

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES

The **MS in the Health Sciences** is a one-year terminal degree program that does not require a thesis. The goal of the program is to enhance the student's competitiveness for entry into professional or graduate programs including an M.D., D.D.S., D.P.H., M.P.H. or Ph.D. The program also provides an excellent preparation for combining scientific knowledge with non-scientific degrees such as a J.D. or M.B.A.

Students will start by completing an independent development plan that will identify their career goals as well as highlight their strengths and areas for further growth. Using this as a guide, the student will complete a rigorous graduate level curriculum that complements their goals and needs.

Unique aspects of this program are:

- Inclusion of courses in both the biomedical and public health sciences to prepare students for a future that relies on the ability to apply basic science knowledge to the human population
- Students will gain skills in critical thinking via the attendance of seminars and by reading and critiquing the scientific and professional literature
- Students will complete an independent study project that will allow them to gain specialized knowledge in an area of their choosing.

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Features of Our Program:

- One year duration
- 30 hours of graduate level coursework on topics complimentary to coursework for advanced degree programs
- Flexible electives to tailor the curriculum to the student's needs
- Cost sharing for MCAT and DAT test preparation courses
- Training in study skills, interviewing, resume preparation and writing cover letters and personal statements
- MCAT, DAT, and GRE tests are not required for admission
- Flexible start time in either the summer session or fall semester