Applicants for admission to the Health Professions Education programs may submit applications for the fall, spring or summer semester. Students have the option to apply to the Master in Health Professions Education or the Graduate Certificate in Health Professions Education.

All applications and application materials must be submitted by the appropriate deadlines. Applications that remain incomplete will not be considered for admission.

The requirements for admission are governed by the School of Medicine and the School of Education at UMKC. An admissions committee is composed of faculty and administrators who review complete applications and make all final admission decisions.

Admissions Requirements

Applicants for admission must meet one of the following requirements:

• Earn a professional degree in the health professions or in a related field (e.g., MD, DDS, DG, RN, PharmD, PhD, MA, MS, MPA, MBA), or
• Earn a baccalaureate degree (e.g., BA, BS) with a minimum of two years of professional experience in the health professions.

International applicants, whose native language is not English, must achieve a minimum score of 550 (paper-based exam), 213 (computer-based exam) or 79 (Internet-based exam) on the TOEFL Exam.

• International applicants who are currently participating in a graduate medical residency or fellowship are not required to submit a TOEFL.

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• Resume or CV,
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Application Deadlines

U.S. citizens and permanent resident applicants must submit all applications and application materials by August 1 (fall semester admission) or December 15 (spring semester admission).

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The master’s program provides an in-depth program of study that addresses instructional practice and scholarship. All courses emphasize an applied project based on each student’s professional experiences. The program culminates in the development of the educator’s portfolio based on projects, experiences and reflections throughout the program.

Graduates of the program will be prepared to:
- Understand and apply educational research in health professions education.
- Design evidence-based educational programs and materials.
- Deliver effective, theory-based instruction in large, small and clinical group settings.
- Effectively use assessment tools to reflect student progress in learning.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of programs, curricula and instructional events.
- Develop cultural awareness and commitment to diversity.
- Provide reflective and evidence-based leadership.

The program may be completed in two years and includes 12 courses (a minimum of 36 hours) that are a mix of classroom and online instruction.

Graduate Certificate Program in Health Professions Education (GCHPE)
The Graduate Certificate in Health Professions Education is a valuable credential for health care professionals who want to develop skills in teaching, educational research, program evaluation, assessment and curriculum design.

The program may be completed in one year and includes six courses (a minimum of 18 hours) that are a mix of classroom and online instruction.

Students will be prepared to:
- Deliver effective, theory-based instruction in large group, small group and clinical settings.
- Design evidence-based educational programs and materials with appropriate scope, sequence and focus for learners.
- Understand assessment and how to effectively use assessment tools to track student progress and to promote student learning.
- Identify current issues in health professions education and develop skills in monitoring changes in the field.

The Master of Health Professions Education and the Graduate Certificate in Health Professions Education provide a strong foundation in teaching and assessment for educators from across the health professions disciplines. The focus is applying educational theory to the real-world instructional and assessment problems. The programs, which are interprofessional, represent a unique collaboration between the UMKC schools of Education and Medicine, both nationally recognized for their innovation in teaching and learning.

“I am working with pediatric residents in using high-fidelity simulation to teach important skills. This program has been excellent in helping me with designing and implementing courses. The overall program has been super helpful.”
- Laura Haws, MD

“I enjoy the small class format and accessibility of the professors. The curriculum has been very applicable to my work life. I’ve been able to implement the tools I’ve developed in these courses.”
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