



## California Northstate University Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### **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, managers, analysts, entrepreneurs, and eventually, executive leadership.

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

A: MHA is for the management or business jobs in healthcare organizations such as hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, labs, pharmacy chains, drug manufacturing, medical device, 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, consultants, 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, 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 degree program is the only MHA headquartered in Northern California. It has three innovative concentrations: 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, our students will have many practicum and networking opportunities including being part 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 optional International Study Abroad Trip to be included as a Service-Learning Activity to obtain a global understanding of varying healthcare delivery models*), four elective courses from one of the three concentrations, and a final capstone/residency. Please see detailed information about our exceptional curriculum [here](#) and course descriptions [here](#).

**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, group works, and online distance learning.

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

A: In-person classes will be offered at our Rancho Cordova (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: We do not issue I-20's for the program currently. However, we will likely be able to issue I-20's in approximately 6 months to a year. Please check our [website](#) regularly for any updates.



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

A: All applications are required to be submitted online. Please visit [HAMPCAS](#) to create an account to begin your application. Please select "CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATE UNIVERSITY Master of Healthcare Administration 2021 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**: Transcripts can be ordered under the Academic History > Colleges Attended. Please select sending your official transcripts from your institution directly to HAMPCAS Transcript Processing Center. Please follow the detailed instructions [here](#) when submitting your official transcripts. All other foreign applicants must submit a foreign coursework evaluation. CNU accepts evaluations from ECE, IERF, WES, and Education Perspectives.
3. **GRE/GMAT or a waiver**
  - a. The waiver can be granted for those with demonstrated and relevant professional work experience (10 years+)
  - b. The waiver can be granted for a relevant Master's degree, Doctorate, or Doctoral program enrollment.
  - c. The waiver could be granted for an acceptable LSAT/MCAT/DAT/OAT/PCAT within 5 years.
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 admissions committee will set up an admission interview with you via Zoom. The interview will last about 30 -45 mins.



**Q: How could I get a GMAT/GRE waiver?**

A: To request the waiver, please send your up-to-date resume and transcripts to [admissions.mha@cnsu.edu](mailto:admissions.mha@cnsu.edu) for waiver consideration. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be *temporarily* waiving the GMAT/GRE requirement through our June 25, 2021 deadline.

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

A: The California Northstate University MHA Admissions Team will review the application after the deadline. If admitted, we will provide acceptance letters within 1-2 weeks afterwards.

**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, wish to make a virtual appointment, or want to sign up to attend one of our virtual information sessions/webinars. Please follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#), check our [website](#) for updates.

**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, including information about our virtual information sessions/webinars.