

Post-Masters in Nursing: Health Policy

General requirements and an overview of the Post-Master's certificate program can be found at the School of Nursing's Post Master's Admissions page ^[1].

The **Post-Masters Program in Health Policy Nursing** can be completed over 3-4 quarters depending upon student preference and will total 29-32 units. The required coursework is as follows:

Fall Courses

- **N253 Theories of the Health Policy Process** - Course focuses on learning and using theories of the policy process, including analyzing how health policy problems are constructed. Perspectives on agenda setting, media roles, advocacy, policy innovation, diffusion, and implementation will be integrated with examples of policy problems.
- **S236 Race/Class Factors in Health Care Delivery** - Course examines racial and class membership impact on access to health care services, variations in the quality of those services, variations in the quality of those services, and how professional and subprofessional roles in the health care system are organized along racial and class lines.
- **S210 Proseminar in Health Policy** - Seminar to extend knowledge of the varied scope of health policy research and analysis. The focus will be on specific policy research, analysis and implementation strategies
- **S206 Corporate Influences on Health and Health Care** - Course examines the positive and negative contributions of corporate entities to health, health care and health policy within the U.S. and globally, focusing on developing critical thinking and policy analysis skills related to system-level structural-economic factors that influence health.
- **S246 Communications and Policy Leadership** - Course focuses on developing students' skills in various types of policy-relevant communications and leadership across different policy venues.

Winter Courses

- **S284 Health Care Economics** -Course examines basic economic theory as applied to the health care sector. This will include the structure of health care service and labor markets and the analysis of critical economic and cost issues relevant to public policy
- **N212C Principles and Methods of Epidemiology** - This course covers the essential concepts, principles, and methods of epidemiologic research. Content includes key features of descriptive and analytic epidemiology, measures of risk, measures of association, causal inferences, and study designs. The course will emphasize application of the principles and methods in reviewing and using epidemiologic knowledge and research findings and in guiding practice and research. (COM HL SYS)
- **S210 Proseminar in Health Policy** - Seminar to extend knowledge of the varied scope of health policy research and analysis. The focus will be on specific policy research, analysis and implementation strategies

Spring Courses

- **N214: Intro to Data Analytics for Health Care Professionals**
- **N262.06 Research Utilization in Health Policy** - Course focuses on the development of critical thinking skills related to utilization and evaluation of research findings in the area of health policy. The course uses scientific and practical approaches to research and policy analysis.
- **S225 Organizational Analysis of US Healthcare** - Course examines formal organizational theory, structure, and processes for health care organizations. The focus is on how organizations function within the socioeconomic and political environment in the United States.
- **N260H: Global Health Policy & Nursing**
- **Health Policy Electives for 1-3 units** (by advisement)

plus

- **60 hours** Health Policy Research Practicum or Health Policy Residency

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