Now more than ever, the world needs professionals who are ready to shape the future of the ever-changing and vital fields of health and health care. Designed for health professionals from a wide range of backgrounds, our online Doctor of Health Science (DHSc) program builds skills and competencies in advanced professional practice for clinical, academic, or research settings. Acquire an emergent degree that will not just help you advance your career, but will also position you at the forefront of your field and contribute to the well-being of your community.
Why Study at Purdue Global’s School of Health Sciences?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS
Complete your degree 100% online, while meeting the demands of your career.

TRANSFER CREDITS
Transfer up to 28 elective credits from your master’s degree to accelerate completion of your degree and save on tuition.

FACULTY EXPERTISE
Learn from experienced health care professionals currently active in the field. All of our faculty possess advanced academic degrees.

RELEVANT, RIGOROUS CURRICULUM
Prepare to handle complex new developments in research, analysis, leadership, policy, and health care or health related issues.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT & MENTORING
Work directly with faculty through synchronous and asynchronous coursework and your doctoral committee. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED
Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by The Wall Street Journal/ Times Higher Education.

Take the Next Step in Your Education and Career

GAIN THE PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT EMPLOYERS DEMAND

- Critical Thinking: Evaluate health-related research, trends, issues, policies, and programs.
- Problem Solving and Innovation: Generate evidence-based, innovative solutions to health issues for diverse populations at the national, international, and global levels.
- Communication: Effectively communicate with key stakeholders to advance health research and practice.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Advance diversity, equity, and inclusion practices within the health care environment.
- Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness: Contribute to building ethical, people-centered organizations that positively impact health delivery.

“...The Doctor of Health Sciences program is a dynamic program designed to meet the needs of professionals from across healthcare and healthcare related systems.”

—Tricia Berry, PhD, Associate Dean
Curriculum

The comprehensive curriculum emphasizes advanced knowledge, skills, and professional practice and helps you develop leadership skills through a health science lens. The coursework includes a set of core doctoral-level advanced courses and a variety of graduate health sciences micro-credentials and electives that allow you to customize your degree to your goals.

CORE COURSES INCLUDE:
- Advanced Health and Health Care Policy
- Advanced Health and Health Care Global and National Systems
- Advanced Health and Health Care Issues and Trends
- Advanced Health Research and Analysis Methods
- Advanced Health and Health Care Leadership

DOCTORAL PROJECT
The program culminates in a final project that applies the skills and concepts you study online to real-world issues. You may choose between a dissertation or an applied project that addresses a challenge or need in health or health care policy, administration, higher education, or clinical practice.

PROGRAM DETAIL
Credit Hours: 88
- Core Credits: 40
- Elective Credits: 48
- Total Credits: 88
Terms: 10 weeks long
Start Dates: Throughout the year
Completion Time*: 2 years

PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS
To qualify for this program, you must either:
- Hold a master's degree in a health or health care related field and possess 3+ years of relevant professional experience in a health, health care, or related setting.
- Hold a master's degree in any field of study and possess 7+ years of relevant experience.

PERSONALIZE YOUR DEGREE
Purdue Global's DHSc program offers you the flexibility to customize your degree through your choice of electives and health science micro-credentials in areas such as global health, health care administration, data systems, and more.

OTHER DOCTORAL PROGRAMS
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Innovation
Career and Networking Opportunities

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- Employment of medical and health service managers is expected to grow 28% from 2021–2031—much faster than the average for all occupations.¹
- Health care is expected to grow much faster than average for all occupational groups, with 2 million new jobs expected by 2031. Demand for health care services is expected to increase due to an aging population and greater demand for health care services.²

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES

Roles
- Health care executive or administrator
- Medical and health services manager
- Public health director
- College or university health educator
- Nursing home administrator
- Health information manager

Industries
- Hospitals
- Public health
- Health care centers
- Higher education
- Research laboratories
- Clinical practice

THE CENTER FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Our team of Career Specialists connects you with job and networking opportunities, and offers the following assistance:
- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC (HLCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

1. The DHSc program is a new offering and thus historic data on credit for prior learning are not available. Exact transfer amount may vary. All credits must be validated on official transcript(s) to be eligible for transfer. Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.


3. Completion time based on a full-time schedule. Programs will take longer for part-time students to complete.


6. Purdue Global does not guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization. Prior experience may be necessary for leadership positions.