Emergency Medical Services Leadership

The online Master of Science in Health Sciences (MSHS) in Emergency Medical Services Leadership (EMSL) is designed to provide advanced management education in an environment that encourages students to extend their leadership capabilities. The MSHS in EMSL degree is the first degree in the nation to provide an opportunity for students to gain broad managerial and leadership skills with a specialized expertise in emergency medical services. The program is focused on developing a range of leadership competencies with a focused application in strategic EMS systems management, leadership in organizations including theory, research and practice, economics, finance & educational theory pertinent to teaching and curriculum development.

The program was developed in consultation with EMS leaders in the US and Canada. The GWU Master’s Degree in EMS Leadership operationalizes the collective vision articulated by EMS leaders in white papers developed by the National EMS Management Association and the EMS Chiefs of Canada which call for the development of graduate level education to equip future leaders in EMS with the knowledge and skill set necessary to lead highly complex EMS systems. The MSHS in EMSL is a rigorous academic curriculum that prepares current and future managers to facilitate, lead and anticipate change in EMS. Throughout the program students will also develop a capacity for strategic planning, analysis and policy making with an emphasis on both current EMS operations and integration into emergent healthcare systems of the 21st century.

STUDENT OUTCOMES

• Lead change within the context of EMS.
• Analyze complex managerial challenges that impact EMS systems
• Provide leadership in training and educating EMS stakeholders.
• Develop research-based solutions and alternatives necessary to evolve the field of EMS to meet emerging demands in health care.

Graduates will do this through the:

• Acquisition of knowledge and skills needed to identify and solve emergency medical services problems applying systematic decision making approaches.
• Demonstration of leadership skills needed to develop, motivate and lead emergency medical services organizations to meet changing organizational needs in a dynamic business environment.
• Application of the policies, procedures, laws, and ethics in emergency medical services proposal development.
• Development of personal leadership and educational philosophies and awareness thereof, necessary to lead and teach others.

Curricula

MSHS

(36 credit hours; 3 credits each)

Emergency Medical Services Leadership Courses

EHS 6206 Case Studies in EMS Leadership
EHS 6210 EMS Systems Design and Analysis
EHS 6212 Teaching Strategies in EMS
EHS 6213 Curriculum Development in EMS
EHS 6274 Economics & Finance in EMS
EHS 6275 Leadership and Change in EMS

Graduate Research Courses

HSCI 6270 Research Methods for Health Professionals I
HSCI 6271 Research Methods for Health Professionals II

Strategic Leadership Courses

HSCI 6223 Topics in Health Care Leadership
HSCI 6240 Issues and Trends in Health Systems
HSCI 6241 The Health Care Enterprise

Elective Course

smhs.gwu.edu/crl/programs/ehs/curriculum
Admissions Information

COSTS AND FUNDING
Current information concerning tuition, fees, and other estimated expenses can be found on the program website.

REQUIRED TESTS
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Apply for Admissions

1) ONLINE APPLICATION
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2) RESUME
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3) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
Attach your one page statement of purpose, which explains:
• Why you are interested in the EMSL Program at GW?
• What experience do you have related to emergency services?

4) RECOMMENDATIONS
Add the recommenders’ contact information. Two are required.

5) SEND OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT(S)
Official 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. Please send them to the address below:
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Health Sciences Programs
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