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Offered in a distance learning format, the bachelor of science in health sciences (BSHS) with a major in health intervention and disaster response (http://smhs.gwu.edu/crl/programs/hidr) is a degree completion program available to active-duty and veteran service members from the civil affairs medic community or related healthcare fields and to civilians in the health care fields with international experience and interest. All courses are offered online in a flexible, asynchronous format allowing students to pursue their degree, regardless of time zone, station, or overseas assignment.

Drawing heavily from both civilian and military challenges and successes experienced during natural as well as man-made disaster and crisis events, both domestically and internationally, the program allows civil affairs medics to build on their existing academic, military, and training experiences. Students are called upon to work individually as well as collaboratively in the development of broadened view of and holistic approach to delivery of aid and relief to the individuals, families, and communities affected by catastrophic events.

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The following requirements must be fulfilled: 120 credits, 60 of which must be completed at GW. Up to 60 credits from coursework taken elsewhere may be transferable.