



Doctor of Health Sciences (DHSc)

Become a leader in patient care

As the world of patient care grows and evolves, so does the need for compassionate medical professionals. When you pursue your Doctor of Health Sciences (DHSc) at University of Bridgeport, you can become the healthcare leader your community needs. With our expert faculty, comprehensive curriculum, and three unique tracks of study, you'll develop the skills and knowledge necessary to make an immeasurable impact in the lives of others.

Answer your calling with a Doctor of Health Sciences degree

Becoming a healthcare professional is more than a career — it's a calling. The decision to pursue your DHSc presents a lifechanging opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the world of healthcare. As you earn your degree, you will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to become a leader in healthcare — developing the toolkit you'll need to make informed, evidence-based decisions in clinical settings.

Your DHSc — more than a degree

Earning your DHSc doesn't just help you level up in your career — it also empowers you to inspire change for individuals and communities alike. With UB's rigorous curriculum, you will learn best practices for integrating complementary medicine into patient care, preparing you to become a holistic medical expert. But your degree won't limit you to clinical practice alone. In addition to refining your caregiving skills, you will immerse yourself in evidence-based problem-solving — honing the knowledge and skills necessary to provide professional guidance to fellow colleagues, community organizations, and budding healthcare professionals.

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A flexible education geared to your goals

At UB, our 100% online DHSc program is ideal for working professionals. With asynchronous coursework and options to begin your studies during the fall, summer, or spring semester, you can design your DHSc journey around your timetable. Better still, at UB, you will have the freedom to personalize your professional path. Depending on your goals and interests, you can choose from one of three unique concentrations: **Clinical, Education, or Nutrition.**

Admission requirements

Program prerequisites:

- Master's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a cumulative graduate GPA of 3.0 or higher, or a first professional doctorate from a regionally accredited institution and professionally accredited program of study.
- Healthcare experience, professional credentials, or licensure in a health-related field is preferred. Applicants without healthcare experience will be evaluated on their potential for success, such as significant leadership in education, health sciences, nutrition, and/or the clinical environment.

Required materials:

- Application
- Official transcripts for the last degree earned
 - International transcripts must include an official course-by-course evaluation of all academic work from an accredited academic evaluation service
- Two letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
 - In 500 words or more, detail your reasons for wanting to undertake doctoral studies, your most significant personal and professional accomplishments, the extent to which your personal and professional responsibilities will allow you to devote the necessary time and effort to the program, and a description of your potential dissertation topic
- Résumé
- Optional: Writing sample
 - Publications authored by the applicant as first or second author in peer-reviewed publications
- Optional: Interview
 - An interview may be required at the discretion of the Office of Admissions

*Time to completion may vary by student

The University of Bridgeport is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education. The University also is accredited by the Connecticut Office of Higher Education.

