Master of Health Science/Doctor of Health Science Accelerated Dual-Degree Program Course Catalog

Nova Southeastern University
master of health science/
doctor of health science

ACCELERATED DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAM

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
Beyond the Classroom
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, post-professional 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 non-clinical arenas. Study is primarily non-residential 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 80 credit hours, from a respected, regionally-accredited research institution within 3–7 years of study.

m.h.sc./d.h.sc. accelerated program facts

- Both programs can be completed in 3–7 years
- Total combined semester hours: 80
- 20 hours are completed in the M.H.Sc. program
- 60 hours are completed in the D.H.Sc. program
- M.H.Sc. degree awarded after completion of 42 credit hours
- M.H.Sc. tuition: $275 per credit hour
- D.H.Sc. tuition: $475 per credit hour
- M.H.Sc. courses are all taught at a distance
- Summer institutes on campus required for D.H.Sc.
program overview and course of study

CURRICULUM

1. M.H.Sc. LEVEL

Required Courses ........................................ 11 credits
MHS 5001 APA Writing Seminar
MHS 5205 Writing for Medical Publication
MHS 5501 Epidemiology and Biostatistics
MHS 5530 Principles and Practice of Management in Health Care

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

Total credits completed in the M.H.Sc. program ............... 20 credits
2. D.H.Sc. LEVEL

Required Courses .......................................................... 20 credits
DHS 8010  Stats and Research Methods
DHS 8040  Health Care Ethics
DHS 8190  Health Care Education
DHS 8080  Conflict Resolution
DHS 8170  Leadership in Health Care

Core Block 1 ................................................................. 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 2 ................................................................. 4 credits
One of the following courses is required. If only one course is taken, the other two courses can be used as electives.
DHS 8400  Global Health Issues
HSP 9006  Evidence Based Medical Practice
DHS 8750  Patient Safety and Medical Errors

Experiential (required) .................................................. 10 credits
DHS 8130  Internship
DHS 8140  Practicum

Electives ................................................................. 12 credits
Three electives (can include courses from block 1 and 2 not counted towards core requirements)

Doctoral Analysis ....................................................... 2 credits

Total credits completed in the D.H.Sc. program: 60
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 non-clinical
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)

Applicant is responsible for contacting one of the evaluation services listed here. The official evaluation must be sent directly from the evaluation service to the NSU Enrollment Processing Services (EPS).

   World Education Services, Inc.
   P.O. Box 745
   Old Chelsea Station
   New York, New York 10113-0745

   Joseph Silny and Associates
   7101 SW 102nd Avenue
   Miami, Florida 33173
   Phone: (305) 273-1616
   Fax: (305) 273-1338
   www.jsilny.com

   Educational Credential Evaluators
   P.O. Box 514070
   Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470
   Phone: (414) 289-3400
   www.ece.org

5. complete resume or curriculum vitae
6. copies of national and professional certifications or licenses by a recognized certifying body (if applicable)

Complete applications and all admission documentation must be sent to

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
Enrollment Processing Services (EPS)
College of Allied Health and Nursing
DHS/MHS Accelerated Track
3301 College Avenue
P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905
Phone: (954) 262-1101
Fax: (954) 262-2282
admissions requirements

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 baccalaureate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Prior health care experience is required. The dual M.H.Sc./D.H.Sc. program is a post professional degree designed for health practitioners and clinicians from a wide variety of disciplines.
4. All applicants must show evidence of computer skills through coursework or self-study prior to the end of the first semester. Students may obtain instruction through the NSU microcomputer laboratory or other training facilities.

computer requirements

- 128 MB RAM
- Video and monitor capable of 1024 x 768 resolution or better
- CD-ROM drive
- Full duplex sound card and speakers
- 56.6 baud modem (DSL or CABLE modem is a plus in an online program)
- Internet connection with private Internet service provider (ISP) for access to the internet from home
- Windows 98 2nd edition/2000/ME/XP or NT
- Microsoft Office 2000 with Powerpoint, Word, and Excel
- Surge suppressor electrical outlet
- ZIP drive (optional)

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 separate university publication, The NSU Guide to Student Financial Assistance.

For a copy or information, contact

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
Department of Student Financial Aid
3301 College Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314-7796
Phone: (954) 262-3380 • 800-806-3680
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This nondiscrimination policy 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.

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