

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

In the doctor of health sciences (DHSc) in leadership in clinical practice and education program students gain mastery of the design, implementation, and evaluation of healthcare programs, lead interprofessional teams, and evaluate evidence to advance healthcare. 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 clinical or academic environments.

The curriculum is delivered primarily online, which means students can continue in their profession full time, determining when and where learning works within their personal schedule. Two residencies are 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 students should be able to:

- Design strategies to improve clinical practice guidelines, clinician performance, and improved outcomes in a healthcare environment.
- Collaborate with interprofessional teams to address a common goal such as improved efficiency and effectiveness, or improved satisfaction among patients and healthcare providers.
- Analyze gaps between the outcomes of best practice and current practice in healthcare practice environments.
- Advance knowledge through action-oriented research and scholarship.

This is a STEM designated program.

Visit the program website (<https://smhs.gwu.edu/bulletin/smhs/graduate-programs/dhs-leadership-clinical-practice-and-education/>) #for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

To be accepted to this program, you must have:

A completed graduate degree (minimum Master's)

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 Letters 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> (<https://www.naces.org/members/>)

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 (e.g MD, PA, PT, OT, RN, SLP, RDN, PharmD, DDS etc.) in biomedical science or a health related field.

International applicants: International students should check with individual programs regarding eligibility for visa sponsorship. Generally, online and hybrid programs are not eligible for student visa sponsorship from GW. This includes transfer students from any other institution with an existing visa.

Applicants who have not completed a post-secondary degree from an institution where English is the sole language of instruction must submit TOEFL, IELTS, PTE Academic, or the Duolingo English Test scores to be considered for admission. The following are the minimum scores for admission consideration:

- Academic IELTS: An overall band score of 7.0, with no individual band score below 6.0.

- TOEFL: 600 paper-based or 100 internet-based.

- PTE: Overall score of 68

- DET: Overall score of 120

Undergraduate applicants who meet one of the following conditions can be considered for admission without submitting TOEFL, PTE or IELTS or DET scores:

Scores cannot be more than two years old. To ensure TOEFL scores are sent to GW, use institutional code 5246. An institutional code is not required to send IELTS or PTE scores to GW. DET scores must be submitted via the Duolingo English Test system directly to GW.

Based on their application and the results of the English proficiency examination students can be required to take English for Academic Purposes (EAP) during their first year of study at GW. GW evaluates each application holistically and applicants can be recommended for EAP even if they meet the requirements for exemption. Students placed in EAP courses should anticipate additional tuition expenses as well as possible extension of time needed to complete their degree programs.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

George Washington University

ATTN: Transcript Processing Center
1415 W 22nd St.
Suite 220
Oak Brook, IL 60523

Documents can be submitted electronically to: transcripts@hsprograms.gwu.edu.

Contact for questions:

hsphora@gwu.edu
202-994-0384 (phone)
Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 48 credits, including 24 credits in core courses, 9 credits in seminars, 6 credits in elective courses, and 9 credits in concentration courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
Core courses		
HFR 8101	Interprofessional Collaboration in Practice	
HFR 8102	Health Professions Practicum I	
HFR 8103	Health Professions Practicum II	
HFR 8107	Program Theory and Health Innovations	

HFR 8116 Academic and Clinical Leadership in the Health Professions

HFR 8203 Bioethical Implications of Health Research

HFR 8270 Research Methods in the Health Professions I

HFR 8271 Research Methods in the Health Professions II

Seminars

HFR 8996 Seminar I

HFR 8997 Seminar II

HFR 8998 Seminar III

Electives

At least one research course selected from the following:

HFR 8123 Qualitative Methods for the Health Professions

HFR 8225 Applied Research Design and Analysis

HFR 8227 Survey Methods for Health Professionals

HFR 8272 Mixed Methods in Translational Health Sciences

THS 8127 Systematic Reviews of Healthcare Innovations

One additional concentration-related or research course selected from above with the advisor's approval or one course selected from the following:

COHM 6220 Finance for Healthcare Operations

HSCI 6241 The Health Care Enterprise

HSCI 6297 Independent Study for Health Professionals