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Nova Southeastern University, synonymous with dynamic innovation and intellectual challenge, is the largest independent not-for-profit university in the Southeast, and with an enrollment of more than 26,000 students, is the sixth largest in the United States. Situated on a beautiful, 300-acre campus in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the university is experiencing a sustained period of academic growth, fiscal strength, and commitment to the challenges of the 21st century.

In this environment of expansion and stability, the university is capitalizing on its strengths in such areas as academic innovation, comprehensive clinical training, and flexible educational delivery systems.

Founded in 1964 as Nova University, the institution merged with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences in 1994, creating Nova Southeastern University. To date, the institution has approximately 90,000 alumni. Fully accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the university awards associate's, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees in a wide range of fields including the health professions, law, business, marine sciences, psychology, social sciences, computer and information sciences, and education.

The university's programs are administered through 15 academic centers that offer courses at the main campus and at field-based locations throughout Florida; across the nation; and at selected international sites in Europe, Canada, the Pacific Rim, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

With a budget of more than $220 million per year and an upward trend in enrollment, the university will continue to maintain a solid record of academic and fiscal strength and excellence in teaching and community service, while expanding its mission in research and scholarship.
As a student in the Health Professions Division of Nova Southeastern University, you can anticipate a remarkable experience. You will train, study, interact, and share faculty and resources (either campus-based or online) with students from various backgrounds and disciplines. This interdisciplinary approach distinguishes the Health Professions Division as unique and will better prepare you to master your discipline with a sensitivity and understanding of the entire health care system.

The Health Professions Division, with a student body of more than 2,500, is home to six colleges. The College of Osteopathic Medicine, the first one in the southeastern United States, grants the doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.) degree. The College of Osteopathic Medicine also awards the master of public health (M.P.H.) and the master of science in biomedical informatics (M.S.BI) degrees. The College of Pharmacy offers the doctor of pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree to entry-level, international, and postbaccalaureate students. The College of Optometry is the only institution in the state of Florida that awards the doctor of optometry (O.D.) degree as well as the master in clinical vision research (M.S.). The College of Allied Health and Nursing offers an entry-level bachelor of science degree in nursing (B.S.N.), as well as an R.N. to B.S.N. program, a master of science in nursing (M.S.N.) degree, and a post-M.S.N. certificate. The college offers a physician assistant program that awards the master of medical science in physician assistant (M.M.S.) degree, and a master of occupational therapy (M.O.T.) degree, as well as the entry-level doctor of physical therapy (D.P.T.) degree. Doctoral programs are offered in occupational therapy (Ph.D./O.T., Dr.OT), physical therapy (Ph.D./P.T., D.P.T.), and audiology (Au.D.). In addition to these programs, the College of Allied Health and Nursing offers the bachelor of health science (B.H.Sc.), master of health science (M.H.Sc.), and doctor of health science (D.H.Sc.) degrees—open to midlevel clinicians and allied health professionals. There are also courses of study in bachelor of health science—vascular sonography and master of health science—anesthesiologist assistant. The College of Medical Sciences grants the master of biomedical sciences (M.B.S.) degree. In the fall of 1997, the College of Dental Medicine admitted its charter class into the doctor of dental medicine (D.M.D.) program. Now, the college also offers a master of science in dentistry (M.Sc.D.) degree, as well as postgraduate programs in endodontics, oral surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, and prosthodontics.

The Health Professions Division occupies a $70 million complex, covering 21 acres of the university campus. The division includes eight buildings totaling more than 900,000 square feet of space for classrooms, laboratories, offices, the Health Professions Division Library, an outpatient health center, and a pharmaceutical care center. The adjacent 1,500-vehicle parking garage overlooks the Miami Dolphins Training Camp.
If you wish to be a leader in the health professions, Nova Southeastern University can help you reach your potential.

In less than two decades, NSU's Health Professions Division has developed into a multidisciplinary academic health center of international stature. Composed of the Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacy, Dental Medicine, Optometry, Allied Health and Nursing, and Medical Sciences, the Health Professions Division has redoubled its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and community service, while expanding its mission in research and scholarship. Working together, our distinguished faculty members prepare students for an exciting career on tomorrow's dynamic health care team.

