

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES WITH A MAJOR IN GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN DISASTER RESPONSE

Offered exclusively online, the bachelor of science in health sciences (BSHS) in global leadership disaster response program is available to active-duty and veteran service members from the civil affairs medic community or related healthcare fields, and to civilians in the healthcare fields with international experience and interest. All courses are offered online in a flexible, asynchronous format, allowing students to pursue their degree, regardless of time zone, station, or overseas assignment.

Drawing heavily from civilian and military challenges and successes experienced during natural as well as man-made disaster and crisis events, both domestically and internationally, the program allows civil affairs medics to build on their existing academic, military, and training experiences. Students are called upon to work individually as well as collaboratively in the development of a broadened view of and holistic approach to delivery of aid and relief to the individuals, families, and communities affected by catastrophic events.

Visit the program website (<https://smhs.gwu.edu/health-intervention-disaster-response/>) for more information.

## ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines: Fall - July 15

Spring - November 15

Summer - March 15

The application and all supporting documentation (fees, statement of purpose, letters of recommendation, transcripts) must be received by the deadline in order for the application to be reviewed.

Standardized not required  
Test Scores:

Recommendation required: One letter of recommendation. Recommendation should be from an academic instructor who can strongly attest to your academic ability and/or someone who has served in a supervisory capacity for you and can strongly attest to your work ethic. Recommendations from family and friends are not accepted.

Prior academic records: Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Transcripts must be forwarded in their original sealed envelopes. Official transcript may also be sent electronically directly from the institution.

Statement of purpose: Please include a 250–500 word essay describing your reasons for undertaking study at the George Washington University (GW) and your academic objectives, career goals, and related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities relevant to your program of interest. Include any substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application form.

GPA and Credit: 2.5 GPA or above on a 4.0 scale

Requirements:

Students may transfer in up to 60 college credit hours from another institution, which are applied toward the general education and advanced standing requirements. Students with a minimum of 45 transfer credits may be considered for review but will be required to complete additional general education credit hours to meet the 120 credit requirement for the degree.

The minimum acceptable grade is C for coursework to be applied toward an undergraduate degree (grades of C- and below do not transfer to GW SMHS programs).

Prerequisites: Prerequisite courses that must be completed prior to admission: 6 credits in English composition; 3 credits in college mathematics (college algebra, statistics, or above); 3 to 4 credits in natural or physical science with a lab; 6 credits in social sciences; and 3 credits in humanities.

International Students: This program can be completed fully online. The program is not visa eligible.

Official transcripts from institutions outside the U.S. must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grades, U.S. degree equivalency, grade-point averages (GPA), and date of degree conferral. For a list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services, please click here (<https://www.naces.org/members.php>).

Applicants who are not U.S. citizens are also required to submit official test scores for Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Pearson's Test of English (PTE) Academics, or the academic International English Language Test System (IELTS). The following are the minimum scores for admission consideration: TOEFL: 100 on internet-based exam; GW's school code for the TOEFL is 5246 PTE: overall score of 68 IELTS: overall band score of 7.0, with no individual band score below 6.0

International applicants who meet the following conditions may be considered for admission without submitting TOEFL, PTE or IELTS or scores: They are a citizen of countries where English is the official language (as identified by GW ISO list of Exempt countries) OR; They hold at least a bachelor's degree from a country where English is the official language as well as language of instruction OR; They hold at least a bachelor's degree from an institution accredited by a U.S. regional accrediting agency.

### Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Admissions  
Health Sciences Programs  
The George Washington University  
2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Suite 2000  
Washington, DC 20006

### For questions contact:

hsphora@gwu.edu  
202-994-0384  
9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 120 credits of required and elective courses; at least 60 of these credits must be taken at GW. General education coursework must be completed prior to matriculation in the program.

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### General education requirements

3 credits in critical thinking in the humanities

6 credits (2 courses) in critical thinking in the social sciences

6 credits English composition

3 credits in quantitative reasoning (college algebra, statistics, or higher)

3 credits in scientific reasoning (must be in natural or physical laboratory sciences with lab)

### Advanced standing

Up to 39 additional credits in prior academic coursework is evaluated for transferability. Academic credit also may be awarded for ACE-recognized military courses and other non-traditional learning, as appropriate. \*

### 60 credits in core courses for the major, which must be taken at GW

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| EHS 2109 | Infectious Diseases and Bioterrorism |
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| EHS 2160 | Disaster Response Planning and Management |
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| EHS 2211 | Introduction to Telemedicine |
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| EHS 3101 | Leadership Concepts |
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| EHS 3103 | Technology in Critical Incident Response |
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| EHS 3107 | Financial Management for the Disaster Cycle |
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| EHS 4101 | Humanitarian Relief Operations |
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| EHS 4103 | Advanced Topics in Leadership |
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| EHS 4105 | Operations Management in Asymmetric Conditions |
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| EHS 4160 | Project Management and Leadership Capstone |
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| HSCI 2105 | Current Issues in Bioethics |
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| HSCI 2110 | Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Concepts |
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| HSCI 2112W | Writing in the Health Sciences |
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| HSCI 2117 | Introduction to Statistics for Health Sciences |
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| HSCI 4102 | Human Physiology in Extreme Environments |
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| HSCI 4106 | Introduction to Epidemiology for Health Sciences |
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| HSCI 4112W | Research and Writing in Health Sciences |
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| HSCI 4114 | Healthcare in Developing Nations |
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### Electives

Two courses selected from the following with the advisor's approval:

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| EHS 2161 | Principles of Hazardous Materials and CBRNE Incident Management |
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| EHS 3105 | Integrated Response to High Impact Violent Incidents |
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| EHS 4198 | Administrative Internship (taken for 3 credits) |
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| HSCI 2102 | Pathophysiology |
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| HSCI 3114 | Management of Health Science Services |
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| HSCI 4105 | Case Studies in Healthcare |
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\*Additional academic coursework. Non-traditional credit sources may be considered on a case-by-case basis (i.e., military coursework, credit-by-exam, and non-college based health programs).

### **Transferring credits**

Students should contact the program office for an assessment of the transferability of previous coursework. Coursework is evaluated for transfer based on whether the following criteria are met:

- College-level
- Academic in nature
- Completed at a regionally accredited institution
- Earned with a minimum grade of C. Grades of C- do not transfer.