



MASTER OF ARTS
IN MEDICAL SCIENCES

 Heritage University

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The Master of Arts in Medical Sciences (MAMS) at Heritage University is a one-year, 36-credit master’s degree with classes held at both Heritage University and Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (PNWU). Each semester, students take PNWU medical school classes simultaneously to first-year medical students in addition to classes in Toppenish.

The program introduces students to a broad range of topics in the medical sciences while strengthening their academic credentials for admission to medical and other professional schools. Since the program’s inception, the majority of

program graduates have gained admission into a professional school. Graduates have entered a wide range of professional programs including medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, podiatry, optometry, and others.

Experienced Faculty

The MA in Medical Sciences Program at Heritage is taught and mentored by highly skilled and supportive medical practitioners and educators who infuse every course with their knowledge and passion while providing invaluable support, insight and feedback to students. Faculty and students have access to state-of-the-art facilities on both campuses.

Students in the program develop the knowledge and

skills needed to provide high-quality medical care. Heritage also teaches and promotes cultural responsiveness (a reflection of the diverse student body at Heritage). Given the high demand for healthcare providers in rural and underserved areas, this greatly expands future opportunities for our students.

Program Costs and Financial Aid

Graduate tuition for students in the 2017-2018 MA in Medical Sciences Program is \$16,500 per semester (\$33,000 total). Tuition and fees are subject to change annually. Additional fees will be required (e.g., initial application fee, graduation fee, background check, drug and alcohol screening).

Financial aid in the form of loans may be available. Complete a FAFSA indicating Heritage University as your institution of choice to begin the financial aid process. For more information, contact the Office of Financial

Aid at 509-865-8502 or financial_aid@heritage.edu

Admission Requirements

In addition to the general graduate admission requirements, applicants to the MA in Medical Sciences Program must:

1. Have earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university;
2. Have achieved a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in all coursework attempted during the last 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate degree study;
3. Provide test scores from one of the following: Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT), Dental Admissions Test (DAT), Optometry Admissions Test (OAT), or other professional program admissions test that assesses science content competencies;
4. Pass a criminal background check and drug screening;
5. Go to heritage.edu/apply to complete the Heritage University Graduate Application for Admission;
6. Submit official transcripts of all undergraduate and other coursework to the Heritage University Office of Admissions;
7. Submit a personal statement (maximum 4,500 characters including spaces and punctuation);

8. Submit three letters of reference from professionals with knowledge of the student's ability to successfully complete a rigorous graduate program;

9. Optionally, students may choose to submit up to three additional letters (for a total of six) and a CV or resume;

10. Submit a non-refundable \$95 graduate application fee.

Early Application Advised

Students are encouraged to apply to the program as early as possible. The MA in Medical Sciences Program utilizes rolling admissions; applications are evaluated as they are submitted, and the program fills up quickly.

Admission requirements for the MA in Medical Sciences Program can be waived for students in unique situations at the discretion of the selection committee. The committee carefully evaluates each applicant to determine eligibility and suitability to the program. For some students, a telephone or face-to-face interview will be required.

Application materials should be submitted online through the Heritage University online application system at heritage.edu/apply or mailed to the address below. Recommendations submitted via email need to come directly from the reference or through a secure document transmittal service such as Interfolio.

Official transcripts can be submitted electronically from your university through services such as SCRIP-SAFE, Parchment or the National Student Clearinghouse to mamsprogram@heritage.edu. Electronic submissions are encouraged, when possible. Otherwise, mail or hand deliver sealed, official transcripts to:

**MAMS Program Admissions
Heritage University
3240 Fort Road
Toppenish, WA
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Upon acceptance to the program, each candidate must submit a nonrefundable \$500 deposit to secure a seat in the cohort.

If you are on the PNWU wait list at the time of acceptance into the MAMS Program, you must still make the \$500 deposit to Heritage to reserve your place in the MAMS Program. If you are admitted to PNWU, your deposit shall be refunded. In all other cases, the deposit will be applied toward your first tuition payment at Heritage University. Deposits shall not be refunded under any other circumstances.

One-Year Program Curriculum

Our MA in Medical Sciences degree program requires one year of study (36 semester credits). Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all core courses.

Fall Semester

BIOL 505 – Medical Skills and Theory I – 4 credits

BIOL 507 – Biomedical Ethics – 3 credits

BIOL 509 – Health Professions I – 1 credits

BIOL 511 – Scientific Foundations of
Medicine – 10 credits

TOTAL 18

Spring Semester

BIOL 506 – Medical Skills and Theory II – 4 credits

BIOL 508 – Research Theory – 3 credits

BIOL 510 – Health Professions II – 1 credit

BIOL 512 – Foundations of Personalized
Medicine – 10 credits

TOTAL 18



Tuition and Related Expenses 2017-2018 Academic Year

Fees	Fall	Spring	Total
Tuition*	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$33,000
Books & Supplies	\$1,500	\$500	\$2,000
Room & Board	\$4,845	\$4,845	\$9,690
Transportation	\$1,056	\$1,056	\$2,112
Miscellaneous	\$1,035	\$1,035	\$2,070
TOTALS	\$24,936	\$23,936	\$48,872

*The tuition and fees are subject to change annually. \$500 of the tuition is an initial non-refundable fee required immediately upon receipt of acceptance letter.

Health Maintenance

Students are required to carry personal medical insurance. Free or heavily-discounted health insurance is available for students through www.wahealthplanfinder.org.

Employment

The curriculum content and time required for completion of the Master of Arts in Medical Sciences is such that any outside employment by the student is strongly discouraged.

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