The MHA@GW Immersion Experience

Our immersion experiences bring students together with other accomplished health care professionals to interact in person and focus on developing high-level leadership skills.

Health Systems Analysis

This immersion offers MHA@GW students the opportunity to experience firsthand the structure and operations of high-performing health care systems in the greater Miami area. The objective is to critically examine and analyze the functionality of a distinguished health system and present your findings. You will also be able to present your portfolio and receive feedback during this immersion.

Featured Health Systems

You will visit the following health systems during the Miami immersion:

**Jackson Health System:** A non-profit medical system offering integrated health care delivery that provides a single, high standard quality of care to residents of Miami-Dade County. You will learn from top-level management in a large, innovative medical center.

**Jessie Trice Community Health Center:** A federally qualified community health care center that manages comprehensive primary care and school health facilities. Jessie Trice focuses on reducing health disparities and improving clinical outcomes. You will learn about managing community health systems.

**Miami Veterans Affairs Health Care System:** A part of America’s largest integrated health system, the Veterans Health Administration, the Miami VA facility provides health services to veterans in the greater Miami area. You will learn about health administration in a military context.

**University of Miami Hospital:** The flagship hospital of UHealth where private care physicians work alongside University of Miami faculty physicians to provide comprehensive care for patients as well as precision medicine customized to each patient’s individual needs. Learn about the inner-workings of university health systems.

**Sinai Plaza Nursing and Rehabilitation Center:** A part of the award-winning Plaza Health Network that offers rehabilitation and varying levels of extended care to patients in need. The facility received a 5-star rating from The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Learn from top-level continuing care professionals.
Miami Attractions
After each day’s immersion activities have finished, you should take advantage of all that the city has to offer. For example, you might enjoy:

- **South Beach:** Eat at authentic Cuban restaurants or go dancing at some of the area’s best nightclubs.
- **Downtown Miami:** Head to one of the oldest areas of the city, with historic bars and restaurants that feature live jazz, blues and R&B.
- **Miami Beach:** Stroll along the crystal clear waters, white sand and multicolored lifeguard stands, or watch the sun set from a sidewalk café.
- **Wynwood Art District:** Start at the Wynwood Walls, and wander through the many different galleries nearby.
- **Miami Heat Game:** Cheer on the NBA team with your peers at a game in the American Airlines Arena.

Featured Speakers

**Debbie Ritchie, COO Studer Group**

Debbie Ritchie is the chief operating officer for one of the world’s leading health care consulting and coaching firms, the Studer Group. Responsible for providing leadership to the company’s coaching division, operational support services, human resources and software solutions, Ms. Ritchie will speak to MHA@GW students about her experience as a top executive in a dynamic health administration consulting setting. She has previously served in the Florida House of Representatives.

**Bernardo Ramirez, M.D., M.B.A**

Bernardo Ramirez is the director of the Executive Master of Science in Health Services Administration Program and the director of Global Health Initiatives of the Department of Health Management and Informatics at the University of Central Florida. An experienced health services administrator, Dr. Ramirez has provided technical assistance, developed research and conducted training for the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Pan American Health Organization, the World Health Organization and more. He has served as general director of health standards for the Ministry of Health of Mexico as well as president of the Mexican Hospital Association.

Explore the Vibrant City of Miami

Miami is an eclectic city with a rich history, influenced heavily by Cuban culture. Explore the beautiful white sand beaches, unique architecture and lively nightlife during your stay.

Contact Us
If you have questions about the Miami immersion experience or the MHA@GW program in general, contact us at studentsupport@mha@gwu.edu or 1.844.642.2849 today.

Connect with MHA@GW while you are in Miami using the hashtag: #MHAinMiami.