



HEALTH SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT, MS

Health Policy Analysis Concentration
Health Administration and Policy

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The MS in health systems management provides students with the skills and tools to work as leaders and executive-level managers in evolving health systems, health policy analysts, or consultants and managers of electronic commerce and technology products and enterprises in the health system. The curriculum was developed in response to the demand for advanced health management and policy preparation for a variety of health care and allied health professionals. Five concentrations are offered: executive management, health information systems, health care security and privacy, health policy analysis, and risk management and patient safety.

The **concentration in health policy analysis** prepares students for mid-level policy advisor and health policy analyst positions in U.S. public service or private health sector arenas.

Admission Requirements

Health care professionals with a baccalaureate degree and at least three years of recent leadership experience in a health or related management, public policy, or technology field are eligible to apply. Applicants must submit the following:

- Transcripts from all previous college-level studies
- Letter of interest specifying study goals
- Curriculum vita
- Graduate admissions application
- GRE or GMAT scores (if applicant does not have a graduate degree or has an undergraduate GPA lower than 3.00)

Provisional admission is possible for students with an undergraduate GPA lower than 3.00, but whose work since college indicates a high likelihood of success in graduate work. Those admitted provisionally must achieve a 3.00 GPA in the first 12 credits of graduate work. Application materials are available at <http://admissions.gmu.edu/grad>.

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Special Requirements

Students who do not have recent, relevant experience in the U.S. health system are required to take HAP 678 (Introduction to the U.S. Health System).

Program of Study

Students must complete 39 credits of graduate course work, including 24 credits in the core curriculum and 15 credits forming the concentration. A graduate course in which a grade of C or below is earned may be repeated only once. Graduate students may repeat no more than two courses. Students must achieve a 3.00 GPA to graduate.

Health Science Core	24
HAP 501 Business Statistics for Health Services	3
HAP 586 Process Improvement in Health Services	3
HAP 621 Management of Health Service Organizations	3
HAP 645 Introduction to Health Services Research	3
HAP 715 Health Economics	3
HAP 740 Management of Health Information Systems	3
HAP 790 Health Management Practicum and Capstone Seminar	3
HHS 750 Legal Issues Relevant to Health Care Administration	3
Health Policy Analysis Concentration	15
HAP 642 Health Policy Development and Analysis	3
HAP 730 Health Care Decision Analysis	3
HAP 866 Health Care Public Policy	3
Electives	6
<i>Choose two from the following:</i>	
HAP 547 Regulatory Requirements for Health Care Systems	
HAP 609 Comparative International Health Systems	
HAP 703 Financial Management in Health Systems	
HAP 714 Ethical Issues in Health Administration and Policy	
HAP 727 Program Evaluations in Health Care	
HAP 745 Health Care Security Policy	
HAP 762 Cost-Effectiveness for Health Care Management and Policy Decisions	
HAP 764 Health Policy and Government Payment Systems for Health Care Services	
TOTAL	39

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