

# ADVANCE

A NOVA | GEORGE MASON PARTNERSHIP



A.S. Health Sciences/  
 B.S. Health Administration - All Concentrations  
*Online Option Available*  
**2026-2027**

## A.S. Health Sciences

### ADVANCE Program Milestones

**ADVANCE Milestone Requirements:** All ADVANCE students must adhere to the following requirements. For Milestones #1-#3, failure to meet these milestones will prevent a student from matriculating to George Mason University and/or result in termination from ADVANCE. For Milestones #4-#7, failure to meet these milestones may delay matriculation to George Mason.

1. Students must graduate with the NOVA degree aligned with their ADVANCE academic pathway within 4 years of being admitted into ADVANCE. Students must ensure they are enrolled in the matching degree.
2. Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA upon matriculation to George Mason.
3. Students who wish to enroll at George Mason for the fall semester must apply for NOVA spring graduation by March 1 or summer graduation by June 1. Students who wish to enroll at George Mason for the spring semester must apply for NOVA fall graduation by October 1.
4. Students must begin developmental coursework no later than the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
5. Students must take first college-level MTH course and ENG 111 in the semester immediately following the completion of any MDE or EDE courses (excluding summer).
6. In the first 30 credits, students must complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
7. Students must complete a college level math course with a C or better no later than one semester before NOVA graduation. Refer to your pathway to select the appropriate MTH course(s).

	NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Courses	GEORGE MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	GEORGE MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1	SDV Course	1	SDV 101 Orientation to Healthcare <b>OR</b> SDV 100 College Success Skills	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH XXX	General Elective
3	BIO 101	4	BIO 101 General Biology I	BIOL 103/105	Nat Science
4	MTH 154 or MTH 161 or higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	General Elective
5	PSY 200 or 230	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	PSYC 100 PSYC 211	Major
6	HIM 111	3	HIM 111 Medical Terminology I	HAP 202	Major
7	BIO 102	4	BIO 102 General Biology II	BIOL 102	Nat Science
8	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH 101	Written Comm
9	CST 229	3	CST 229 Intercultural Communication	COMM L305	Global Contexts
10	Transfer Elective #1	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
11	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation <b>OR</b> ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic <b>OR</b> ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern <b>OR</b> CST 130 Introduction to Theatre <b>OR</b> CST 151 Film Appreciation I <b>OR</b> MUS 121 Music in Society	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
12	Social/Behavioral Sciences	3	ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 103	Soc/Behav & Major
13	Transfer Elective #2	3	ITE 152 Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications	IT 104	Info Tech & Major
14	Transfer Elective #3	3	PHI 227 Biomedical Ethics <i>Fully online students may need to select an alternative transfer elective, depending on virtual availability, and take HAP 310 at George Mason.</i>	HAP L310	Major
15	MTH 245 or higher	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	Quantitative & Major

16	HIS Course	3	HIS 101 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE ( <i>recommended</i> )	HIST 101T HIST 102T HIST 125	Global History	
17	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	3	ENG 225 Reading Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 245 British Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 246 American Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 255 World Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 258 African American Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 275 Women in Literature <b>OR</b> Any 200-Level ENG Literature course <sup>1</sup>	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature	
18	Science Course	4	CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry <b>OR</b> ENV 121 Foundations of Environmental Science <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> GOL 111 Oceanography I <b>OR</b> PHY 100 Elements of Physics	CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 120/121 PHYS 103	General Elective	
19	Transfer Elective #4	3	HLT 230 Principles of Nutrition	NUTR 295	Major	
20	Transfer Elective #5	3	HAP 201 Health Professions Careers ( <i>offered online</i> )	HAP 201	Major	
<b>A. S. HEALTH SCIENCES</b>		<b>61</b>				
<b>DEGREE TOTAL</b>						
For academic policies and procedures, please see NOVA catalog - <a href="http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html">http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html</a>						
<b>B.S. Health Administration - All Concentrations</b>						
Students must select a concentration in Assisted Living/Senior Housing Administration or Health Systems Management.						
<b>GEORGE MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT</b>		<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>GEORGE MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT</b>		
21	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm		
22	Major Requirements	3	GCH 300 Introduction to Public Health	Major		
23	Major Requirements	3	HAP 301 Health Care Delivery in US	Major		
24	Major Requirements	3	HAP 309 Healthcare Accounting	Major		
25	Major Requirements	0-3	HAP 310 Healthcare Ethics ( <i>if PHI 227 is not completed at NOVA</i> )	Major		
26	Major Requirements	3	HAP 312 Healthcare Law	Major		
27	Major Requirements	3	HI 360 Intro to Health Info Systems	Major		
28	Major Requirements	3	HAP 416 Leadership and Management Health Systems I	Major		
29	Major Requirements	3	HAP 392 Human Resources Management in Healthcare	Major		
30	Major Requirements	3	HAP 395 Health Care Finance	Major		
31	Major Requirements	3	HAP 396 Strategic Health Management and Planning	Major		
32	Major Requirements	3	<b>Assisted Living/Senior Housing concentration:</b> HAP 403 Assisted Living/Senior Housing Management and Philosophy <b>Health Systems Management concentrations:</b> HAP 430 Process Improvement in Healthcare Organizations	Major		
33	Major Requirements	3	HAP 417 Leadership and Management of Health Systems II	Major		
34	Major Requirements	3	<b>Assisted Living/Senior Housing concentration:</b> HAP 408 Societal and Health Related Needs of the Aging Population <b>Health Systems Management concentrations:</b> HAP 445 Introduction to Health Services Research	Major		
35	Major Requirements	3	HAP 425 Health Economics and Policy	Major		
36	Major Requirements	3	<b>Assisted Living/Senior Housing concentration:</b> ASHA Elective <sup>2</sup> <b>Health Systems Management concentration:</b> HAP 410 Introduction to Health/Medical Practice Management	Major		

