

University of New Haven

DHSc // DOCTOR OF

# HEALTH SCIENCES

Online Program

## Sample Courses

Academia for Health Professionals  
Healthcare Leadership  
Quantitative Research and Analysis for Health Professionals  
Qualitative Research and Analysis for Health Professionals  
Scholarly Inquiry and Professional Writing in Health Sciences  
Principles and Theories of Teaching and Learning  
in Health Sciences  
Curriculum Design and Development in Health Sciences  
Change Management in Healthcare Organizations  
Quality Improvement in Healthcare Organizations  
Population Health Management  
Doctoral Thesis Proposal and Defense  
Doctoral Thesis Data Collection, and Analysis  
Doctoral Thesis Writing, Dissemination, and Defense



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GRADUATE PROGRAM

## Program Description

The University of New Haven's Doctor of Health Sciences (DHSc) program takes you to the top of your field — to a career in administration, teaching, or applied research or practice — where advanced capabilities in conceptual thinking, original research, data analysis, and writing are essential in order to advance to high-level executive positions or academic appointments. With our DHSc degree in hand, you will have achieved the highest formal degree in the field and can increase your earning potential, job prospects, and respect from your peers.

This degree doesn't just give you more knowledge. It prepares you to be a leader and a change agent in the numerous settings where healthcare is taught, practiced, or delivered.

The program starts with an innovative curriculum in a flexible, online format. It then progresses to two, short summer residencies and culminates — in the final year of the program — with a doctoral thesis, which incorporates a research project, clinical project, or practical experience, depending on your career interests and program track. After undergoing preliminary coursework, you can choose one of two tracks: Educational Leadership or Healthcare Leadership.



## The Program Will Transform You

You will emerge from the program a leader, fully prepared to direct the course of events in the field. The high-level leadership skills you acquire will propel you beyond simply reacting to challenges in 21st century healthcare education and delivery to innovating solutions to them through high-concept thinking. Your suite of skills will include competencies in

- health sciences systems thinking
- evidence-based practice
- professional ethics
- pedagogy
- research methods
- professional writing

## A Serious Shortage = a Major Opportunity for You

Who is on the “most wanted” list in health sciences? Doctoral-trained health science faculty with the qualifications to teach at the master’s or doctoral level. There’s a national shortage of such professionals. You can help fill that need by earning your DHSc.

## Think of the Thesis Possibilities

Just to give you an idea of where you can go with this final-year project, you could

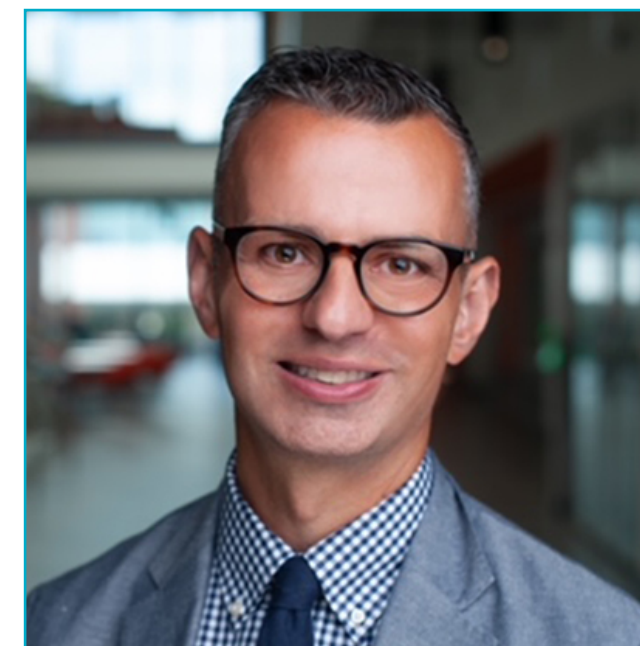
- design and develop a course from start to finish
- conduct a quality improvement program implemented in your health system
- focus it on a formal research project

You will get all the guidance you need. All students are assigned a thesis advisor to oversee their project and mentor them throughout the experience.

## Who Can Enter the Program

Students who join our program come from a variety of academic backgrounds and have diverse practical experiences. They include:

- Current or recent alumni of University of New Haven MHA or MPH programs. These students can complete the DHSc program in as few as 36 credit hours.
- Those who have previously earned a master’s degree in any discipline. These students can complete the program in 48 credit hours.
- Students who do not hold a previous graduate degree. Exceptional students who have earned a bachelor’s degree can pursue the DHSc program, earning an MHA or MPH degree en route.
- Transfer students. Transfer credits from other institutions may also be accepted.



“Our DHSc program offers an original approach to doctoral education that meets the needs of learners throughout their careers. Health professionals earning a doctorate from our School of Health Sciences acquire the higher level of skills and training needed to be true leaders and to even change the course of healthcare in a variety of settings.”

**Anthony Santella, DrPH, MCHES**

**Director, Doctor of Health Sciences Program**



## 6 Reasons to Choose the University of New Haven for your Doctor of Health Sciences

1. Our program prepares you to be a leader and a change agent in the field of healthcare — to innovate solutions to 21st century healthcare challenges instead of just reacting to them.
2. Our program is one of only 12 similar programs in the U.S. and one of only three in New England that offers a DHSc degree. Within that group, our program places the strongest focus on health leadership in the domains of education and administration.
3. Students can choose to study full-time or part-time through a flexible online format.
4. Students can choose from two tracks: Educational Leadership and Healthcare Leadership.
5. The program is open to students with a diversity of academic backgrounds: alumni of our MHA or MPH programs, those with a master's degree in any discipline, and exceptional students without a previous graduate degree. Transfer students may also be accepted.
6. With our DHSc degree, you can increase your earning potential, job prospects, and respect from your peers.



## About Us

The University of New Haven, founded on the Yale campus in 1920, is a private, coeducational university situated on the coast of southern New England. It's a diverse and vibrant community of more than 7,000 students with campuses across the country and around the world.

Within our colleges and schools, students immerse themselves in a transformative, career-focused education across the liberal arts and sciences, fine arts, business, healthcare and health sciences, engineering, public safety, and public service. More than 100 academic programs are offered, all grounded in a long-standing commitment to collaborative, interdisciplinary, project-based learning.



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