

Dr. Pallavi Patel College
of Health Care Sciences

Master of Health Science/
Doctor of Health Science

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION
ENTERING CLASS 2019–2020



Dual-Degree M.H.Sc./D.H.Sc.

DUAL-DEGREE MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCE/DOCTOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE

This accelerated dual-degree program is designed for accomplished, motivated health care practitioners educated at the bachelor's level who desire a clinically applicable, postprofessional interdisciplinary doctoral degree.

The program is specifically appropriate for those practitioners who have a strong desire to teach within the health disciplines at the graduate level or assume advanced professional and institutional leadership roles within the health care delivery system.

The combined M.H.Sc./D.H.Sc. provides rigorous academic exposure to a wide range of topics pertinent to clinicians, health administrators, and health professions educators, including epidemiology, health care finance, statistics and research methods, conflict resolution, leadership studies, professional writing, health policy, global health issues, evidence-based medicine, medical informatics, and medical quality assurance/risk management. Students have the opportunity to engage in internships within their home community and capstone research experiences.

Graduates are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and experience to expand their professional roles in both clinical and nonclinical arenas. Study is primarily nonresidential and utilizes state-of-the-art, online course platforms that permit synchronous and asynchronous learning experiences.

Students are required to attend two one-week, on-campus institutes during the doctoral portion of their studies.

This accelerated track permits the motivated student to earn both a master's and doctoral degree, with 82 credits, from a respected, regionally accredited research institution within three–seven years of study.

ACCELERATED PROGRAM FACTS

- Both programs can be completed in three to seven years.
- The programs have a total of 82 combined credits.
- There are 21 credit hours completed in the M.H.Sc. program.
- There are 61 credit hours completed in the D.H.Sc. program.
- The M.H.Sc. degree is awarded after completion of 44 credit hours.
- M.H.Sc. courses are all taught through distance learning.
- Two on-campus, summer/winter residential institutes are required for the D.H.Sc. program.



Curriculum

M.H.SC. LEVEL

Required Courses—12 credits

- MHS 5003 Current and Cultural Issues in Health Care
- MHS 5203 Writing for Allied Health Professionals
- MHS 5501 Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- MHS 5530 Principles and Practice of Management in Health Care

Sample Electives* (choose three)—9 credits

- MHS 5026 Human Trafficking for Health Care Professionals
- MHS 5211 Contemporary Issues in Nutrition
- MHS 5543 Educational Theories and Psychology
- MHS 5544 Curriculum and Instruction in Health Care Education
- MHS 5545 Assessment and Evaluation in Health Care Education
- MHS 5400 Directed Studies
- MHS 5541 Health Care Systems and Conflict
- MHS 5546 Health Care Finance

Total credits completed in the M.H.Sc. program—21 credits

D.H.SC. LEVEL

Required Courses—22 credits

- DHS 8010 Statistics and Research Methods
- DHS 8040 Professionalism and Health Care Ethics
- DHS 8121 Scientific Writing
- DHS 8190 Health Care Education
- DHS 8080 Conflict Resolution
- DHS 8170 Leadership in Health Care

Core Block One—12 credits

Three out of four are required; all four may be taken. If only three are chosen, one elective may be substituted for the fourth course.

- DHS 8000 Health Care for Diverse Populations
- DHS 8030 Community HPDP
- DHS 8090 Health Policy
- DHS 8110 Community/Environmental Health

Core Block Two—4 credits

- DHS 8400 Global Health Issues
- HSP 9006 Evidence-Based Medicine
- DHS 8750 Patient Safety and Medical Errors
- DHS 8800 Health Care Informatics

Experiential (required)—11 credits

- DHS 8125 Preparation to Internship and Practicum
- DHS 8130 Internship
- DHS 8140 Practicum

Electives—12 credits

Three electives [can include courses from block one and two not counted toward core requirements]

Total credits completed in the D.H.Sc. program—61 credits

M.H.SC./D.H.SC. DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

Students may apply for M.H.Sc. degree conferral after they accumulate 44 credits **including all of the following courses:**

M.H.Sc. Courses—21 credits

- MHS 5003 Current and Cultural Issues in Health Care
- MHS 5203 Writing for Allied Health Professionals
- MHS 5501 Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- MHS 5530 Principles of Management in Health Care
- MHS Electives [three courses for a total of 9 credits]

D.H.Sc. Courses—23 credits

- DHS 8040 Professionalism and Health Care Ethics
- DHS 8010 Statistics and Research Methods
- DHS 8125 Preparation to Internship and Practicum
- DHS 8130 Internship
- DHS 8140 Practicum
- DHS Elective [any one 4-credit DHS course]

*More electives are available.

