The Department of Health Services Administration focuses on eliminating disparities in access to health care, improving its delivery and management, creating effective health services policy, financing public health services delivery, and providing services where they are needed most.

We prepare students for research and careers that address critical issues such as rising health care costs, the aging of the population and growing health disparities. Because the state of Maryland is a national leader in health care reform and has a racially and ethnically diverse population, students have the opportunity to work on initiatives to bring affordable health care to Maryland’s most vulnerable populations. Students also benefit from contact with Washington DC-based health care associations, non-profit organizations and federal programs.

Our faculty members represent disciplines including health services, health management, economics, sociology, public health, public policy, organizational development and psychology.

Recent research studies have focused on:

- documenting the impact of recession on the health care spending of different socio-economic groups,
- increasing support services for caregivers of veterans and military families,
- and examining the link between postpartum depression and health care costs.

In addition, the department leads the university’s interdisciplinary Center on Aging, dedicated to healthy and productive aging and the creation of age-friendly communities.
DEGREES OFFERED:

**Master of Health Administration**
Develop a strong knowledge base in health care management and health services delivery systems in an era of health-care reform. You'll understand how to enhance population health and health care systems, especially in response to emerging public health needs and the elimination of health disparities.

**Master of Public Health, Public Health Practice and Policy** (online with sessions at Shady Grove)
Gain the knowledge, skills and resources needed to assume leadership roles in addressing important public health policy, practice and management issues nationally and globally. This blended learning program is designed for working professionals.

**Doctor of Philosophy, Health Services**
Engage in interdisciplinary training in research, practice and policy analysis relevant to the planning, administration, management and evaluation of health and public health programs, with a particular emphasis on federal and state health policy and the Affordable Care Act.

**Certificate, Principles of Public Health**
Get a foundation in the core principles of public health, including epidemiology, health systems, biostatistics, environmental health, and health behavior, in this online 15-credit program designed for working professionals.

**Graduate Certificate, Gerontology**
Gain the knowledge and skills needed to effectively promote the health and well being of the growing population of baby boomers and older persons. Designed for students pursuing a master’s or doctoral program in the University System of Maryland or those who have previously earned a graduate degree from an accredited institution, the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology can be a valuable complement to many degree programs.

THE SCHOOL
Our school brings together the strengths of the University of Maryland School of Public Health in College Park and the University of Maryland School of Medicine’s Master of Public Health program in Baltimore through a unique collaboration that is maximizing the collective power of two premier research institutions, and resulting in expanded opportunities for student learning and career opportunities, cross-campus collaborations among faculty, and a well-trained and diverse public health workforce to serve the growing needs of our state. Our vision is to be a leader in the discovery, application, and dissemination of public health knowledge in the state of Maryland, the nation, and the world.

With more than 2,300 students in 29 different degrees and academic programs, our School of Public Health prepares students to tackle longstanding and emerging public health issues and make meaningful contributions to the health and welfare of individuals and society. We do this utilizing all of the tools of traditional public health disciplines, and in collaboration with fields as varied as engineering, arts and humanities, business and public policy on the College Park campus, as well as with the fields of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, social work, law and nursing on the Baltimore campus.

THE UNIVERSITY
A global leader in research, entrepreneurship and innovation, Maryland is ranked No. 21 among public universities by U.S. News & World Report and No. 14 among public universities by Forbes. The Institute of Higher Education, which ranks the world’s top universities based on research, puts Maryland at No. 38 in the world, No. 29 nationally and No. 13 among U.S. public research institutions. Located “inside the beltway” just minutes from the nation’s capital, the University of Maryland, College Park campus provides unparalleled access to unique opportunities for research and collaboration with major federal institutions and NGOs, including:

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- National Institutes of Health (NIH), DHHS
- Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, DHHS
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, DHHS
- Major Health Care Organizations (MedStar, Kaiser Permanente, etc.)

ADMISSIONS DEADLINES
All admissions deadlines are for fall 2015 matriculation, unless otherwise noted.

**MHA, Health Services Administration** 1/15/2015
**MPH, Public Health Practice and Policy** Spring admission 11/15/2014, Fall admission 5/1/2015
**PhD, Health Services** 11/15/2015

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