

CAHME Announces the Initial Accreditation of Auburn University at Montgomery Master of Healthcare Administration Program

Auburn University at Montgomery's MHA program earned initial CAHME accreditation for four years, recognizing its commitment to healthcare leadership education.

SPRING HOUSE, PA, UNITED STATES, September 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME) Board of Directors approved the initial accreditation of Auburn University at Montgomery's Master of Healthcare Administration degree program for a four-year term.

The logo for CAHME Accredited, with "CAHME" in large, bold, black letters and "Accredited" in smaller, bold, black letters below it. The "A" in "CAHME" is stylized with a blue cross.

Ensuring the health of our communities depends on creative, knowledgeable and mission driven professionals. Graduating from a CAHME Accredited program helps to better prepare the future leaders of healthcare.

The logo for Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM), featuring the letters "AUM" in a bold, black, blocky font with a red outline.

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"CAHME accreditation reflects [AUM's](#) unwavering commitment to quality and validates the strength of our Master of Healthcare Administration program," said Mrinal Mugdh Varma, Ph.D., FACHE, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor at Auburn University at Montgomery. "Through strong academic preparation, industry engagement, and a focus on leadership development, we

are helping to close critical talent gaps while preparing professionals who can strengthen healthcare organizations, improve patient outcomes, and lead meaningful change across the healthcare sector."

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CAHME advances the quality of healthcare management education through accreditation that emphasizes rigor, accountability, and continuous improvement.”

*Maureen C. Jones, Ph.D., RN,
President & CEO, CAHME*

“As an advisory board member since the inception of AUM's Master of Healthcare Administration program, I have seen the program's intentionality on the commitment to excellence, relevance, and leadership development,” said Chad Collins, Vice President of Operations for Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, Plano, and MHA program advisory board member. “CAHME accreditation is

important because it validates the quality of the program and demonstrates that it meets nationally recognized standards for preparing future healthcare leaders. It also signals to students, employers, and healthcare partners that AUM is committed to continuous improvement and to delivering an education that is aligned with the evolving needs of the healthcare industry.”

“Seeing AUM’s MHA program earn CAHME accreditation means a great deal to me. The program gave me far more than a degree—it gave me mentors, a strong foundation, and the skills that shaped me into the leader I am today,” said Baptist Health Care’s Director of Operations for Surgical Services, Cody R. Traffanstedt, FACHE, FACMPE, who is also an AUM MHA alumnus. “This recognition is a tribute to the faculty who invest so deeply in their students, and to the graduates carrying that work forward across Alabama and beyond.”

“Through evaluation by experts in both academia and healthcare practice, accredited programs demonstrate that their curriculum and competency models are aligned to industry needs and designed to prepare graduates for meaningful impact in the field,” said Maureen C. Jones, Ph.D., RN, President & CEO, CAHME.

About CAHME

Since 1968, the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME) has served the public interest by advancing the quality of healthcare management education globally. CAHME accredits 175 academic programs in management which has broadly been defined to include healthcare quality and safety, and population health.

CAHME works with leading academic programs and numerous healthcare practitioners to ensure that graduates entering the healthcare field have undergone an educational process meeting rigorous, measurable standards for effectiveness. The result is a formal academic education focusing on key competencies, plus practical experiences. This enables new graduates to quickly add value to an organization and grow into future leaders. CAHME is the only organization recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation to grant accreditation to individual academic programs offering a graduate degree in healthcare management.

For more information, visit cahme.org.

About AUM

Founded in 1967, Auburn University at Montgomery consistently ranks among the top regional comprehensive universities in the South, according to U.S. News & World Report. AUM offers more than 90 undergraduate and graduate degree options, with highly regarded programs in such areas as allied healthcare, artificial intelligence, biology and biochemistry, business and computer science.

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