

College of Health Care Sciences

Master of Health Science

ONLINE PROGRAM

NSU

*Nova Southeastern University
Health Professions Division
Entering Class 2017*



Master of Health Science

The M.H.Sc. program is designed to provide clinical and administrative health professionals with the theoretical and practical training necessary to enhance career mobility and professional advancement. An increasing number of employers are seeking master's degree level, academically prepared professionals to fill expanded roles in clinical specialization, health education, research, and health care administration.

Midlevel practitioners, entry-level health care administrators and allied health professionals practicing today in urban and rural communities throughout the nation are highly recognized as valuable members of the health care team. They help make quality care more accessible, while reducing costs. These health care professionals are playing a prominent and respected role in providing community medical services.

The M.H.Sc. didactic curriculum provides education in a variety of practical and nonclinical areas. The student is able to tailor his or her educational needs and goals with the various concentrations offered in the M.H.Sc. program. In collaboration with faculty guidance, students will demonstrate increased understanding in their chosen area of study.

During their practicum, students will develop community-based, health promotion/education, and disease-prevention interventions with underserved and/or nontraditional populations.

Program Features

- quality education in a distance-learning format
- online orientation provided to all new students
- curriculum components tailored to student interests and goals
- specialty concentrations available (see curriculum outline)
- practicum
- no on-campus requirements
- up to three years to complete the program
- continuing services to complete the program after three years charged for a maximum of 24 months
- 37 total credits minimum
- possibility of transferring up to 6 semester hours from other graduate-level training programs
- full faculty support and advisement
- full technical support, NSU electronic library/database resource access, and university email account
- asynchronous and synchronous formats including email, online forums, chatrooms, phone conferences, and Online Student Center



Curriculum Overview

The Master of Health Science curriculum is built upon the existing knowledge base of the health care professional. The program is designed for completion in a distance-learning format and requires no on-campus time. The coursework is faculty guided, using state-of-the-art, web-based delivery systems. The curriculum and coursework follow a standard 12-week term calendar.

The curriculum involves completion of a minimum of 37 credits. There is some flexibility in curriculum design to accommodate the student's overall interest, employment, and educational goals. Educational counseling and advisement are always available to assist in the planning and registration process.

A multidisciplinary curriculum allows for flexibility, based on a student's needs and objectives. The generalist concentration allows for maximum elective course availability and includes an extra core course in Health Care Management. Specialty concentrations in sports medicine, higher education, health law, forensic investigative technology, health care leadership, health care risk management/patient safety and compliance, clinical research, and bioethics are also available. While core M.H.Sc. courses remain constant, the electives and practicum courses allow the students to tailor the program to their needs and professional interests.

Generalist Curriculum—37 Credits

Sports Medicine Concentration—37 Credits

Higher Education Concentration—37 Credits

Health Care Leadership Concentration—37 Credits

Health Law Concentration—43 Credits

Forensic Investigative Technology Concentration—
40 Credits

Clinical Research Concentration—39 Credits

Health Care Risk Management/Patient Safety and
Compliance Concentration—37 Credits

Bioethics Concentration—42 Credits

For more detailed information on the curriculum,
please visit the website (http://healthsciences.nova.edu/healthsciences/mhs/generalist_curriculum.html) and
select your area of interest from the menu in the left margin.

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to have a computer with the following minimum specifications:

- Pentium or AMD at 1.00 GHZ or equivalent Macintosh processor
- 256 MB RAM
- video and monitor capable of 1024 X 768 resolution or higher
- CD-ROM drive
- full duplex sound card and speakers
- Internet connection with Internet service provider (DSL, cable, or satellite highly recommended)
- Windows XP or NT or MAC OS
- Microsoft Office 2000 or newer with PowerPoint, Word, and Excel minimum
- printer capability

Admissions Requirements

Prospective M.H.Sc. students are selected by the Committee on Admissions, which considers the overall qualities of the applicant. Areas of consideration include personal motivation, quality and length of prior health care experience, academic performance and level of achievement, life experiences, and personal recommendations. In special circumstances, a personal or phone interview with members of the committee may be required.