Fred Lippman, R.Ph., Ed.D.
Chancellor
The D.H.Sc. program admits health professionals with diverse graduate education, work, and life experiences who have demonstrated the capacity to pursue a rigorous course of doctoral study and increasingly more responsible positions in health care. Applicants must hold a master's degree from an accredited college or university.

The D.H.Sc. program is designed to be completed in a distance-learning format. The online Doctor of Health Science Program is offered via NSU College of Allied Health and Nursing’s state-of-the-art, Web-based distance learning technology. It is designed so that students can complete most of their coursework online from their own home or office, without compromising career or other obligations. Two one-week, on-campus institutes are required and are offered during the summer semester.

The D.H.Sc. equips health professionals with in-depth knowledge of current issues in health care. The student gains the knowledge necessary to identify and understand the changing health care environment and the impact these changes have on clinical practice, education, administration, and research.

THE ROLE OF THE D.H.SC. PROGRAM

• Provide a well-rounded and diverse educational experience to adult learners in an online environment that allows them to continue gainful employment in their chosen field while attending and completing coursework.

• Enhance student leadership and health care knowledge through research and academic inquiry while using current and practical health care models.

• Enhance the understanding of diverse populations in health care and prepare the student to take a leadership role in the rapidly changing health care environment.

• Recognize and evaluate alternative forms of health care that may be encountered in areas of health care practice.

• Provide a bridge between clinical care, health care diversity, and critical inquiry.

NSU COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH AND NURSING MISSION STATEMENT

In the spirit of improving and maintaining optimum health conditions in the community, the College of Allied Health and Nursing prepares professionals with the skills necessary for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases; for the support of the populace in maintaining proper health and safety; for the management of rehabilitative processes; and for the education of the community in understanding the interdependency of health, environment, social and political factors. The College of Allied Health and Nursing endeavors to train both graduate and undergraduate professionals in the arts of improving the quality of life in the community.
The health care marketplace is undergoing a rapid change. The pace of this change has provided a formidable challenge for institutions that provide the educational programs for future health care professionals.

Nova Southeastern University's College of Allied Health and Nursing is committed to providing the highest quality of education to students in a variety of health care disciplines, including occupational therapy, physical therapy, and physician assistant studies, as well as audiology and the newly added nursing programs. In addition, the college is committed to a lifelong learning philosophy through the Master of Medical Science Program, Ph.D. degree in physical therapy, and Dr.OT and Ph.D. degrees in occupational therapy. We also have the bachelor of health science (B.H.Sc.), master of health science (M.H.Sc.), doctor of health science (D.H.Sc.), and transition doctor of physical therapy (T.-D.P.T.) programs, as well as the bachelor of health science—vascular sonography and the master of health science—anesthesiologist assistant specialty courses of study. These degrees for practicing health care professionals are delivered mainly through the use of innovative distance technology.

The demand for doctoral level health providers, educators, and administrators continues to grow. Leaders in health care policy and public health are needed to shape the future of health care delivery systems both domestically and internationally. The Nova Southeastern University College of Allied Health and Nursing has accepted this challenge through the development of our online Doctor of Health Science (D.H.Sc.) Program. The D.H.Sc. curriculum features a multidisciplinary approach to health care education. The D.H.Sc. program brings together faculty members and students from various disciplines and specializations, which enhances the exchange of information, viewpoints, and ultimately, the overall educational experience.

The College of Allied Health and Nursing is committed to providing health care educational opportunities in formats that meet the needs of prospective students in the community and adequately prepare graduates to assume greater leadership roles in health care delivery systems.

Richard E. Davis, PA-C, Ed.D.
Dean, College of Allied Health and Nursing
The D.H.Sc. has a two track curriculum. One is the generalist track. The second track has a concentration in Conflict Resolution and Theory. The generalist D.H.Sc. program requires completion of a minimum of 60 semester hours of coursework. This includes 48 semester hours didactic coursework, 10 semester hours practical coursework, and two semester hours for the Doctoral Objective Analysis. The D.H.Sc. with a concentration in conflict resolution requires a minimum of 64 semester hours and is a collaborative program between the College of Allied Health and Nursing and the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The D.H.Sc. program is designed for completion in a distance-learning format and requires only minimal on-campus time during two intensive one-week summer institute seminar sessions in Fort Lauderdale.

