

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES IN THE FIELD OF CLINICAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

Clinical research administration is a vast and expanding field that involves the processes in which products—drugs, devices, biological and treatment protocols are developed for patient care. Both the master’s degree and graduate certificate programs prepare health sciences professionals to participate in the science and business of the development process. Our rigorous curriculum focuses on regulatory requirements, ethical issues, processes for product development, the business of clinical research and scientific method processes. The distance education format, offered online, provides a convenient option for self-disciplined and self-directed students to pursue the program and prepare for professional advancement while maintaining their work and other commitments.

Professionals with a bachelor’s degree and relevant clinical research or health science experience may apply for the master of science in health sciences program in clinical research administration.

A multi-level dual degree program offers academically qualified individuals a seamless and accelerated pathway for completing both the bachelor of science in health sciences (BSHS) in clinical research administration and the master of science in health sciences (MSHS) in clinical research administration.

Visit the program website (<https://smhs.gwu.edu/clinical-research-administration/>) for additional program information.

## ADMISSIONS

Admissions Fall - August 6  
Deadlines:

Spring - December 6  
Summer - March 15

The application and all supporting documentation (fees, statement of purpose, letters of recommendation, transcripts) must be received by the deadline in order for the application to be reviewed.

Standardized Test Scores: Not required

Recommendations: Two (2) recommendations required:

Prior Academic Records: Transcripts required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Transcripts must be forwarded in their original sealed envelopes.

If academic records are in a language other than English, a certified English language translation must be provided in addition to the original transcripts; translations alone will not be accepted.

Official transcripts from institutions outside the U.S. must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grades, U.S. degree equivalency, grade-point averages (GPA), and date of degree conferral. For a list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services, please follow this link: <https://www.naces.org/members> (<https://www.naces.org/members/>).

Statement of Purpose: In an essay of 250 to 500 words, describe your reasons for undertaking study in the Health Sciences at The George Washington University. You should state your academic objectives, career plans, and related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, as well as any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application form.

Degree and GPA Requirements: Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution

3.0 GPA or above on a 4.0 scale

International Applicants: Please follow this link - <https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements> (<https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements/>) - to review the International Applicant Information carefully for details on required documents and English language requirements.

PLEASE NOTE that the Health Sciences programs require the following minimum English language test scores for admission:

- Academic IETLS: an overall band score of 7.0 with no individual band score below 6.0; or
- TOEFL: 600 on paper-based, 250 on computer-based, or 100 on Internet-based; or
- PTE Academic: 68

### Supporting Documents not Submitted Online should be Mailed to:

Office of Admissions  
Health Sciences Programs  
The George Washington University  
2600 Virginia Avenue  
Suite 104  
Washington, DC 20037

Alternatively, official electronic transcripts can be sent to  
hsphora@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: 36 credits, including: 18 credits in clinical research administration, 9 credits of strategic leadership courses, 6 credits of graduate research coursework, and a 3-credit elective course.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required</b>		
Clinical research administration courses		
CRA 6201	Critical Analysis Clinical Research	
CRA 6202	Medicines Development	
CRA 6203	Partnerships with Human Subjects	
CRA 6204	The Clinical Research Industry	
CRA 6209	Quality and Risk Management	
CRA 6211	Monitoring, Auditing, and Oversight in Clinical Research	
CRA 6275	Leadership and Change in Clinical Research Administration	
Strategic leadership courses		
COHM 6235	Leadership Development in Healthcare Systems	
COHM 6245	Strategic and Operational Decision Making for Health Care Leaders	
Graduate research courses		
HSCI 6263	Biostatistics Translational Research	
HSCI 6264	Epidemiology Translational Research	
<b>Elective</b>		
One course from the following:		
CRA 6208	International Clinical Research	
RAFF 6201	Introduction to Global Regulatory Affairs	