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Application Procedures

Applicants for admission must submit or be responsible for submission of:

1. A completed application form with a $50.00 nonrefundable application fee.
2. Two evaluation forms—supplied in the application packet or by request—from supervisory colleagues, clinical or nonclinical.
3. Official transcripts sent directly from all previously attended undergraduate, professional, and graduate institutions.
4. All coursework from international institutions, if applicant attended or is a graduate of any international institution.

Coursework taken at foreign institutions must be evaluated for U.S. institution equivalency by an approved National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) organization, such as one of the services listed below.

World Education Services, Inc. 
Beijing Campus
P.O. Box 3087, New York, New York 10027-3087
(212) 352-3313 • www.wes.org

Josef Silny & Associates, Inc.
7150 10th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33173
(305) 273-1616 • (305) 273-1618 Fax • www.jsilny.com

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.
P.O. Box 944750, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470
(414) 269-3460 • 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.

Complete resume or curriculum vitae

4. 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
3200 South University Drive
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33321-9905
Phone: (954) 262-1111 • Fax: (954) 262-2282

Admissions Requirements

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

1. Prior to matriculation, applicant 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. of 3.0 or above 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.A./D.O. is a postgraduate program designed for health professionals 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 professional at a professional level of five years or more. An appropriate level of professional experience is generally recognized by either health professions licensure (e.g., R.N., FACHE), or national certification or registration (e.g., P.T., B.S.N., or a combination of the above).

4. For the administrative assistant applicant, 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 experience with increasing levels of responsibility in a health care setting. Professional practice is generally recognized by either health professions licensure (e.g., FACHE), or national certification or registration (e.g., P.T., B.S.N., or a combination of the above).

5. All professional, academic, employment, and volunteer experience will be documented by an organizational chart demonstrating the applicant’s experience with increasing levels of responsibility in a health care setting. Professional practice is generally recognized by either health professions licensure (e.g., FACHE), or national certification or registration (e.g., P.T., B.S.N., or a combination of the above).

6. Applicants may 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.

7. 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 Computing Center, or other training facilities.

8. 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.
This accelerated dual-degree program is designed for accomplished, motivated health care practitioners—qualified for the doctoral level—who desire a clinically applicable, postprofessional interdisciplinary degree.

The program is specifically appropriate for those practitioners who have a strong desire to teach within the health care delivery system at the graduate level or to secure 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 clinical care, health policy, and health professions education, including epidemiology, health care finance, statistics and research methods, conflict resolution, leadership studies, professional setting, health policy, global health issues, evidence-based medicine, medical informatics, and medical quality assurance/viability 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 expertise to expand their professional role in both clinical and non-clinical 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 institution within three-years of study.

ACCELERATED PROGRAM FACTS
- Both programs can be completed in three-years.
- Total combined credits: 82
- 21 credits are required in the M.Sc. program.
- 61 hours are completed in the D.H.Sc. program.
- 30 credits are earned 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 campus summer Residential institutes are required for the D.H.Sc.