Both curricula are designed to build upon the scientific and general knowledge of the health care professional while focusing on the overall health care picture. Leadership, policy, diversity, and alternative methods of treatment are but a few of the areas stressed in the generalist curriculum, while the concentration in conflict resolution increases the study of human interaction and theory.

During the generalist course of study, the student must complete a practicum and internship approved by the D.H.Sc. program director in an area of health care including, but not limited to, health care leadership, education, policy, or delivery. The internship is used to expose the student to an area of health care not commonly experienced in the student's normal area of practice. Though two separate portions of the curriculum, the internship may be used as an area of research in preparation for undertaking the practicum. In the case of the conflict resolution concentration, the student will develop an internship and practicum in conjunction with the faculty of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The coursework is professor-paced using state-of-the-art, Web-based delivery. The curriculum and coursework follow a standard 12-week semester calendar in conjunction with resident on-campus programs.

At the standard pace established by the program, the course of study can be completed in three years, though just over two years is possible. It is required that all coursework be completed within seven years.
## CORE COURSES

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<td>DHS 8000</td>
<td>Professional Competencies in the Clinical Care of Diverse and Special Populations</td>
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<td>DHS 8110</td>
<td>Community Environmental and Occupational Health</td>
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Core Block Two—Two of the following courses are required. The other courses may be omitted or used as electives. 

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### EXPERIENTIAL (REQUIRED)—10 CREDITS

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### SUMMER RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTES (REQUIRED)—12 CREDITS

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<td>DHS 8080</td>
<td>Conflict Resolution in Health Care</td>
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<td>DHS 8170</td>
<td>Leadership in Health Care</td>
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### ELECTIVES (TWO OR THREE COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED)—8–12 CREDITS

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<td>Alternative and Complementary Medicine</td>
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Core Block Two—Courses from Core Block Two not already used as core courses may be taken as electives.
DHS 8400 Global Health Issues 4
HSP 9006 Evidence-Based Medical Practice 4
DHS 8190 Health Care Education 4
DHS 8750 Patient Safety 4

CAPSTONE (REQUIRED)—2 CREDITS

This course must be completed in the last semester of coursework.
DHS 8120 Doctoral Analysis 2
Total 60

SUMMER RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTES (REQUIRED)—12 CREDITS

Course # | Course Title                  | Semester | Hour
DHS 8010 | Statistics and Research Methods | 4
DHS 8080 | Conflict Resolution in Health Care | 4
DHS 8170 | Leadership in Health Care | 4

ELECTIVES—THREE UNITS FROM CRHS AND FOUR UNITS FROM DHS

Course # | Course Title                  | Semester | Hour
Core Block One
DHS 8100 | Alternative and Complementary Medicine | 4
DHS 8180 | Medical Writing | 4
DHS 8200 | Independent Study A | 4
DHS 8250 | Independent Study B | 4
DHS 8300 | Grant Writing | 4
DHS 8500 | Psychology of Aging | 4
DHS 8700 | Comparative International Health Systems | 4

OR

Core Block Two—Courses from Core Block Two not already used as core courses may be taken as electives.
DHS 8400 | Global Health Issues | 4
HSP 9006 | Evidence-Based Medical Practice | 4
DHS 8190 | Health Care Education | 4
DHS 8750 | Patient Safety | 4
DHS 8800 | Health Care Informatics | 4

AND

CRHS 5140 | Negotiation Theory and Practice | 4
CRHS 6170 | Violence Prevention and Intervention | 3
CRHS 7010 | Philosophical and Social Issues | 3
CRHS 7020 | Systems Design | 3
CRHS 7050 | Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution II | 3

CAPSTONE (REQUIRED)—2 CREDITS

This course must be completed in the last semester of coursework.
DHS 8120 | Doctoral Analysis | 2
Total 64

Curriculum is subject to change at the discretion and direction of the program.

**This elective is strongly recommended for beginning students and may be required, depending on GRE scores.**
Nova Southeastern University is a pioneer in the area of distance education, having initiated distance education programs in 1972. It was the first university in the United States to offer graduate programs in an online format, with the creation of the electronic classroom. NSU has been offering online programs and programs with an online component since 1983. NSU was also the first to use the UNIX system to host online courses, and one of the first to use the Internet to support instruction.

