

Health Administration and Policy: *Dual Degree – JD-MHA*

The dual degree in law and health administration combines the 3-year Juris Doctorate at the College of Law and the 2-year Masters of Health Administration at the College of Public Health into 4 years of study.

The JD requires a minimum of 90 credit hours, and the MHA requires a minimum of 60 credit hours. A dual-degree student will complete 81 credit hours at the College of Law and receive 9 credit hours towards the law degree from coursework completed at the College of Public Health. Likewise, the student will complete 51 credit hours at the College of Public Health and receive 9 credit hours towards the masters degree from coursework completed at the College of Law.

How to apply?

Students interested in the dual program must be accepted by both colleges. Both degrees will be awarded during the same academic season. A student may begin at either college or apply to both colleges simultaneously.

What jobs can I get?

This program is designed to prepare the student who plans either to practice law in the healthcare arena or to enter healthcare service organization administration.

The relationships between healthcare service organization administration, practice, and policy and law is increasingly interconnected, and it is not unusual to find individuals with legal training and experience in top administrative and policy positions in a variety of healthcare service organizations and governmental settings. Given the growing number of healthcare administration problems in need of solutions, the demand for lawyers, especially at the policy level, with solid administrative training is critical. Attorneys who counsel healthcare service organization administrators and practitioners must have a broad knowledge of healthcare administration to best serve their clients. These developments have given rise to numerous career opportunities in a variety of professional settings within and without the healthcare service organization community.

Graduates of this proposed dual degree program would be able to tailor their electives for careers in any of the following settings:

- Managerial positions in local, state, regional, and national healthcare service organizations
- In-house counsel at a healthcare service organization
- Attorney positions within a law firm group that focuses on healthcare
- Legal analysts at local, state, regional, and national levels
- Serving as legal counsel for local, state, regional, or national agencies.

What does the curriculum look like?

The curricular sequence is highly dependent on when and where a student initially matriculates and on that student's preferences for law school courses. The student will work closely with the dual degree advisor at the College of Public Health to ensure all curricular requirements are met.

A sample of the curricular requirements has been provided below. This is representative of the curricular choices, however all students should consult both colleges for their current requirements.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DUAL DEGREE: JD/MHA



The University of Oklahoma College of Law
The University of Oklahoma College of Public Health

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required	
JD – 81 hours	GPA: 4.00/12.00
MHA – 51 hours	GPA: 3.00/4.00

OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.

MHA REQUIREMENTS ~ 51 hours ~	JD 1L REQUIREMENTS ~ 31 hours ~	JD 2L-3L REQUIREMENTS ~ 12 hours ~
<p>HAP 5643 Quantitative Methods HAP 7103 Managerial Epidemiology HAP 5623 Forecasting and Budgeting HAP 5613 Financial Management HAP 5453 U.S. Health Care System HAP 7913 Professional Comm. Skills HAP 5183 Org. Theory & Behavior HAP 5733 Managed Care & Integrated Delivery Systems HAP 5873 Health Information Systems HAP 5863 Strategic Management HAP 5883 Healthcare Quality Mgmt HAP 5203 Health Economics HAP 5303 Health Policy & Politics HAP 5323 Operations Research HAP 5543 Marketing of Health Services HAP 5563 Human Resource Mgmt HAP 5913 Seminar in Health Admin. * The 6 hours of electives will be satisfied with LAW 5403 Administrative Law and LAW 6523 Environmental Law. * Credit for HAP 5483 Healthcare Law & Ethics will be substituted with LAW 6190 Health Law.</p>	<p>LAW 5103 Civil Procedure I LAW 5203 Civil Procedure II LAW 5134 Constitutional Law LAW 5114 Contracts LAW 5223 Criminal Law LAW 5123 Legal Research & Writing LAW 5202 Legal Research & Writing LAW 5234 Property LAW 5134 Torts</p>	<p>LAW 5303 Criminal Procedure LAW 5314 Evidence LAW 5323 Professional Responsibility LAW 6700 Writing Requirement (typically completed in a 2 hour seminar)</p>
	<p>JD CORE MENU (minimum 4 courses required)</p> <p>LAW 5403 Administrative Law LAW 5410 Bankruptcy LAW 5533 Conflict of Laws LAW 5433 Corporations LAW 5443 Family Law LAW 5543 Federal Courts LAW 5450 First Amendment LAW 5463 Individual Income Tax LAW 6570 Real Estate Transactions LAW 5553 Remedies LAW 5750 Secured Transactions LAW 5470 Wills & Trusts</p>	<p>JD SKILLS MENU (minimum 1 course required)</p> <p>LAW 6100 Advanced Legal Research LAW 6100 Advanced Persuasive Writing LAW 5520 Alternative Dispute Resolution LAW 6363 Civil Clinic LAW 5530 Civil Pretrial Litigation LAW 6400 Corporate Drafting LAW 6323 Criminal Defense Clinic LAW 6400 Evidence Lab LAW 6100 Exp. Public Health Law LAW 6100 How to Drill a Well LAW 6360 Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiation LAW 6100 Legal Malpractice LAW 6100 Legal Transcription Practicum Capstone Course II LAW 6400 Litigation Skills LAW 6400 Patent Drafting & Prosecution LAW 6100 Supreme Court Decision Making LAW 6840 Tax Practice & Procedure LAW 6410 Trial Techniques LAW 6400 Venice Commission</p>
<p>MHA INTERNSHIP (after completion of 30 hours)</p> <p>Health Administration Internships must include a minimum of 400 hours of field experience. The student will need to submit weekly activity logs and biweekly reflections. Guidelines, competency coverage, and a rubric are available on D2L. The student will submit a written report and defend the internship to a three-member faculty committee.</p>	<p>JD EXTRACURRICULAR (maximum 4 hours)</p> <p>Directed Legal Research (max 2 hours) Approved Competitions (max 3 hours) - Moot, Mock, Counseling, etc. Law Review (1 hour each) - American Indian Law Review - Oklahoma Law Review - Oklahoma Journal of Law & Tech.</p>	<p>JD ELECTIVES</p> <p>Complete law elective courses in addition to required courses sufficient to total 81 hours. A list of electives can be found at: http://www.law.ou.edu/content/courses-8</p>