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# Executive Master of Health Administration

*Developing Leaders, Transforming Health Care*



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## Endorsed by Top Organizations in the Nation

The Executive MHA Program has a reputation for developing the next generation of transformational leaders. Health care executives recognize the value of encouraging their staff to become Executive MHA students.

*“At Seattle Children’s, we see our staff as the foundation to providing safe, high-quality, cost-effective care, and we rely on our leaders to engage with them to reach their full potential. The UW Executive MHA Program has helped many of our current hospital leaders develop the skills they need to be successful in today’s dynamic health care environment. We are proud to count six alumni and four current students among our ranks, and I will continue to recommend the program as an excellent opportunity to develop Children’s next generation of leaders.”*

**Pat Hagan, President and COO**  
Seattle Children’s Hospital

*“The Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (YVFWC) is one of the largest Community Health Center organizations in the US. [Our] organization realizes the need to develop its managerial workforce and is grateful to have one of the top four nationally-ranked MHA programs in its own back yard. The Executive MHA Program at the University of Washington provides an environment where systems thinking and higher professional self actualization can occur. YVFWC has several MHA graduates in our ranks and currently have one nursing leader in her second year of the Executive MHA Program. Overall, the Executive MHA Program is tailored so that individuals with careers and busy lives can still successfully complete the curriculum without sacrificing job performance and family life.”*

**Glen Davis, COO**  
Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic

# Take on the Complexities of Health Care

Make an impact and change health care organizations for the better. The UW Executive Master of Health Administration (MHA) Program teaches mid-career health professionals how to become transformational health care leaders – the type of leader that creates positive change by enhancing motivation, morale and performance among their workgroups.

One of the top-ranked programs in the nation, the Executive MHA Program has an outstanding reputation for developing effective health care leaders. Its innovative evidence-based approach to leadership training fosters professional growth and self-awareness. This approach is coupled with a curriculum that teaches business management knowledge and skills in the context of complex and evolving health care systems.

## Designed for Busy Working Professionals

The Executive MHA Program is designed to accommodate full-time working professionals. Meeting attendance is limited to three days a month for 24 consecutive months. Class sessions are supplemented by online assignments, teleconferencing and team projects. You can immediately apply your learning to the workplace.

Graduates of the Executive MHA Program assume progressively more influential leadership roles and are prepared to create, transform and manage significant elements of our local, regional and national health delivery system.

*“I chose to pursue the UW Executive MHA Program because I needed to challenge my thinking skills and develop my abilities. I already had a strong education in finance and business, so an MBA was less important to me than to fully understand the background and direction of clinical program development...The UW Executive MHA Program is highly designed and respected, and the class format [was] more in tune with my schedule than an evening or day program.”*

**Michael Smith, Executive MHA, 2008**  
Senior Director, Revenue Cycle Services  
Northwest Hospital and Medical Center



## A Premier Health Care Institution

The University of Washington is recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top universities for health care education in the country. The Executive MHA Program ranks among the top four master of health administration programs nation-wide. The UW School of Medicine ranks #1 in primary care.

## Build a Community of Health Care Colleagues

As an Executive MHA student, you will join a diverse group of professionals with unique perspectives. Benefit from peer-to-peer feedback, participate in dynamic discussions and develop an extensive network of experienced health care professionals from multiple disciplines.

*“I absolutely love the blend of experience and personalities found within my cohort and the faculty. The opportunity to work in small groups and draw from a variety of experiences throughout the two years enhances the learning experience exponentially.”*

**Yvonne Ebbelaar, Executive MHA Candidate, 2010**  
Nurse Supervisor, Toppenish & Wapato  
Yakima Valley Farmworkers Clinic



## Learn from a Dedicated and Experienced Faculty: Spotlight on Dr. Edward Walker

A former Chief Medical Officer for the University of Washington Medical Center, Dr. Edward Walker is a seasoned physician executive, active clinician and a faculty member of the Executive MHA Program. He combines his expertise in administrative training with a clinically-informed coaching style to assist students in their journey of self-improvement and professional growth.

*“What distinguishes our program is the emphasis on evidence-based leadership development. We’re not just teaching skills, we’re providing the framework to handle the increasing complexity of health care systems as they move in new directions. We are proud of the fact that the Executive MHA Program is one of the few programs in the nation that has a faculty with both academic expertise and experience running hospitals. Our graduates not only gain the skills to run a business, but they are positioned to run health care organizations.”*

### **Edward A. Walker, MD, MHA**

Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences  
Cheryl M. Scott – Group Health Cooperative Professor of Health Administration  
Director, UW Healthcare Leadership Development Alliance  
Director, UW Certificate Program in Medical Management

## Advance Your Leadership and Business Skills

The Executive MHA curriculum is designed to provide a high quality education and training ground for your leadership skills and business acumen. Courses in this two-year program build upon concepts and tools applicable to health care systems and management. As a culmination to your studies, you will complete a Capstone project drawn from your own work environment.

### YEAR ONE

Managing Health Care Organizations  
Group Dynamics and Team Leadership (two quarters)  
Introduction to Health Services and Public Health  
Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management  
Financial Management  
Seminar in Health Care Finance  
Health Economics  
Quantitative Methods  
Epidemiology/Critical Evidence Appraisal  
Clinical Systems Management  
Quality Process Management

### YEAR TWO

Strategic Management of Health Care Organizations  
Capital Planning  
Project Management  
Ethical Issues in Health Services  
Informatics in Health Care Management  
Marketing for Health Services and Health Service Organizations  
Health Policy Development  
Health Administration and Business Law  
Entrepreneurship  
Leadership and Professional Effectiveness  
Capstone Integrative Seminar

## Application Requirements

Competitive applicants have several years of professional experience in the field of health care. They are committed to improving their skills and positioned to enter into, or develop, their management and leadership roles. For details about application requirements, visit: [depts.washington.edu/mhap/admissions](https://depts.washington.edu/mhap/admissions).

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