

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Website: <https://www.washburn.edu/academics/college-schools/applied-studies/departments/allied-health/mhs/health-science-certificate.html>

Mission

The mission of the Master of Health Science (MHS) program is to prepare health care professionals to advance practice, education, and leadership across diverse health care and academic settings

Certificate Description

The Department of Allied Health offers a 12-credit graduate certificate designed for health care professionals who want graduate-level preparation in core competencies that support effective practice across clinical and organizational settings.

This graduate certificate is offered fully online and can be completed in as few as three semesters. It may be completed as a stand-alone credential or applied toward the Master of Health Science (M.H.S.) degree.

Life Experience

Under no circumstances will academic credit be awarded for life experiences.

Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of Washburn University and the Department of Allied Health to assure equal educational and employment opportunity to qualified individuals without regard to race, color, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, disability, sex, marital or parental status, or sexual orientation.

Admission Requirements

Candidates for admission must meet the following requirements:

1. A bachelor's degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the last 60 credit hours*
2. A minimum of two years of professional health care experience (clinical education experience counts)
3. GRE or GMAT **not** required
4. Open to residents of all U.S. states

*Conditional acceptance to candidates with bachelor's degree and cumulative GPA of 2.75-2.99 in last 60 credit-hours

**Applicants residing in California can find information on the complaints process concerning out of state online schools through Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) (<https://www.dca.ca.gov/>)

Professional health care experience includes, but is not limited to, employment or clinical education experience in dental hygiene, diagnostic medical sonography, health care administration, health information technology, magnetic resonance imaging, medical laboratory science, occupational therapy, physical therapy, respiratory therapy, nursing, radiologic technology, and radiation therapy.

Admission Procedures

1. Complete the University Graduate Admissions application A link to the application can be found at: <https://www.washburn.edu/> (<https://www.washburn.edu/admissions/apply.html>) admissions/apply.html (<https://www.washburn.edu/admissions/apply.html>)
2. There is no fee to apply.
3. When prompted select "Health Science" as your academic area of interest
4. Select the "Graduate Certificate in Health Care Education" as the program
5. Indicate your preferred start term
6. Applicants will be prompted to upload:

- Official or unofficial transcripts demonstrating completion of a bachelor's degree. Official transcripts are required only after being admitted. Official transcripts may be sent electronically to etranscripts@washburn.edu or via U.S. mail to:

Admissions
1700 SW College Ave.
Topeka KS 66621

- Professional resume demonstrating professional health care experience (clinical education experience counts).

Academic Advising

Students completing this graduate certificate are required to consult with the MHS Program Coordinator every semester to decide a course schedule for the coming semester. The student's Washburn University email address will be the official mode of electronic communication used by the University and Program.

Certificate Requirements

1. Complete all required coursework within six years of date of entry.
2. Maintain no less than a 3.0 grade point average in the certificate coursework.
3. One grade of "C" in the plan of study will count for credit. A student may re-take a course to meet this requirement, but a course may only be retaken one time.
4. Students will be placed on probation whenever the certificate grade point average falls below 3.0 or one course grade of "C" has been recorded.
5. Unless the instructor of the course stipulates an earlier deadline, an Incomplete Grade (I) must be completed by the end of two consecutive semesters, which excludes the summer session; otherwise a grade of "F" will be recorded. An incomplete Grade (I) in the capstone course will remain as an incomplete until the course is completed.
6. Seventy-five percent (75%) of semester hours required for the degree must be earned at Washburn University.

Code	Title	Hours
AL 601	Legal/Ethical Issues in Health Care	3
AL 602	Special Populations in Health Care	3
AL 620	Research Methods in Health Science	3

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AL 628	Systems Thinking and Safety in Health Care	3
Total Hours		12