

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Are letters of recommendation needed for my application? **A.** No. Students are asked to skip this section and leave it blank to continue their application.

Q. Must I have taken the GRE or GMAT to be accepted? **A.** No.

Q. How long does the degree take to complete? **A.** Approximately 24 months - or more depending on your course completion rate.

Q. Will I have to come to Southern Illinois University campus at any time? **A.** No. This program is delivered 100 percent online. However, three courses (MHA520, MHA575, and MHA585) will include synchronous video conferencing.

Q. If I am interested in both the MHA and the MHI, can I do both?

A. Yes. If you have a technical background or are also interested in Health Informatics, and wish to complete the MHI in addition to the MHA, apply to the MHI program during the last semester of the MHA program. The benefit of earning both degrees is that the second degree only requires an additional 21 credit hours of MHI coursework.

Q. When is the deadline for admission?

A. Submit your application as soon as possible. Applications should be completed 5 weeks before the start of student's desired enrollment semester.

Q. I graduated from SIUC as an undergrad, will I have to upload my transcript? **A.** No.

Q. How soon can I reapply? **A.** If your application is denied, one may apply once admission criteria are met.

Q. Will there be Graduate Assistantships available? **A.** No. SIUC Graduate Assistantships are only available to students who can be present on-campus.

Q. What are the costs of tuition and fees?

A. Due to the nature of MHA being an online program, all students are charged in state graduate level tuition.

To determine the cost of the program, please visit the SIU Tuition Calculator - http://tuition.siu.edu/tuition_est/tuition_dlof_grad.pl.

Q. How do I check the status of my Admission Application? **A.** Use your login information and check your online application status at <http://gradschool.siu.edu/applygrad/>.

Depending on the time of the semester, applications can take 2-5 weeks or more to process. Students will receive email notification of decision.

Q. Where do I send my transcripts from another University?

A. SIU Graduate School
1263 Lincoln Dr.
Student Services Building - Third Floor
Carbondale, Illinois 62901

Q. Where do I check to see if my Transcripts have arrived from another University?

A. Contact the graduate school at gradschl@siu.edu or by phone at (618)-453-4562

Q. How long after my application is submitted will I receive a notification to begin? **A.**

Processing of applications can take 2-5 weeks. Students will be notified by email with instructions to proceed to enroll in their courses.