DOCTOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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About the Program

The Doctor of Health Sciences (DHSc) is a professional academic degree designed to facilitate advancement or career change for persons in healthcare and public health, clinical practice, administration or education.

Eastern Virginia Medical School enrolled the first cohort of students in this cutting-edge distance learning program in August 2017. Students complete a curriculum developed by educators and clinicians to provide substantial exposure to diverse yet interrelated topics. Learning is applied, reflective, and innovative.

Who Should Apply

Persons who want to make sustained contributions as scholarly professionals and to serve as effective change agents in their place of employment are encouraged to apply.

This program should be especially valuable for persons in higher education, and for those in mid-level or senior management positions in healthcare organizations.

Admission Requirements

- Have a master’s or doctoral degree awarded by a regionally accredited institution in the field of healthcare, education, management, or related discipline.
- Qualifying grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better (on a 4-point scale), taken from the highest of the following possible calculations:
  - Completed Undergraduate GPA (foreign degrees considered on a case by case basis)
  - Completed U.S. graduation degree GPA
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals who can reasonably assess the applicant’s ability to successfully complete the program.
- Personal essay of approximately 300-500 words describing how this program will enhance the applicant’s academic and/or professional career goals.
- Current resume/CV documenting professional experience and educational achievements.
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended sent electronically to GradCAS (please see application for details). Transcripts from institutions that awarded a degree must include the date upon which the degree was issued.

International applicants should visit the program website for additional information.

Educational Format

The program consists of 14 three-credit courses, for a total of 42 credit hours, delivered in eight consecutive semesters via online asynchronous instruction. The online format allows working professionals and students anywhere to earn the degree while balancing career and personal responsibilities.