

HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH PROGRAM

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GRADUATE PROGRAM MASTER OF SCIENCE

The Master's Degree Program in Health Services Research seeks to train students in the quantitative analysis of issues in health and medical care. The program emphasizes an individually designed program of course work and completion of a master's project under the mentorship of a faculty member. The typical student in the program is either a physician who has completed residency training and is preparing for a research career, or a student with a strong background in policy analysis who wishes to focus on problems in health or medical care. Faculty interests include outcomes research, health economics, health care organization, health care access, quality of care, decision analysis, clinical guidelines, and assessment of patient preferences and quality of life.

To receive the degree, students are expected to demonstrate knowledge of issues in health services research and the quantitative skills necessary for research in this area. Students must take at least 45 units of course work (9 of the units may be double-counted to meet other degree requirements) and write a University thesis. The course work requirements are:

1. At least 8 units from the following group of Health Research and Policy (HRP) core courses: 256, Economics of Health and Medical Care; 391, Political Economy of Health Care in the United States; 392, Analysis of Costs, Risks, and Benefits in Health Care.
2. At least 6 units of graduate-level statistics courses. The sequence of HRP 261 and 262 is strongly recommended.
3. At least 3 units of HRP 283, Health Services Research Core Seminar.
4. At least 15 units of HRP research credit from 299, Directed Reading, or 399, Research.
5. An additional set of approved elective courses to complete the program total of at least 45 units.

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COURSES

The course listings of individual departments participating in the Health Services Research Program should be consulted for complete descriptions.