS](#), the Health Administration, Management & Policy Centralized Application Service. Please visit [HAMPCAS](#) to create an account to begin your application. Please select "CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATE UNIVERSITY Master of Healthcare Administration 2022 Application" under the "Add Program" tab.

**Q: What are the requirements and materials I should prepare to submit my application?**

A: Below are the requirements and materials you need to prepare for your online application.

1. A **Bachelor's Degree**: Graduated from an accredited, four-year equivalent program with a minimum 2.5 GPA.
2. **Official Transcripts**:
  - a. Transcripts can be ordered under the Academic History > Colleges Attended.
  - b. Please select sending your official transcripts from your institution directly to HAMPCAS Transcript Processing Center. We would recommend requesting the electronic/PDF version than mailing in the hard copy transcripts. It will take less time, and it is a more secure way for HAMPCAS to receive it. Please follow the detailed instructions [here](#) when submitting your official transcripts.

- c. All other foreign applicants must submit a foreign coursework evaluation. CNU accepts evaluations from ECE, IERF, WES, and Education Perspectives. [Here](#) is the instruction on how to do it.
3. **GRE/GMAT or a waiver:**  
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be *temporarily* waiving the GMAT/GRE requirement for the Spring, 2022 cohort. To request the waiver, please send your resume and transcripts to [admissions.mha@cnsu.edu](mailto:admissions.mha@cnsu.edu) for waiver consideration.
4. Official **TOEFL/IELTS** scores for international applicants
  - a. TOEFL 80-Internet based
  - b. IELTS- 6.5 minimum
5. **Letters of Recommendation:** At least two letters of recommendation must be submitted from faculty members or from an employer who is knowledgeable about your academic capabilities, employment (if applicable), and interests.
6. **Statement of Purpose**
7. Up-to-date **Resume**
8. **Application Fee:** \$115
9. A Zoom **interview** with the faculty committee (to be scheduled): The admission faculty committee will set up an admission interview with you via Zoom. The interview will last about 30 -45 mins.

**Q: What will happen after I submit my application online?**

A: The California Northstate University Admission Team will review the application after the submission. If admitted, we will provide acceptance letters in about 1-2 weeks afterward.

**Q: What if I have more questions regarding the program?**

A: For more information, please visit our [website](#). Please do not hesitate to contact us through [email](#) if you have any further questions.

**Q: How could I receive the latest news on California Northstate University's MHA program?**

A: Please follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest news.