

Curriculum

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE
HCL 501	Healthcare Informatics
MPH 505	Health Emerging Technology and Innovations
HCL 503	Managing Healthcare Operations
MPH 504	Integrated Healthcare Economics and Policy
MGT 523	Strategic Management in a Global Environment
MGT 552	Leadership and Communications
FIN 512	Financial Management
HCL 509	Healthcare Marketing and Patient Engagement
MPH 509	Updated Advances and Challenges in Global Health
HCL 510	Advanced Healthcare Research Methodology
HCL 599	Thesis in Healthcare Leadership



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP

Program Overview

The Master of Science in Healthcare Leadership at Abu Dhabi University's College of Health Sciences is designed to prepare current and aspiring healthcare professionals to lead effectively in complex and evolving healthcare systems. The program equips students with advanced leadership, management, and analytical skills essential for driving innovation, improving healthcare delivery, and achieving organizational excellence across diverse healthcare settings.

Delivered in English through interactive, face-to-face instruction, the MHL program provides a rigorous academic and practical learning experience. The interdisciplinary curriculum integrates advanced coursework in healthcare leadership and governance, organizational behavior, health policy and economics, strategic planning, quality and safety in healthcare, digital health transformation, and evidence-based decision-making.

Students develop strong competencies in critical thinking, ethical leadership, and strategic management, enabling them to address contemporary healthcare challenges, guide multidisciplinary teams, and implement transformative change effectively at both institutional and system levels. Practical experience forms a core element of the program. Students engage in real-world case studies and interactive simulations that allow them to apply leadership concepts directly within healthcare settings. The thesis component further enhances their analytical, strategic, and problem-solving skills, enabling them to design innovative and sustainable solutions that improve healthcare delivery, system performance, and organizational excellence.

This master's program significantly advances the knowledge and leadership capacity gained at the undergraduate level. Graduates emerge with specialized expertise in healthcare management and strategic leadership, greatly enhancing their professional advancement opportunities and positioning them for senior roles in the healthcare industry both locally and globally.

Master of Science in Healthcare Leadership (MHL)

1. Students will gain practical experience through a structured field practicum and rigorous research projects.
2. The program includes a thesis component that enables students to apply their knowledge and skills directly.
3. Hands-on experiences are integral to the program.
4. Students will actively engage with real-world public health challenges.
5. The program encourages collaboration with experienced public health professionals.
6. Students will develop competencies essential for successful careers in:
 - Public health leadership
 - Research
 - Practice, both locally and globally

Approach to teaching

This master's program builds significantly on undergraduate preparation by equipping graduates with advanced leadership, management, and analytical competencies that set them apart in today's competitive healthcare sector. It provides rigorous training in strategic decision-making, organizational leadership, healthcare policy development, quality and patient-safety improvement, financial and operational management, and evidence-based practice. Graduates are well-prepared for senior and executive roles such as Healthcare Leaders and Directors, Hospital Administrators, Clinical Operations Managers, Health Program Managers, Quality and Patient Safety Leaders, and Health Systems Strategists. This advanced qualification greatly expands professional opportunities, often leading to higher salary potential, increased managerial responsibility, and the ability to drive meaningful change within healthcare organizations at national and international levels.

Career Opportunities

Career Opportunities in the UAE:

- Hospital Administrator / Director
- Healthcare Operations Director
- Director of Clinical Governance
- Director of Health Programs
- Director of Strategic Planning & Performance
- Healthcare Operations Manager
- Outpatient / Ambulatory Care Manager
- Health Policy Specialist
- Health Systems Development Officer
- Strategic Planning Officer
- Healthcare Strategy Consultant
- Medical Management Officer
- Healthcare Research Associate