

JOINT JURIS DOCTOR/ MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

To accommodate students who contemplate a career where healthcare and law overlap, the Law School and the Robbins Master of Business Administration Healthcare Program offer a joint degree program that leads to the simultaneous award of a Juris Doctor (JD) and an MBA with a specialization in healthcare administration.

Healthcare has become an increasingly specialized area of law and healthcare administrators are integral to the successful management of hospitals, nursing homes, hospice facilities, insurance companies, provider networks, and government policy organizations. This joint degree program provides appropriate general background courses and necessary specialized healthcare law classes while also allowing students to examine the legal and business aspects of healthcare administration from multiple perspectives, drawn from a cross-section of multidisciplinary expertise.

Unlike many healthcare administration MBA programs, the Robbins MBA Healthcare Program requires a seven-month paid Executive Residency with a leading, progressive healthcare organization. With a residency placement rate of 100%, every student has the opportunity to receive guidance from well-qualified, practicing healthcare executives, apply and test administrative theory in practical work situations, and develop leadership skills in an actual healthcare organization.

Students receive twelve hours of credit toward their JD upon successful completion of the required MBA in Healthcare Administration courses. Both degrees are awarded simultaneously upon the completion of all requirements in both schools.

Students with adequate business undergraduate degrees generally complete the joint JD/MBA in Healthcare Administration program in approximately four years. Students with non-business undergraduate degrees or undergraduate majors lacking proficiency in all business fields are required to participate in the Business School Integrated Management Seminar before enrolling in any graduate business or healthcare courses.

Students must make regular application for admission to, and be accepted by, both the Law School and the Graduate School. All applicants must take the admissions test applicable for each program. Students who have decided to pursue this joint degree should consult with the Associate Dean of the Law School at their earliest convenience. Students with questions about the MBA portion of the joint degree can consult Dr. Patsy Norman, Associate Dean of Graduate Business Program.