In 1997, Forbes magazine ranked NSU as one of the nation's top 20 cyber-universities. Twice in a row, in 1998 and 2001, the National Jurist magazine ranked NSU's Shepard Broad Law Center at the top of its list of the most wired law schools in the nation. The university is also listed in Princeton Review's The Best Distance Learning Graduate Schools (1998).

At NSU, distance education is delivered using a variety of instructional delivery systems. Modes of delivery to students located at sites distant from the main campus include not only online courses via the Internet, but also other modes, such as the traditional classroom setting with a live instructor on-site, compressed video, and audio teleconferencing. Technologies such as the electronic classroom and audio teleconferencing (much like conference calling), add another dimension to the university's distance education programs by bringing instruction to the homes and offices of students.

Some programs use computer or telecommunication technologies exclusively, or in combination with a classroom setting. For example, some graduate programs require students to attend Summer Institutes—short, intensive instructional units on-campus—as part of their required program of study. Distance education students have access to educational support services through the main campus. These include the Electronic Library and computer software on central servers.

NSU students can participate in online courses via the Internet and World Wide Web from almost anywhere on the globe. Online courses involve Web pages to access course materials, announcements, and other information, plus a range of online activities that facilitate frequent student-teacher and student-student interaction. Faculty members and students interact via real-time electronic classrooms, online forums using threaded bulletin boards, real-time chatrooms, online submission of assignments in multimedia formats for review by faculty members, electronic mail, and the Electronic Library.

NSU offers a wide range of online programs. For example, NSU's School of Computer and Information Sciences has more than 800 online students and offers online master of science programs in computer science, computer information systems, management information
systems, and computing technology in education. Many of these programs are now part of the Electronic Campus of the Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB). It also offers Ph.D. programs that use a combined online and on-campus format. Other examples include an online M.B.A. and master's degree in accounting and online courses for teachers.

Over the past five to ten years, many colleges and universities have been developing distance education programs. Nova Southeastern University has 27 years of experience in the development, delivery, and evaluation of distance education programs. Approximately 55 percent of all NSU students attend class through the use of some form of distance education modality (e.g., classroom instruction at distant sites, compressed video, and computer-mediated instruction). The university's National Ed.D. Program for Educational Leaders—which began in 1972—and other degree programs have served as models of distance education design for institutions across the nation.
Distance education students in the Doctor of Health Science (D.H.Sc.) Program are provided with NSU computer accounts including email. Students, however, must obtain their own Internet service providers (ISP) and use their own computer systems. New students receive an orientation and extensive online support on computer and software requirements, online access, online tools and methods, and library resources.

Online interactive learning methods involve Web pages to access course materials, announcements, the NSU Electronic Library, and other information, plus a range of online activities that facilitate frequent student-professor interaction. Faculty members and students interact via online forums using threaded bulletin boards, chatrooms, and email. Students are able to submit assignments as email attachments, through the use of online forms sent directly to program instructors, fax-to-fax, fax-to-email, and through WebCT. Some online courses may include electronic classroom sessions.

Online students have access to books, journal articles, microfiche, dissertations, index searches, catalog searches, and reference librarians. The online medical database collection at NSU is extensive and includes access to quality subscription services free of charge to the student.

Distance students may request library materials using fax, mail, or online forms. To contact Distance Library Services (DLS) by phone, call 800-541-6682, ext. 4602, or (954) 262-4602. Use the toll-free fax number to order library materials: 888-347-3627, or in Broward County, fax (954) 262-3947. Students can send email to DLS at library@nsu.nova.edu, or can reach DLS via the Web site at www.nova.edu/library. All materials mailed by the DLS office are sent by first-class mail. When books are borrowed, the student will have to pay a small charge for third-class postage to return the books. Books are loaned for one month. Periodical copies or ERIC documents need not be returned.

NSU students involved in distance education are fully supported in their educational endeavors. Great effort has been made to insure that educational opportunities and quality are in place for each student.
Applicants for admission must submit or be responsible for submission of

1. a completed application form along with a $50 non-refundable application fee

2. two letters of evaluation from supervisors or colleagues, clinical or non-clinical

These forms are supplied in the application package.