37	Major Requirements	3	<b>Assisted Living/Senior Housing concentration:</b> ASHA Elective <sup>2</sup> <b>Health Systems Management concentration:</b> HAP 442 Introduction to Health Care Politics and Policy	Major
38	Major Requirements	3	HAP 489 Pre-Internship Seminar	Major
39	Major Requirements	3	Public Health Electives <sup>3</sup>	Major
40	Major Requirements	3	HAP 465 Integration of Professional Skills and Issues	Writing Intensive
41	Gen Ed: Apex	4	HAP 498 Health Administration Internship	Apex

**B.S. HEALTH ADMIN DEGREE 122-125**  
**TOTAL**

Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University while attending NOVA. Failure to complete your co-enrollment course(s) while attending NOVA can significantly affect your timeline for George Mason graduation. Please see your ADVANCE Coach for more information and to enroll.

**Please note: Some fully online courses may require a campus presence for orientations, tests, final exams, or labs.**

**Important Academic Information:**

<sup>1</sup>200-level ENG literature classes include: ENG 225, ENG 230, ENG 236, ENG 237, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, ENG 256, ENG 257, ENG 258, ENG 271, ENG 275, and ENG 279.

<sup>2</sup>Choose two of the following courses: NUTR 422, SOCW 435, PSYC 415, PSYC 418, or EDAT 410.

<sup>3</sup>200-level and above course with prefix of GCH, HAP, HI, NURS, NUTR, PH, SOCW, or a course pre-approved by concentration coordinator.

**General Education Waiver Policy and Guidance:**

- Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, or AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories, which can be found here: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/> . To be eligible for the waiver, the students must provide the George Mason Office of Admissions with a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date. As a prerequisite for ENGH 302, ENGH 101 is not waived. Students must complete ENGH 100 or ENGH 101, or an equivalent, with a C or higher.
- When a course fulfills a Mason Core requirement **and** a major or college requirement (e.g. Major & Quant), students must complete the course listed on the pathway to fulfill the major/college requirement. Courses that fulfill only Mason Core Foundation and Exploration categories are recommendations. In most pathways, ADVANCE students must complete a Quantitative Reasoning course to matriculate through ADVANCE.
- ADVANCE students must complete the associate degree indicated on their pathway (see the ADVANCE Program Milestones listed above). Students who withdraw from ADVANCE and transfer without the associate degree or UCGS are required to complete each Mason Core general education category.

**Additional General Notes & Resources:**

- For more information about Accelerated Master's program options, visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/health-administration-policy/health-administration-bs/#acceleratedmasterstext> . Students interested in an Accelerated Master's should consult their George Mason academic advisor in their first term after matriculation regarding program benefits, admission criteria, and application process.
- A minimum grade of C must be obtained in all major requirements (58 - 64 credits). A minimum grade of C must also be obtained in ECON 103 in order for a student to enroll in HAP 425.
- For academic policies and procedures, please see the George Mason catalog - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/>
- Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.