MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES IN THE FIELD OF BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS

The biomedical informatics program prepares professionals for a rewarding career in healthcare leadership and research. Graduates are skilled in the integration of programming, data analysis, and data manipulation skills to solve biomedical problems. Students apply data analytics to improve the quality of healthcare and patient outcomes. This interdisciplinary education includes components of clinical healthcare, computer science, data analytics, ethics, and translational medicine. The program’s innovative curriculum includes courses in statistics, leadership, computer programming, and clinical care and the healthcare system. Students develop informatics analytics and tools in support of clinical decision making, clinical research, and patient engagement. Graduates are well-prepared for informatics careers at hospitals and medical centers, pharmaceutical companies, global healthcare organizations, consulting groups, and government agencies.

Visit the program website (https://smhs.gwu.edu/biomedical-informatics/) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions Deadlines:
- Fall - August 6
- 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.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
George Washington University
ATTN: Transcript Processing Center
8300 Norman Center Dr
Suite 400
Bloomington, MN 55437

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

Contact for questions:
hsphora@gwu.edu
202-994-0384 (phone)
202-994-0870 (fax)

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/.

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 on a 4.0 scale

International Applicants:
Please follow this link - 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 IELTS: an overall band score of 7.0 with no individual band score below 6.0;
- TOEFL: 600 on paper-based or 100 on Internet-based;
- Academic PTE: 68

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**REQUIREMENTS**

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 30 credits in required courses and 6 credits in elective courses.

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*Students may repeat INFR 6197 as an elective once other degree requirement have been met.*