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Master of Health Science Doctor of Health Science Brochure

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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 • www.wes.org

Josef Silny & Associates, Inc.

7101 SW 102nd Avenue, Miami, Florida 33173
(305) 273-1616 • (305) 273-1338 fax • www.jsilny.com

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.

P.O. Box 514070, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470
(414) 289-3400 • www.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 resume 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
College of Health Care Sciences
DHS/MHS Accelerated Track
3301 College Avenue, P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905
Phone: (954) 262-1101 • Fax: (954) 262-2282

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 College of Health Care Sciences, who makes the final determination.

5. 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 Student Microcomputer Laboratory, the Orientation Center, or other training facilities.
6. 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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**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–seven years
- Total combined credits: 82
- 21 hours are completed in the M.H.Sc. program
- 61 hours are completed in the D.H.Sc. program
- M.H.Sc. degree awarded after completion of 44 credit hours
- M.H.Sc. 2015–2016 tuition: \$400 per credit
- D.H.Sc. 2015–2016 tuition: \$628 per credit
- M.H.Sc. courses are all taught through distance learning
- Two on-campus Summer Residential institutes are required for the D.H.Sc.

M.H.SC. LEVEL**REQUIRED COURSES—12 CREDITS**

MHS 5003	Current and Cultural Issues in Health Care
MHS 5205	Writing for Medical Publication
MHS 5501	Epidemiology and Biostatistics
MHS 5530	Principles and Practice of Management in Health Care

SAMPLE ELECTIVES* (CHOOSE THREE)—9 CREDITS

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 5512	Bioterrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction
MHS 5541	Health Care Systems and Conflict
MHS 5546	Health Care Finance

*More electives are available.

TOTAL CREDITS COMPLETED IN THE M.H.SC. PROGRAM—21 CREDITS**D.H.SC. LEVEL****REQUIRED COURSES—20 CREDITS**

DHS 8010	Statistics and Research Methods
DHS 8040	Professionalism and Health Care Ethics
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

D.H.SC. LEVEL (CONTINUED)**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)

DOCTORAL ANALYSIS—2 CREDITS**TOTAL CREDITS COMPLETED IN THE D.H.SC. PROGRAM—61 CREDITS****M.H.SC./D.H.SC. DUAL TRACK 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 5205	Writing for Medical Publication
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)

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.

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
- 56.6 baud modem (a DSL or cable modem is a plus in an online program)
- Internet connection with private Internet service provider (ISP) for access from home to the Internet (DSL, cable, or satellite highly recommended)
- Windows XP or NT or MAC OS
- Microsoft Office 2000 or newer with PowerPoint, Word, and Excel minimum
- surge suppressor electrical outlet

Suggested option: back up for hard drive

FINANCIAL AID STATEMENT

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 2015–2016 is \$400 per credit for M.H.Sc. courses and \$628 per credit for D.H.Sc. courses. Tuition for 2016–2017 will subsequently be posted on our website (www.nova.edu/cah/healthsciences/mhs_dhs). 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.