Master in Health Administration
Executive Program
The Rutgers Executive Master in Health Administration is designed for emerging leaders who want to transform health care delivery.

Ten of the 20 fastest-growing jobs today are in health care, a field that will, in the next few years, continue to add more new jobs than any other sector. Health care reform continues to greatly increase demand for quality, affordable care, requiring clinicians and administrators alike to come up with novel approaches for care delivery. Succeeding in this environment calls for specialized knowledge and skills.

WHY THE RUTGERS MHA?

The Executive Master in Health Administration at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy is for health professionals who aspire to advance into executive leadership roles. This cohort-based program approaches your professional development and education in the same way as does the work environment—by throwing challenges your way. This is by no means your traditional didactic, textbook-centric class.

Most MHA programs offer the same old set of isolated 3-credit silos that don’t meet the needs of future innovators. Our Executive MHA is challenging, mirrors on the job experience using a modular approach, and is collaborative, student-centric, and team-driven.
We are transforming the way future health care leaders are educated—integrating real life scenarios into the classroom learning environment. As a Rutgers Executive MHA student you’ll be presented with real-time problems health care organizations grapple with every day. Together, in your assigned cohorts, you’ll work through potential solutions that aren’t found in textbooks—they require the skills of leaders who can work on diverse teams, find answers through organizational innovation, and manage change.

The Rutgers Executive MHA prepares graduates for executive positions in hospitals, large group practices, long-term care, behavioral health facilities, government, nonprofits, and other organizations, as well as jobs in consulting, pharma, insurance, and finance.

Next generation health care requires a new way of thinking—bigger, bolder, and smarter—and an understanding of the challenges facing health care systems in the 21st century.

The Executive MHA Program is tailored for the health professional with at least five years of experience. Our newly designed curriculum presents information in four sequential, 9-credit modules or clusters—courses grouped together in common themes and two experiential summers. At the start of each module, cohorts take on a complex health care problem and collaboratively create innovative solutions.

Executive MHA participants complete the 45-credit program in two calendar years, including completion of an experiential portfolio of management achievements, typically up to 6 credits.*

Along with problem solving, students will analyze challenging health care trends:
- Value-based performance
- Health care reform through the Affordable Care Act
- Big data and new technology
- Developing and executing change strategies
- Accountable care organizations
- Continuum of care
- Quality improvement
- Population health
- Improving clinical outcomes
- Organizational innovation

* In extraordinary circumstances, portfolio assessment of management experience may reach 9 credits, but under no circumstance will portfolio assessment result in more than 9 credits toward the MHA.

Average Salaries

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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
Among the benefits the Rutgers Executive MHA offers:

**Innovative, cohort-based program.** You will become part of a learning community in a program designed to fit your busy schedule. Classes meet weekly on Saturday mornings during the fall and spring semesters. Between classes, students are able to complete assignments both independently and collaboratively using various technologies. You and your colleagues will work together for two years as a strong, cohesive team, learning to investigate problems, find solutions, and drive each other forward.

**World-class experts.** Faculty members in the Executive MHA include accomplished individuals who have helped shape health care throughout New Jersey and beyond—people who live the daily challenges of today’s health care industry. They include teachers, lecturers, and guest speakers from top industry leaders, including Johnson & Johnson, Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, as well as researchers and experts from the Bloustein School. Our students will also have the opportunity to network and develop professional relationships among a rich network of contacts through Rutgers’ alumni and faculty.

**Inside-out knowledge of the drivers in health policy.** The Bloustein School has outstanding health administration programs at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. As a leader in the study of health policy, our undergraduate public health program is ranked 4th nationally. We use innovation in the classroom—mentoring, team teaching, executive coaching, case studies, and more—and have the expertise and resources to develop tomorrow’s health care leaders.
HOW TO APPLY

• The Executive MHA Program accepts students only for cohorts commencing in the spring semester (January 2017). The January 2017 cohort will complete all MHA requirements by December 2018. Interested working professionals are welcome to submit an application now for Spring 2017 admission through Rutgers Graduate and Professional Admissions.

• For an application and more information: bloustein.rutgers.edu/graduate/health-administration/

• Send a short letter of interest to:
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APPLICANT CHECKLIST

☐ Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts/or related degree
☐ Minimum GPA of 3.0 preferred
☐ 5 years of health care experience
☐ Transcripts (may be submitted for the highest degree awarded to applicant)
☐ Two letters of recommendation:
  ☐ A strong letter of recommendation from your employer
  ☐ A letter that should amplify the applicant's academic potential or qualifications that sets the candidate apart from other applicants

Both letters should speak to a strong work ethic, professionalism, leadership potential, motivation, and high ethical standards.
THE BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL

The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy was established in 1992 to prepare students to be the leaders of tomorrow, conduct cutting-edge, policy-relevant research and scholarship, cultivate leadership and public engagement and community service, and address the crucial policy issues of our time. The school fosters a highly collaborative academic, scholarly and professional environment, where the disciplines of urban planning, public policy, public health, and health administration and management closely converge.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is a leading national research university and the state of New Jersey's preeminent, comprehensive public institution of higher education. Established in 1766 and celebrating a milestone 250th anniversary in 2016, the university is the eighth oldest higher education institution in the United States. More than 67,000 students and 22,000 faculty and staff learn, work, and serve the public at Rutgers locations across New Jersey and around the world.

THE HEALTH CARE CITY

The Bloustein School is housed in the Civic Square Building, centrally located on Rutgers' flagship campus in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Also known as the state's 'Health Care City,' New Brunswick is home to Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey, two world-class hospitals, and internationally recognized medical research facilities.