Building on Excellence

The undergraduate Appalachian Health Care Management program has been continuously accredited with the Association of University Programs in Health Administration since 1984. The MHA curriculum is taught by the same high quality faculty and staff, combining years of real world experience and practical theory.

Trent Spaulding  
Assistant Professor  
Information Systems

Dr. Spaulding specializes in the automation of business processes in the health care industry. This work benefits from the availability of data on thousands of hospitals from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Hospital Quality Alliance, the American Hospital Association, and the HIMSS Foundation. He has also researched the economics of online auctions and business use of virtual communities.

Sandi Lane  
Assistant Professor  
Graduate Director

Dr. Lane has over 20 years of health services organizational leadership and teaching experience. Her research interests include structural characteristics and management processes impacting the quality of health services and the impact of health system structure, policy, and financing on quality of care for older adults and rural populations.

Dave Williams  
Associate Professor  
Undergraduate Director

With 25 years of healthcare management and education experience, Dr. Williams' teaching and research interests lie in the areas of healthcare management, strategy, and entrepreneurship. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Elizabeth McGrady  
Associate Professor  
Community Health

Dr. McGrady has worked in the healthcare field for over 30 years as a clinician, program manager, executive, educator, and consultant. Dr. McGrady is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives where she served as the Chair of the national ethics committee, the Regents Advisory Council and as President of a regional Board of Directors.

Susan Roggenkamp  
Associate Professor  
Health Services Organization

Dr. Roggenkamp is a Faculty Associate in the American College of Healthcare Executives and a member of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration. Her research is in hospital case management and strategic management in healthcare. She has served six years as Senior Associate Dean of the Beaver College of Health Sciences.

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By offering courses online through Appalachian Distance Education, the program makes available to working professionals the opportunity to earn a master of health administration degree while still working full time from an institution with forty years of experience educating health care management students while still working full time. The MHA will maintain the rigor and quality for which the baccalaureate health care management program is known.

Online Program

The 46 credit hour program offers part-time and full-time enrollment. Students enrolled full-time can complete the program in two years. The flexibility of the program allows part-time students to complete the program in three years. The program is designed around a flexible schedule that enables busy health care professionals to balance work and personal life with a strategic investment in their career.

Part-time or Full-time

The Appalachian Master of Health Administration program is a hybrid online program designed to meet the needs of working professionals in western North Carolina. Graduates will have the knowledge and ability to be strong leaders of health care organizations throughout western North Carolina, the state, and nation.

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Curriculum & Concentrations

The program embodies the Appalachian mission in focusing on the management of rural health and rural care organizations. In addition to a strong core curriculum in general health administration, students will have two possible areas of focus: health care leadership and health information systems.

Core Courses

| Foundations of the US Health Care System | Health Economics |
| Statistics for Health Administration | Management & Human Resources in Health Organizations |
| Health & Disease | Health Law & Policy |
| Organizational Development & Behavior in Health Care | Health Care Informatics |
| Financial Management for Health Organizations I, II | Executive Skills Development |
| Performance Improvement Concepts & Application | Strategic Management in Health Care |

Leadership Focus

| Leadership in Health Care | Health Care Data Management |
| Health Care Operations Management | Data Analytics in Health Care |
| Marketing in Health Care | Health Information Project Management |

Information Systems Focus

“Appalachian is confident the MHA degree program will offer high quality graduate education that meets the needs of the health care systems and providers of North Carolina for well-trained management talent.”

Dr. Darrell Kruger, Appalachian State University, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

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