

Milken Institute School of Public Health THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	Graduate Certificate Health Administration Generalist 2026-2027
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Overview

The objective of the Health Administration Generalist Certificate is to develop health sector leaders, innovators and managers who are dedicated to advancing the health of our local, national and global communities. The Health Administration Generalist Certificate is tailored to the individual's professional goals. An advisor is assigned to each student to develop the program of study.

Admissions Requirements

Combining the Master's degree in one of our academic departments with the Health Administration Generalist Graduate Certificate uniquely positions graduates for careers that require both breadth and depth of knowledge and skills in health services. This certificate program is open to applicants with a Master's degree or higher who may wish to gain knowledge and skills in health services management. Applicants without Master's degrees (e.g., public health nursing, RN) may be eligible depending upon their professional experience in public health.

[Admissions requirements and application procedures](#) for the Graduate Certificate programs are identical to those of the Master's degree programs.

Graduation Requirements

All students accepted to this graduate certificate program must follow the policies outlined in the [GW Bulletin](#) and the [GWSPH Student Handbook](#). This includes, but is not limited to:

- Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Minimum Course Grades
- Maximum Credit Allowances
- Continuous Enrollment
- Maximum Time to Degree
- Required Minimum Degree Credits
- Transfer Credit Policy
- CITI Training
- Integrity Quiz and Plagiarism
- Professional Enhancement (PE) Hours

Advising Notes

1. Course Selection: The Program Director/Advisor must pre-approve all course selections and course sequencing by developing a "program of study" prior to the student's initial registration.

Graduate Certificate students meet with their advisor each semester before registration. All changes in this program of study must be pre-approved by the Program Director/Advisor.

2. **Course Requirements:** Since most graduate certificate students are currently enrolled in an MPH program or have previously earned a graduate degree, most course credits will be selected from the program-specific course list. Under no circumstances may a certificate student enroll in fewer than 9 credits of program-specific courses.
3. **Transfer from Other Schools:** The Program Director/Advisor may approve up to 4 graduate credits that have not been applied to a previous graduate degree to be transferred to the Graduate Certificate. The course(s) must be relevant to the Graduate Certificate. Credits must have been earned in the last 3 years from an accredited institution with a grade point of 3.0 or better.
4. **Transfer To Degree:** Health Administration Generalist Graduate Certificate students can transfer as many credits as meet program requirements, up to 18 credits, to the MHA. Graduate Certificate students wishing to transfer to a degree program may apply to do so via the online change of concentration petition after completion of 3 or more courses and a GPA of 3.0 or better. A grade of B or better is required for a course to be eligible for transfer.

Additional Certificate information including Federal Disclosures can be found on the GWSPH website: <https://publichealth.gwu.edu/academics/programs/certificates>

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With advisor’s approval, students select 18 credits from the courses below			
Course	Title	Credits	Semesters offered
HSML 6202	Introduction to the US Health Services Delivery	2	Fall
HSML 6203	Introduction to Health Management	2	Fall
HSML 6204	Quality and Performance Improvement	2	Spring
HSML 6206	Quantitative Methods and Epidemiology in Health Services	3	Fall, Spring
HSML 6207	Health Services Information Applications	2	Fall, Spring
HSML 6208	Medical Informatics	2	Fall, Spring
HSML 6209	Health Services Finance	2	Spring
HSML 6210	Health Services Financial Applications	2	Fall, Spring
HSML 6211	Health Economics	2	Fall, Spring
HSML 6212	Community Health Management Advocacy	2	Fall, Spring
HSML 6213	Health Services Marketing and Planning	2	Fall
HSML 6215	Health Law for Managers	2	Spring
HSML 6216	Human Resources Management and Organizational Behavior	2	Fall, Spring
HSML 6218	Seminar in Health Services Management and Leadership (taken final semester of coursework)	2	Spring

Course descriptions may be found on the [GW Bulletin](#).