

Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Science in Health Outcomes

Program Description

For qualified Pharmacy students, Mercer University provides the opportunity to pursue the Master of Science in Health Outcomes degree concurrently with a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree.

The Master of Science in Health Outcomes (M.S.) is designed to provide unique competencies that would allow the graduate to contribute to addressing current challenges in health care delivery and policy. The program provides foundational instruction related to core aspects of health outcomes research, including biostatistics, epidemiology, research methods, health economics, and health care delivery. All students will complete the degree program with either a thesis or non-thesis capstone project that pulls together curricular outcomes from the entire program. Students will have the opportunity to interact with experienced academic faculty as well as leaders in health outcomes from the pharmaceutical industry and health systems.

Program Outcomes/Objectives

The outcomes of the Pharm.D. degree program and the outcomes of the M.S. in Health Outcomes program also apply to the combined Pharm.D./M.S. in Health Outcomes program.

Admissions Requirements and Procedure

Students must meet the admission requirements for the Pharm.D. program in the College of Pharmacy and for the M.S. in Health Outcomes. Please refer to the College of Pharmacy for admission requirements for the Pharm.D. program. Admission requirements for the M.S. in Health outcomes portion of the combined program are as follows:

- Potential applicants are required to have completed a bachelor's degree program or higher, completing courses with a C grade or better, from a regionally accredited institution.
- Potential applicants are also asked to submit their curriculum vitae or resume, a statement of purpose, and a general application.
- While not required, potential applicants may submit a standardized test score that is no more than 5 years old (e.g. GRE, PCAT, MCAT, LSAT).
- For applicants whose native country is not the United States, they are required to submit TOEFL scores.

Program Requirements

While completing the requirements for the Doctor of Pharmacy degree, student may take courses towards the M.S. in Health Outcomes degree provided they maintain a 2.75 minimum pharmacy school grade point average and a 3.0 health outcomes grade point average.

The M.S. in Health Outcomes can be used to satisfy professional-level elective hours required for the Doctor of Pharmacy program. This does not preclude students taking professional-level electives in the Doctor of Pharmacy program, and students are encouraged to take advantage of elective courses offered by the College of Pharmacy that will further develop their knowledge and skills in specific areas within the field of pharmacy.

Academic Advisement

Academic advisement for students participating in the Pharm.D./M.S. in Health Outcomes program is provided by the Pharm.D./M.S. in Health Outcomes program Director. Additionally, the student will have a graduate advisor within the M.S. in Health Outcomes program for their thesis/capstone project.