DOCTOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES
IN THE FIELD OF LEADERSHIP
IN CLINICAL PRACTICE AND
EDUCATION

Gain a mastery of the design, implementation and evaluation
of health care programs, lead interprofessional teams, and
evaluate evidence to advance health care. The program
prepares those in clinical health positions from a range of
backgrounds who seek to build competencies in advanced
professional practice, whether that be in the clinical or
academic environments.

The curriculum is primarily online, meaning you continue
in your profession full-time, learning when and where it is
most convenient to you. There are two residencies required
over separate weekends, and the program culminates with
a finalized manuscript ready for submission to a peer review
journal. The program offers two concentrations in either clinical
or educational practice. By graduation you’ll be able to:

• Design strategies to improve clinical practice guidelines,
clinician performance, and improved outcomes in a health
care environment
• Collaborate with interprofessional teams to address
a common goal such as improved efficiency and
effectiveness, or improved satisfaction among patients and
health care providers
• Analyze gaps between the outcomes of best practice and
current practice in health care practice environments

ADMISSIONS

To be accepted
accepted to this
program, you must

A master’s degree

A written personal statement- Please include a
250-500 word essay describing your reasons for
undertaking study at The George Washington
University, and your academic objectives, career
goals, and related qualifications, including
collegiate, professional, and community activities,
relevant to your program of interest. Include
any substantial accomplishments not already
mentioned on the application form.

Completed Application

Resume/CV

Application Fee: A non-refundable application fee
of $80 is required. The application fee is waived
for active-duty U.S. military, current GW students,
degree-holding GW alumni, current McNair
Program Scholars.

2 Letter of Recommendation

Official transcripts from every college and
university attended. All non-U.S. transcripts
(including those in English) must be evaluated by
an accredited foreign credential agency. Please
find the list of member organizations here: https://
www.naces.org_members/)

International Students: Applicants who are
not U.S. citizens are also required to submit
official test scores for Test of English as a Foreign
Language (TOEFL) or Pearson’s Test of English
(PTE) Academics or the academic International
English Language Test System (IELTS). The
following are the minimum scores for admission
consideration: TOEFL: 250 computer-based or
100 Internet-based GW’s school code for the
TOEFL is 5246. PTE: overall score of 86 IELTS:
overall band score of 7.0, with no individual band
score below 6.0 International applicants may be
considered for admission without submitting the
above scores if: You are a citizen of a country
where English is the official language, You hold a
bachelor’s degree from a country where English is
the official language and language of instruction,
You hold a bachelor’s degree from an institution
accredited by a U.S. regional accrediting agency.

Applicants must provide evidence of at least one
year of clinical or health-related practice or health
administration/leadership.

The admissions committee will give preference to
students with competitive academic credentials
and substantial prior clinical or academic
experience related to the track the applicant
wishes to pursue. Previous coursework in
epidemiology or statistics is also recommended
and will be considered in the selection process.

Applicants must have an entry-level professional
or clinical degree (MD, PA, DPT, OTD, MSN, DNP)
in biomedical science or a health related field.

Supporting Documents not Submitted Online should be
Mailed to:
Health Sciences Office of Online Admissions
851 Trafalgar Court
Suite 420 West
Maitland, FL 3275

Alternatively, official electronic transcripts can be sent
to acsonline@gwu.edu

Contact for Questions:
hsphora@gwu.edu ~ 202-994-0384 (phone) ~ 202-994-0870
(fax)
9:00am - 5:00pm, Monday through Friday
REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 48 credits as outlined below.

Students complete one of two tracks based on desired career outcomes. One track focuses on enhancing skills related to advancing clinical practice in leadership positions and the other track emphasizes skills related to providing education for health professions students as well as leadership for health professions education in a higher-education setting.

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| Electives (6 credits)                                     |         |         |
| Research elective                                        |         |         |
| At least one course from the following:                  |         |         |
| THS 8123 Qualitative Methods in Translational Health Sciences |         |
| THS 8125 Advanced Statistical Methods for Clinical and Translational Research | |
| THS 8221 Mixed Methods Research in Translational Health Sciences | |
| THS 8127 Systematic Reviews of Health Care Innovations   |         |         |
| Additional elective                                       |         |         |
| With the advisor’s approval, students select an additional track or research course or select one of the following as a second elective: | |
| OT 8220 Measurement of Human Function and Learning        |         |         |
| HSCI 6297 Independent Study for Health Professionals      |         |         |
| HSCI 6241 The Health Care Enterprise                      |         |         |
| COHM 6220 Finance for Health Care Operations              |         |         |

| Seminars (9 credits)                                        |         |         |
| HFR 8996 Seminar I                                        |         |         |
| HFR 8997 Seminar II                                       |         |         |
| HFR 8997 Seminar II                                       |         |         |