HEALTHCARE DESIGN - M.H.D.

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Description
The Master of Healthcare Design degree is a post-professional program focusing on the design and performance of health care environments for professionals with a demonstrated level of competency in their respective fields. Courses from the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, the College of Public Health and the College of Nursing comprise the program, which is open to individuals with a professional degree in a design field, including architecture, interiors, landscape or urban or graphic design.

The program is also designed for those professionals who want to have a deeper understanding of not just health care design, but of other drivers of health care innovations such as public policy, reimbursement, emerging technologies and what patient-centered care really means from the perspective of patients and families. The program typically takes two to three and a half years to complete, depending on course load.

Students are introduced to professionals in many different fields over the course of the program, expanding their horizons as well as their networks. Program courses provide students with background knowledge and theory, and also deal with behavioral science, health science, ethical and cultural issues in health care, codes and regulatory requirements, existing and emerging technologies and evidence-based design procedures that aid architects, administrators, planners and health care professionals to better meet the needs of end users, including patients, families and staff.

Following successful completion of coursework, students complete a master’s project, which integrates learned principles and incorporates codified standards through an independently-directed design problem with the goal of improving designs for health care. There is both a written component and a design component based on a real project in a health care setting of the student’s choice. Students will conduct a literature review and analysis, complete comparable site analyses, develop and conduct a research project in the setting and develop design solutions.

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Admission Requirements
• Accredited professional design degree for unconditional admission
• Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
• Official transcript(s)
• Résumé or curriculum vitae
• Goal statement
• Portfolio of design work that clearly delineates the role played by the applicant in team projects

• Three letters of recommendations, with one letter from a non-academic source
• English language proficiency requirements for international students:
  • Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score
  • Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score
  • Minimum 77 MELAB score
  • Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  • Minimum 58 PTE score.

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of the program will be able to:
1. Employ and translate research into innovative designs
2. Recognize and employ expert knowledge, guidelines and regulations in healthcare design and delivery
3. Design effectively in support of safety, quality and efficiency in healthcare
4. Design empathetically to improve human-centered design experience for healthcare providers, patients and support communities.

Program Requirements

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Major Elective, choose from the following:

- ARCH 55640 DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTS FOR OLDER ADULTS
- EHS 50109 LABORATORY SAFETY AND HYGIENE
- EHS 52018 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONCEPTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH
- EHS 53012 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
- EHS 53014 BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH
- GER 54032 LONG TERM CARE ADMINISTRATION
- HPM 52016 PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
- HPM 53003 HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS
- HPM 53004 PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY, LAW AND ETHICS
- HPM 53012 NATIONAL HEALTH REFORM
- NURS 60014 LEADERSHIP IN NURSING AND HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT
- NURS 60020 LEGAL AND REGULATORY MANAGEMENT FOR NURSE ADMINISTRATORS
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<td>HCD 60298</td>
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**Directed Electives**

Students may work with the coordinator of the program for additional elective choices.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 35