1. Prior to matriculation, applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited program with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
2. Prior health care or health care administrative management experience is required. The M.H.Sc. is a postprofessional degree designed for health practitioners, clinicians, and health care administrators from a wide variety of disciplines. The commonality exhibited by our students is the practice of a recognized health occupation that requires registration, certification, and/or licensure, or the possession of managerial experience in health care administration. The successful applicant's health profession emphasizes delivery of services to individuals (e.g., physician assistant; physical or respiratory therapist; dental hygienist; registered nurse; vascular sonographer; radiology technician; informatics, health systems data, clinical research, radiology, or laboratory managers; or admissions or patient services workers).
3. All applicants must show evidence of computer skills, through coursework or self-study, prior to the end of the first term. Students may obtain instruction through the NSU Microcomputer Laboratory or other training facilities.

The university reserves the right to modify any requirement on an individual basis as deemed necessary by the dean of the College of Health Care Sciences.

Additional admissions information and applications may be obtained from

Nova Southeastern University
Health Professions Division, M.H.Sc. Admissions
3200 South University Drive
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33328-2018

For more information, please visit nova.edu/chcs or call (954) 262-1101.



Application Procedures

Applicants for admission must submit or be responsible for submission of

1. a completed application form along with a \$50, nonrefundable application fee
2. two letters of evaluation from supervisors or colleagues, clinical or nonclinical (Applicants to the Health Care Leadership concentration must submit a letter from the applicant's supervisor documenting the applicant's level of experience/responsibility as a health care administrator/manager.)
3. official transcripts sent directly from all previously attended undergraduate, professional, and graduate institutions
4. all coursework from international institution(s), if applicant attended or is a graduate of any international institution(s)

Coursework taken at foreign institutions must be evaluated for U.S. institution equivalence by an approved National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) organization.

It is the applicant's responsibility to have this coursework evaluated. An official course-by-course evaluation with a cumulative grade point average must be sent directly from the evaluation service to NSU's Enrollment Processing Services.

The applicant who has graduated from a college or university in a country where English is not the primary language, regardless of United States residency status, must obtain a minimum score of 600 on the written (or comparable score on the computerized) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). An official set of scores must be sent to Nova Southeastern University directly from the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey.

5. complete résumé or curriculum vitae

6. copies of national and professional certifications or licenses by a recognized certifying body (if applicable)

To be eligible for consideration for admission, applicants applying under the administrative pathway must have a minimum of three years of verifiable managerial experience in health care administration. This experience should be readily identifiable on the applicant's resume. A letter of recommendation from the applicant's current supervisor detailing the applicant's length and level of managerial experience must be submitted with the application.

Students can apply online at <http://webstar.nova.edu>.

STUDENTS ARE provisionally admitted to a degree-seeking program based on a review of unofficial transcripts or other specific program admission requirements. However, this admission includes a condition that final and official transcripts, documents, and requirements must be received within 90 calendar days from matriculation. If these final and official transcripts, documents, and/or requirements are not received by that time, the student will not be allowed to continue class attendance. Financial aid will not be disbursed to a provisional/conditional student until he or she has been fully admitted as a regular student (all admissions requirements have been approved by the college/program admissions office). Students who have an unpaid balance 30 days from the start of the term will be assessed a \$100 late fee.

NONDISCRIMINATION

Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sexual orientation, and national or ethnic origin.

ACCREDITATIONS

The Master of Health Science is an established program within Nova Southeastern University's College of Health Care Sciences. This program was officially approved by the NSU board of trustees in 1999.

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate's, baccalaureate, master's, educational specialist, doctorate, and professional degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Nova Southeastern University. 09-007-16MCP

Tuition, Fees, and Financial Aid

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition for 2017–2018 will be posted on our website (nova.edu/cah/healthsciences/mhs). An NSU student services fee of \$1,050 is also required annually. All tuition and fees are subject to change by the board of trustees without notice.

Health Law courses are \$575 per credit hour.

Additional expenses and fees may be incurred. Examples include, but are not limited to, travel to and from campus (where required), graduation fees, books, etc.

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FINANCIAL AID

The primary financial responsibility for a student's education rests with the student and his or her family, but economic circumstances for some families may make it necessary for the student to obtain assistance from other sources.

The Office of Student Financial Assistance at Nova Southeastern University is there to help as many qualified students as possible to complete their health professions education. Various loans, scholarships, and grants are available to qualified students to help ease the high cost of a health professions education. These financial assistance programs are described on our website (nova.edu/financialaid). For information on financial assistance, contact

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