

POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH CARE EDUCATION

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Mission

The mission of the Master of Health Science (MHS) in Health Care Education is to prepare existing health care professionals to be effective teachers and leaders who are capable of serving diverse learners within health care organizations and health professions programs.

Program Description

The Department of Allied Health offers a post-graduate certificate designed specifically for health care professionals interested in building their knowledge and skills in education. The post-graduate certificate in healthcare education focuses on education topics and meets many accreditation expectations for health professions educators. The certificate is a 9-credit hour, fully online program of study offered in 8-week courses.

This certificate, when paired with a master's or doctoral degree in nursing, fits the education eligibility requirements for the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) exam.

Life Experience

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

Continuous Enrollment

Effective Fall 2016, students pursuing a graduate degree who have completed all degree requirements, and have enrolled in but not completed a capstone, practicum, or thesis, will be required to maintain continuous enrollment at Washburn University until graduation (unless a leave has been approved). Continuous enrollment means that candidates must be enrolled in at least one credit hour until degree requirements are met. If all other course work has been completed, students will be required to enroll in a one-credit-hour class AL 777 Continuous Enrollment each semester until the program is completed. Credit hours completed through the AL 777 Continuous Enrollment will not count toward the credit hours required for graduation and will be recorded as a credit on the transcript. This requirement also applies to the summer term for students whose degrees are being awarded at the end of the summer term. Interruption of continuous registration due to a failure to follow this requirement will result in a need for readmission to the program.

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 to the Master of Health Science post-graduate certificate program must have completed a master's or doctoral degree and have two or more years of work experience in a health care profession. Professional experience includes, but is not limited to, the following areas: health care administration, health information technology, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, physical therapy, nursing, radiology and dentistry. Candidates are expected to be familiar with Microsoft Office products and meet the technical expectations for online students as outlined at <https://www.washburn.edu/its/online-education/tech-tips.html>.

Admission Procedures

1. Complete the University Graduate Admissions application. A link to the application can be found at: <https://www.washburn.edu/admissions/apply.html>
2. There is no fee to apply.
3. When prompted select "Certificate Seeking"
4. Applicants will be prompted to upload 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.

Academic Advising

All MHS students 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.

Requirements

1. Complete 9-credit hours of required course work.
2. Maintain no less than a "B" (3.0) grade point average in the MHS certificate coursework.

Course Options

Students will select and complete three (3) of the four (4) courses listed:

AL 600 Foundations of Health Care Education (3)

Introduces students to essential aspects of understanding and facilitating adult learning. Students will examine the characteristics, needs, and motivations of adult learners and uncover personal philosophical orientations toward teaching and learning.

AL 624 Assessment in Health Care Education (3)

Builds a foundation of classroom assessment literacy focusing on the accurate collection of information about student achievement and its effective use to improve teaching and learning. Students will develop skills and knowledge to formulate measurable learning targets, ensure a match between targets and assessment method, and design various classroom assessments.

AL 626 Instructional Technology (3)

Prepares students to apply theoretical frameworks to evaluate, select, and plan for instructional technology use to facilitate learning. Through practical application students will discover how to integrate technology into instruction and gain an awareness of the benefits and possible challenges of technology use.

AL 720 Curriculum/Instructional Methods in Health Care Education (3)

Explores various conceptualizations of curriculum and the role of educators in the curriculum development process. Instructional design models and various methods of instruction will be examined and applied.