3. official transcripts sent directly from all previously attended undergraduate, professional, and graduate institutions to

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
Enrollment Processing Services (EPS)
College of Allied Health and Nursing
D.H.Sc. Program Admissions
3301 College Avenue
P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905
Phone: (954) 262-1101
Fax: (954) 262-2282

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 EPS.

World Education Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 745
Old Chelsea Station
New York, New York 10113-0745
(212) 966-6311

Josef Silny & Associates
International Education Consultants
7101 SW 102 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33173
(305) 273-1616
(305) 273-1338 (fax)
www.jsilny.com

Educational Credential Evaluators
P.O. Box 514070
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470
(414) 289-3400
www.ece.org
5. a complete resume or CV

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

Completed applications must be sent to

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The D.H.Sc. Office of Admissions works on a rolling admissions basis. Applications are accepted year-round. To insure that your application receives prompt consideration, you should apply early. All final documentation must be received by the EPS no later than one month prior to your intended registration date.

The D.H.Sc. committee on admissions will not consider an application until all required fees, credentials, transcripts, and test scores have been received by the EPS.
Prospective D.H.Sc. students are selected by the Committee on Admissions that 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 master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

2. Applicants should demonstrate a cumulative master's degree G.P.A. at or above a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible for regular admission.

3. All applicants, except those who have received their master's degrees from the Department of Health Science at NSU, will be required to submit GRE scores. Our school code is 5522. GRE scores may be obtained by contacting Graduate Record Examination at their Web site: www.gre.org or by telephone: (609) 921-9000.

We will base admissions decisions on all information submitted: there will be no "cut-off" score used to evaluate applicant results on this standardized test, as long as an applicant meets our cumulative master's degree G.P.A. requirements of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (see item 2 above). However, otherwise-qualified applicants (applicants who meet these G.P.A. requirements) who submit verbal scores of under 500, and/or Analytic Writing scores below 4, will generally be provisionally admitted, and may be required to take and pass DHS 8180 (Medical Writing) as their first program course in order to achieve full program matriculation. The Committee on Admissions will make a recommendation to the dean of the college as to any remedial coursework necessary for an applicant to achieve full admission.
4. Prior health care experience is required and is strongly considered in the admissions process. The D.H.Sc. is a postprofessional degree designed for health practitioners and clinicians from a wide variety of disciplines. The commonality exhibited by our students is the expert practice of a recognized health occupation at a professional level. The successful applicant’s health profession may emphasize delivery of services to individual clients (e.g., PA, PT, R.N., LCSW, etc.) or be population based (M.P.H.). An appropriate level of professional practice is generally recognized by either health professions licensure (e.g., R.N., PT), a national certification (e.g., PA-C, RVT, RRT, CRNA), a recognized health professions academic credential (e.g., M.P.H., M.S.N., M.S.W.), or a combination of the above. 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 Allied Health and Nursing, 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 D.H.Sc. Orientation Center, or other training facilities.
online medical databases for all nsu students
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

summer institutes

Summer Institutes are a tradition at Nova Southeastern University that offer students, faculty members, and program staff the opportunity to meet and interact in person. Institutes are held typically in July at the Fort Lauderdale campus for all participants in the program. Daily meetings, discussions, and presentations provide opportunities for face-to-face sharing of experience, expertise, and views on matters of primary concern to health care communities, administrators, and practitioners across the nation. Professors not only lecture formally, but also encourage broad, open discussions on various topics. Students meet formally and informally, in small and large groups, to share ideas that are shaping health care and society.
tuition and fees

- $50 nonrefundable application fee.
- Tuition is $475 per credit hour.
- An NSU student services fee of $750 is required annually.
- Students are responsible for purchasing any required textbooks and/or classroom materials.
- $75 diploma only fee
- A graduation and diploma fee of $225 will be incurred by those students who elect to participate in a formal on-campus graduation ceremony (not required).

Tuition waivers and discounts for NSU students, staff members, and faculty members will be in accordance with published policy and administered by the dean of the College of Allied Health and Nursing. Tuition, fees, and payment schedules are subject to change without notice.

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 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
(954) 262-3380 • 800-806-3680