Health Care Administration and Policy, MS

NHSHCDMS

This program's name has changed effective Fall 2024. The previous name was Science of Health Care Delivery.

Boost your career in health and health care delivery, and engage in a unique opportunity to learn from an interdisciplinary team of nationally recognized leaders in health care administration, research, equity, policy and more.

Program description

Degree awarded: MS Science of Health Care Delivery
The MS program in health care administration and policy focuses on the study and design of systems, processes, leadership and management approaches used to optimize health care delivery and health outcomes for all.

The curriculum is centered on achieving high-value care through leadership, population health, informatics, systems engineering, health care management, health economics, equity, bioethics and policy.

Students customize their elective coursework to their interests and goals, with courses being offered in three focus areas:

- health policy and advocacy
- health systems management
- performance improvement in health care

The program challenges students to work on innovative solutions to improve the U.S. health care system by simultaneously improving the health of populations, enhancing the patient experience and reducing per capita cost of care.

Participating students work in a cohort through the program and are able to complete the degree in as few as nine months. Students are also paired with leading health care delivery organizations and leaders to complete an applied capstone project during the program.

At a glance

- **College/School:** College of Health Solutions
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix or Online

Degree requirements

30 credit hours including the required capstone course (HCD 550)

Required Core (18 credit hours)
HCD 501 Population Health Data Management and Analysis (3)
HCD 502 Foundation of U.S. Health Systems and Design (3)
HCD 510 Patient-centered Care (3)
HCD 511 Health Economics and Policy (3)
HCD 521 Health Policy and Equity (3)
HCD 575 Health Care Transformation and Leadership (3)

Focus Area Courses (9 credit hours)

Research (2 credit hours)
HCD 592 Research: Part One (1)
HCD 592 Research: Part Two (1)

Culminating Experience (1 credit hour)
HCD 550 Capstone (1)

Additional Curriculum Information
Students are able to select coursework from any of three focus areas: health systems management; performance improvement in health care; or health policy and advocacy. Students should contact the academic unit regarding course selection for the focus area.

The research requirement is taken in preparation for the capstone course. Students complete HCD 592 for one credit hour twice in consecutive terms prior to HCD 550.

Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Health Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university of recognized standing in a related field such as biology, chemistry, biochemistry, nursing, public health, pharmacy, biomedical informatics, social work, premed, prehealth, nutrition, health promotion or others.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 credit hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three references (academic or professional)
4. personal statement
5. resume or curriculum vitae
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.

Contact information for three references is required. References will be contacted via email to submit a letter of recommendation. References must be academic or professional; friends or relatives are not accepted.

A personal statement must be submitted that explains how the applicant plans to contribute to the health care system after the degree is obtained, how the program will help the applicant achieve their goals, what the applicant's career aspirations are, and what interested the applicant in this degree program.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program's ASU Online page for program descriptions and to request more information.

Application deadlines

Fall

Spring   expand

Summer   expand

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Career opportunities

Graduates are trained for a career in the health care industry --- particularly leadership, management and administration. Professionals with knowledge about innovations and improvements for health care delivery are in demand across the health care industry. This flexible degree program is also ideal for gap-year students who are pursuing entrance to medical and professional school prior to intended careers in health and health care.

Career examples for program graduates include:

- health care providers
- hospital administrators
- policy experts
- program managers

Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

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