Admissions Requirements

Prospective dual M.H.Sc./D.H.Sc. students are selected by the Committee on Admissions, which considers the overall qualities of applicants and their suitability for this course of study. Areas of consideration include application content, academic record, prior health care experience, letters of evaluation, and personal motivation. In special circumstances, a personal interview with members of the Committee on Admissions may be required.

1. Prior to matriculation, applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. Applicants should have earned a cumulative bachelor's degree G.P.A. at or above a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible for regular admission.
3. Prior health care experience is required and is strongly considered in the admissions process. The dual M.H.Sc./D.H.Sc. is a postprofessional degree designed for health practitioners from a wide variety of disciplines, public health professionals, and health care administrators. The commonality exhibited by our students is the expert practice of a recognized health occupation at a professional level or five years of professional-level administrative experience in a health care organization with progressively increasing responsibilities over that time frame. The successful applicant's health profession may emphasize delivery of services to individual clients (e.g., PA, PT, R.N., LCSW) or be population based (Public Health or Health Administration). An appropriate level of professional practice is generally recognized by either health professions licensure (e.g., R.N., PT, PA), a national certification or registration (e.g., PA-C, RVT, RRT, FACHE), a recognized health professions academic credential (e.g., B.S.N.), or a combination of the above.

4. The successful administrative applicant will demonstrate at least five years of professional experience with increasing levels of responsibility in a health care setting. Professional experience will be documented by an organizational chart demonstrating the applicant's position within the organization and a letter of recommendation from a supervisor attesting to the applicant's level of responsibility within the organization. Health care administrators will also need to submit a statement concerning their career and professional goals within the health care environment. Fellowship or certification by a recognized health certifying body (e.g., FACHE) is desirable. Possession of a bachelor's degree is also necessary.

All questions regarding the appropriateness of an applicant's qualifications for admission can be discussed with the department chair or program director on an informal basis, but the official recommendations are made by the Committee on Admissions to the dean of the Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences, who makes the final determination.

5. Applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination [GRE] and submit their scores [taken within five years of the date of matriculation] with their application documents.

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Application Procedures

Applicants for admission must submit or be responsible for submission of

1. a completed application form with a \$50, nonrefundable application fee
2. two evaluation forms—supplied in the application package or by request—from supervisors or colleagues, clinical or nonclinical
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, such as one of the services listed below.

World Education Services, Inc.

Bowling Green Station

P.O. Box 5087, New York, New York 10274-5087

[212] 966-6311 • wes.org

Josef Silny & Associates, Inc.

7101 SW 102nd Avenue, Miami, Florida 33173

[305] 273-1616 • [305] 273-1338 fax • jsilny.com

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.

P.O. Box 514070, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470

[414] 289-3400 • ece.org

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.

5. complete résumé or curriculum vitae
6. copies of national and professional certifications or licenses by a recognized certifying body (if applicable)
7. official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores taken within five years of the date of matriculation

Complete applications and all admissions documentation must be sent to

Nova Southeastern University
Enrollment Processing Services
Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences
M.H.Sc./D.H.Sc. Accelerated Track
3301 College Avenue, P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905
Phone: [954] 262-1101 • Fax: [954] 262-2282

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.

Computer Requirements

It is highly recommended that the student have access to a desktop or laptop consistent with a recent generation of Microsoft Windows (7 or 8), or Apple OS (10.8 or above), and compatible Microsoft Office software to include Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. Tablets and smartphones, while very useful, may not be sufficient for all program uses. The computing platform should include headphones, microphone, camera, and videoconferencing capabilities. Broadband access is essential. Surge protection and appropriate back-up options are strongly suggested. Upon admission, minimum computer requirements can be found at <https://www.nova.edu/publications/it-standards>.

ACCREDITATION

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.

NONDISCRIMINATION

Consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and/or local ordinances [e.g., Title VII, Title VI, Title III, Title II, Rehab Act, ADA, and Title IX], it is the policy of Nova Southeastern University not to engage in any discrimination or harassment against any individuals because of race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, nondisqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, unfavorable discharge from the military, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, and to comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination, equal opportunity, and affirmative action laws, orders, and regulations.

This nondiscrimination policy applies to admissions; enrollment; scholarships; loan programs; athletics; employment; and access to, participation in, and treatment in all university centers, programs, and activities. NSU admits students of any race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, nondisqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, unfavorable discharge from the military, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at NSU, and does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Financial Aid and Tuition

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 purpose of the Student Financial Aid Program at Nova Southeastern University is 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 in a variety of separate university publications. For information on financial assistance, contact

Nova Southeastern University
Department of Student Financial Aid
3301 College Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314-7796

Phone: [954] 262-3380 • 800-806-3680

TUITION

Tuition for 2019–2020 will subsequently be posted on our website [healthsciences.nova.edu/healthsciences/mhs_dhs]. An NSU student services fee of \$1,350 is also required annually. All tuition and fees are subject to change by the board of trustees without notice.



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