

Prospective Students > Admissions Requirements

The CSUN MSHA program admits students who demonstrate professional and academic excellence. The admissions committee evaluates applications on a number of factors, including GPA, work experience, and statement of purpose. Applicants must meet the requirements for admission to the University's graduate programs and those additional requirements of the Master of Science in Health Administration program.

At CSUN, we not only evaluate minimum GPA scores, but also look to see if the applicant is a good “fit” for our educational model. In short, we are a leadership program that seeks to support an individual’s career path and aspirations. We seek individuals with a clear focus on how they will expand into higher leadership positions. We offer all core MSHA classes at 7PM because the vast majority of our students are working during the day. Holistically, we look at the total person, and not just a GPA or GRE score.

A typical successful candidate has an undergraduate overall GPA of 3.3 and 3+ years of professional healthcare work experience. However, work experience can range from 1 year to over 10 years. Our acceptance rate is approximately 30%.

Prospective students are required to apply online. Only complete applications will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee. The following are required for your application to be considered for the Health Administration Graduate Program:

- A Bachelor’s degree from an accredited four-year college or university – Students not having a degree in health administration, if accepted, will be required to take a qualifying program prior to being fully admitted to [Classified graduate status](#)
- Official Transcripts - 3.0 Cumulative GPA
- Official GRE score report (taken within the past 5 years)
 - If your overall GPA is above a 3.0, you do not need to take the GRE.
 - If your overall GPA is below 3.0, but your last 60-unit GPA is 3.2 or higher, you do not need to take the GRE. However, it may help strengthen your application.
 - If your overall GPA is below 3.0, and your last 60-unit GPA is below 3.2, you must take the GRE.
 - If you take the GRE, one (1) of the three (3) sections must be at least 50% or higher
- A professional resume – Minimum of one year professional work experience. However, 3-5 years of work experience in healthcare is preferred. Internships and volunteer work experience can be used to demonstrate a commitment to healthcare, but can not be used to substitute as professional work experience.
- 3 Letters of Recommendation – may be from employer(s) and faculty
- Personal Statement detailing your background, work experience in healthcare, professional goals, and why CSUN’s MSHA program fit your goals
- International students, who do not have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited U.S. university, are required to submit official TOEFL scores