50 YEARS OF SOHA

HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION EDUCATION EXCELLENCE (1976-2026)



Advancing Program Growth and Shaping the Future of Healthcare Leadership

A legacy of leadership

1974 – Southwest Texas State University launches the Bachelor of Science in Health Professions (BSHP) with a specialization in healthcare management.

1976 – The Department of Healthcare Administration is officially established.

1982 – The specialization becomes a major in Healthcare Administration.

1998 – The degree transitions to the Bachelor of Healthcare Administration (BHA).

Over 1,000 graduates have earned this degree.

Certified by AUPHA since 1990

Graduate Program Growth

1978 – Approval of the Master of Science in Health Professions (MSHP) with a major in Allied Health Management.

1983–1998 – The program evolves to include majors in Healthcare Administration, Health Services Research, and Healthcare Human Resources.

In 1998, the MSHP becomes the Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) degree.

Accredited by CAHME since 1990 – continuously maintaining national standards of excellence.

Organizational Evolution

To streamline operations and academic excellence, the Department of Healthcare Administration and the Department of Health Services Research were combined in 2007—forming today's School of Health Administration.

This strategic merger continues to support our mission of educating and empowering future healthcare leaders across Texas and beyond.



Meeting Industry Changes

- Executive MHA Degree
 - Online, accelerated program
- Healthcare Administration Graduate Certificate Program (begins spring 2026)
 - Online or in-person
- Master of Long-Term Care Administration (MLTCA) Degree
 - Online, accelerated program
- Long-Term Care Administration Graduate Certificate Program
 - Online, accelerated program
- Continuing Education Program Growth
 - CEs for non-student leaders/clinicians offered regularly



Next Steps for a Growing Industry

- Doctor of Health Administration (DHA) Degree (coming fall, 2027)
- Enhanced BHA-MHA FASTRACK Programs:
 - Dual Credit Course Opportunities
 - Prior Learning/Experience administrative residency credit opportunities
- MHA Thesis Program research expansion
- Additional Dual Degree Programs:
 - MHA-MBA (began fall 2024)
 - MHA-MHIM (planned fall 2026)
- MLTCA Program to undergo NAB accreditation

Support our SOHA Team

MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED



Calling all industry professionals, alumni, guest speakers, and friends of the program...

Represent TxState SOHA with pride!

New TxState logo SOHA Nike Dri-Fit polos have launched and are available for direct purchase until 12/01/2026!



Order yours today! https://shop.welogoit.com/collections/txst-soha





Donate to SOHA

Many of SOHA's scholarship funds are supported annually by tax-deductible donations through the Texas State University Advancement office.

Funds donated will further support:

- Student tuition assistance in Long-Term Care Administration and/or Health Administration
- ❖ Books, fees, and other expenses for SOHA students
- Travel and Student Associate registration fees associated with ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership

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Get involved with SOHA!

Visit our TxState SOHA website to:

- Join our School's Advisory Board
- Volunteer to be a guest lecturer (in-person for remote)
- Support SOHA scholarship funds
- Request a BHA/MHA administrative resident for your organization
- Stay in-the-know with SOHA alumni and preceptor continuing education and networking opportunities
- Update your alumni profile and share personal wins
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