APPLICATION PROCEDURES

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6. official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores taken within five years of the date of matriculation) with their application documents.
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ACCELERATED PROGRAM FACTS

- Both programs can be completed in three-year span.
- Total combined credits: 82
- 61 hours are completed in the D.H.Sc. program
- 20 credits are completed in the M.H.Sc. program
- One 4-credit DHS course
- Three electives (can include courses from block one and two not counted toward core requirements)

D.H.Sc. LEVEL

REQUISITE COURSES (12 CREDITS)

MHS 5503 Current and Cultural Issues in Health Care
MHS 5205 Writing for Medical Publication
MHS 5301 Epidemiology and Biostatistics
MHS 5305 Healthcare Systems and Management in Health Care

SINGLE ELECTIVES (CHOOSE THREE) (5-9 CREDITS)

MHS 5541 Contemporary Issues in Nutrition
MHS 5542 Educational Puzzles and Psychology
MHS 5544 Curriculums and Instruction in Health Care Education
MHS 5545 Assessment and Evaluation in Health Care Education
MHS 5490 Directed Studies
MHS 5460 Health Care Organizational Design
MHS 5451 Health Care Systems and Conflict
MHS 5450 Health Care Finance

*More electives are available.

TOTAL CREDITS COMPLETED IN THE M.H.Sc.—D.H.Sc. PROGRAMS—41 CREDITS

D.H.Sc. LEVEL

REQUISITE COURSES (12 CREDITS)

DHS 8010 Health Care Policy
DHS 8030 Epidemiology and Biostatistics
DHS 8040 Principles of Management in Health Care
DHS 8125 Health Care Ethics
DHS 8130 Conflict Resolution
DHS 8140 Professionalism and Experiential Learning
DHS 8150 Ethics

COURSE BLOCK ONE—15 CREDITS

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

DHS 8020 Health Care for Diverse Populations
DHS 8030 Community Health Promotion
DHS 8060 Health Policy
DHS 8110 Community/Environmental Health
DHS 8170 Leadership in Health Care

COURSE BLOCK TWO—15 CREDITS

One of the following courses is required. If only one course is taken, the other two courses can be used as electives.

DHS 8050 Community Health Advocacy
DHS 8070 Public Health
DHS 8080 Principles in Public Health Practice

DHS 8150 Evidence-Based Medical Practice
DHS 8170 Patient Safety and Medical Errors

D.H.Sc. LEVEL (CONTINUED)

ELECTIVES—9 CREDITS

DHS 8155 Preparatory to Interdisciplinary and Practicum
DHS 8160 Practicum

DOCTORAL ANALYSIS—3 CREDITS

Three elective (not elective courses from block one and two are counted toward core requirements)

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M.H.Sc.—D.H.Sc. DUAL TRACK PROGRAM

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

M.H.Sc.—COURSES—12 CREDITS

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MIXED REQUIREMENTS AND CREDITS


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COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to have a computer with the following minimum specifications:

- Pentium on AMD at 1.3 GHz or equivalent processor
- 256 MB RAM
- Windows (or macOS) only
- CD-ROM drive
- Full display 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 (or macOS) Windows Office 2000 or newer with PowerPoint, Word, and Excel minimum
- surge protector electrical outlet

- Suggested option: back-up for hard drive

Tuition

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