

WSU Applebaum to offer new Master of Health Administration (MHA) beginning fall 2025

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On Friday, February 14, the Wayne State University Board of Governors' Academic Affairs Committee unanimously approved a new graduate degree program within the [Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences](#).

Beginning in fall 2025, students will have the option to enroll in the new Master of Health Administration (MHA) degree program.

The MHA program is designed to equip individuals for pivotal administrative roles, guiding them to executive positions within complex health organizations. The curriculum is rigorously designed to focus on both strategic and operational management, thus orienting students toward the broad spectrum of managerial challenges and functions likely to be encountered by health organizations.

"Wayne State's MHA program aims to advance knowledge, prepare a diverse student body to thrive, and positively impact local and global communities," said WSU Applebaum Dean [Brian Cummings](#). "By increasing graduate student enrollment and forging robust partnerships with the surrounding community, this program will not only enhance our university's offering but also address critical needs in the healthcare industry."

"The healthcare industry is facing a critical need for skilled healthcare administrators due to the expanding healthcare sector, increasing complexity of health care systems, and changing regulatory environment," said WSU Applebaum Associate Dean for Pharmacy [Susan Davis](#). The Bureau of Labor and Statistics predicts a 29% growth rate in medical and health service managers from 2023 to 2033, significantly faster than the average for most occupations. The MHA program at Wayne State University is a catalyst for transformative change, empowering students from diverse backgrounds to become visionary leaders in healthcare. By driving innovation, addressing health disparities, and fostering generational advancement, the MHA program accelerates the university's Prosperity Agenda, fueling a brighter future for urban health and beyond.

"The Master of Health Administration program will provide graduates with the necessary organizational and leadership skills needed to effectively manage and shape health care organizations," said WSU Applebaum Associate Dean for Health Sciences [Sara Maher](#). "All courses will follow an accelerated format and enrolled, full-time students can complete the program within 24 to 27 months."

The degree will combine coursework with applied experiences as students learn about measuring the quality of care within health facilities, budget funding, information management, research and data analytics.

“The Master of Health Administration degree supports industry professionals, pharmacists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, physician assistants, funeral directors, industry professionals, physicians, clinicians and bachelor of applied health science students interested in pursuing or advancing a career within health administration,” said WSU Applebaum Assistant Dean of Student Affairs [Paul Beasley](#). “The MHA degree is designed for individuals seeking to pursue upper-level careers in health administration or related fields.”

For details about WSU Applebaum programs, visit applebaum.wayne.edu or write to cphsinfo@wayne.edu.

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The [Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences](#) is built on more than 100 years of tradition and innovation in the heart of Detroit. We have grown deep roots in our city, harnessing its powerhouse hospital systems and community service organizations as vibrant, real-world training grounds for students, with an ongoing focus on social justice in health care. And our research at all levels — from undergraduates to veteran faculty members — translates into creative solutions for healthier communities.

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