HEALTH POLICY, MS (TITLE CHANGE PENDING SCHEV APPROVAL)

Banner Code: HH-MS-HTHP

Academic Advising
Website: chhs.gmu.edu/students/coordinators.cfm#hap

Note: As of catalog publication in April, the title for this program (formerly known as Health and Medical Policy, MS) has been approved by the Board of Visitors and sent to the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia.

The master’s program in health policy prepares students to become health policy decision-makers at the local, state, and national levels, to be consultants, to support the work of foundations, or to engage with public health and advocacy organizations in the US and abroad. Students graduate with the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to assess health systems approaches; formulate new policies; and support policy development in health care financing, health and medical professional development, health systems innovation, and the allocation of scarce resources.

Students learn how health care is delivered and paid for, how well the health system performs from the individual and societal perspectives, and how formal and informal policy-making occurs.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions
Requirements
Applicants must meet the admission standards and application requirements specified in Graduate Admissions and must apply using the online Application for Graduate Admission (https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid). The application process is competitive, and applications are considered for the fall and spring semesters. For application deadlines and detailed application requirements, refer to the CHHS Admissions website (http://chhs.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate/deadlines.cfm).

Policies
For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies.

Transfer of Credit
Students may transfer a maximum of 12 credits from graduate courses taken at other institutions or taken at Mason in non-degree status. Transfer credit is subject to university and college policies and must be approved by the program director and the dean. Students who enroll initially through non-degree studies should seek course advising through the department and should submit their application to the MS program in their first semester of study.

Requirements

Degree Requirements
Total credits: 42

Core Courses
Health Delivery and Policy Issues
HAP 640 Current Issues in Health Policy 3
HAP 652 Essentials of Health Insurance and Managed Care 3
HAP 715 Health Economics 3
HAP 742 Health Policy Development and Analysis 3
HAP 764 Health Policy and Government Payment Systems for Health Care Services 3

Public Policy Process
PUBP 730 US Institutions and the Policy Process 3
PUAD 615 Administrative Law 3
PUAD 750 Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations 3

Policy Analysis
HAP 645 Introduction to Health Services Research 3
HAP 719 Advanced Statistics in Health Services Research I 3
HAP 730 Health Care Decision Analysis 3 or PUBP 713 Policy and Program Evaluation

Capstone
HAP 793 Final Project in Applied Health Policy 3

Total Credits 36

Electives
Select six credits from the following:

Courses not listed below must be approved by the student's advisor.

HAP 621 Organization Behavior and Healthcare Leadership
HAP 632 Grants Funding and Development
HAP 647 Regulatory Requirements for Health Care Systems
HAP 661 Policy Development and Analysis for Community Health Programs
HAP 662 Health Policy for Elders and People with Disabilities
HAP 686 Quality Improvement in Health Services
HAP 703 Financial Management in Health Systems
HAP 714 Ethical Issues in Health Administration and Policy
HAP 745 Health Care Security Policy
HAP 746 Health Policy Leadership
HAP 750 Legal Issues in Health Administration
GCH 600 Health Promotion Methods
GCH 610 Health Behavior Theory
GCH 611 Health Program Planning and Evaluation
GCH 712 Introduction to Epidemiology
BIOD 609 Biodefense Strategy
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Or advisor-approved elective course

**Total Credits** 6