FRESHMAN STUDENT ORIENTATION
SUMMER 2018

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
College of Health and Human Services
WHAT MAKES UP CHHS?

College of Health and Human Services (CHHS)
  Dean’s Office and
  Central Support Offices

- Nursing
- Global and Community Health
- Health Administration and Policy
- Nutrition and Food Studies
- Rehabilitation Science
- Social Work

Location: Peterson Family Health Sciences Hall
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

▪ **Community Health**
  ▪ Clinical Science (optional concentration)
  ▪ Global Health (optional concentration)

▪ **Health Administration and Policy**
  ▪ Assisted Living/Senior Housing Administration
  ▪ Health Informatics
  ▪ Health Systems Management

▪ **Nursing**
  ▪ Traditional
  ▪ Accelerated 2nd Degree
  ▪ RN to BSN
    ▪ Co-enrollment option

▪ **Rehabilitation Science**

▪ **Social Work**
ACCELERATED MASTERS PROGRAMS

- Master of Public Health (MPH)
  - Available to students in any undergraduate program
- Master of Science in Health Informatics
  - Available only to students enrolled in the BS Health Administration, Health Informatics concentration
- Eligibility Requirements
  - Minimum GPA, specific coursework, and faculty recommendations
- Benefits
  - Streamlined application process with no GRE requirement
  - The ability to take 6 credits of graduate courses as an undergrad that will double count toward the bachelor’s degree and the master’s degree
NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION

- Second-gate program with additional application
  - Traditional and Accelerated Pathways - Fall admission only
  - RN to BSN and Co-enrollment Programs – Fall and Spring admission

- Multi-step BSN program application
  - Part A: on-line application
  - Part B: slideroom.com submission (not required for RN to BSN or Co-enrollment)
  - Part C: supporting documents package

- Competitive, selective admission process
  - Research and meet all eligibility requirements before applying.
  - Traditional or Accelerated pathway applicants *must* complete nursing prerequisites, Mason Core requirements and electives by the end of Mason’s Spring Semester (May 20th) to be eligible to apply for Fall admission.
SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM APPLICATION

Social Work students must complete an application during their junior year in order to be allowed to enroll in the senior practicum courses.

- Ensures that students are prepared for final year of studies.
- Requires a minimum number of credits, GPA, and completion of specific Mason Core and social work courses.
- Admission to the social work major requires more than passing your classes with the minimum grade requirement; your application to the major is evaluated closely for fit with the profession, adherence to social work values, and professionalism.
Our MOU with Marymount University ensures that graduates of the BS in Rehab Science program who apply to Marymount’s doctoral program in physical therapy will be guaranteed an interview if they meet the following criteria:

- Apply through the Physical Therapy Centralized Application System (PTCAS) by the deadline
- No more than 12 credits of prereqs unfinished at the time of application
- At least a 3.5 GPA, both overall and in science prereqs
- Active involvement in the Mason community
- At least 40 hours of observation or volunteer service work in a physical therapy clinical setting by application deadline
- Minimum GRE scores of 150 verbal/ 150 quantitative / 3.5 analytical writing
CHHS MINORS AND UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATES

- Minors
  - Aging Studies
  - Food Systems
  - Global Health
  - Health Information Technology
  - Health and Social Policy
  - Nutrition
  - Public Health
  - Rehabilitation Science
  - Senior Housing Administration
  - Social Work

Important Details about Minors and Certificates

- Usually 15-21 credits
- Will need to have at least 8 credits of unique coursework that do not apply to other degree requirements
DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

▪ Minimum total credits: 120

▪ Mason Core Requirements
  ▪ [https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/](https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)

▪ Program or Departmental Requirements

▪ Major and Concentration Requirements
  ▪ A grade of “C” or better is required.

▪ Electives

▪ Upper division credits (300 and 400 level): 45
  ▪ All courses taken at a community college are lower division and cannot count toward this requirement.

▪ Residency Requirement
  ▪ At least one-fourth (30 credits) of the total credits applied to the degree must be completed at Mason after admission into the program and include at least 12 upper-level credits in the major.
DESIGNING YOUR SCHEDULE

Academic Load
- Full-time vs. Part-time
- 12-16 credits = same cost
- Credit limit (18)

Course delivery
- Online, in-person, hybrid

Summer
- Condensed classes
- Internships, volunteering, or professional experience
- Study Abroad
MANAGING YOUR TIME

12 credit course load = 12 hours in class

Homework and studying (2 to 3 hours per credit) = 24 to 36 hours

Total time per week = 36 to 48 hours
STEPS FOR SUCCESS

- Meet with your advisor.
- Utilize key Mason websites.
- Be familiar with important policies.
- Get involved.
- Take advantage of the student resources at Mason.
ADVISING

- **Who is my advisor?**
  - chhs.gmu.edu → students → advising
    - Community Health with a concentration: advised within the GCH Department
    - Community Health without a concentration: advised within Office of Student Affairs
    - Health Administration: advised within the HAP Department
    - Pre-nursing: advised within Office of Student Affairs
    - Rehab Science: advised within Office of Student Affairs
    - Social Work: advised within Office of Student Affairs

- **Advisor responsibilities**
  - Provide guidance, help and support

- **Student responsibilities**
  - Send your official, final transcript to Mason
  - See your advisor at least once a semester
  - Use your Mason e-mail and check it daily
STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Be familiar with **MyMason (Blackboard)**
- Immunization Records
- Math Placement Exam
  - No CHHS programs include a math class that requires students to take this exam
- Be familiar with **Patriot Web**
  - Transfer equivalency and unofficial transcripts
  - Course registration
    - Check your registration prior to the add/drop deadline. Once you register, we do not drop you from your classes.
  - Student Accounts – Pay your tuition.
  - Degree Works – Understand your degree evaluation.
**UNDERSTANDING THE CLASS SCHEDULE IN PATRIOT WEB**

**Campus location**

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DEGREE EVALUATION

Log into Patriot Web \(\rightarrow\) Student Services \(\rightarrow\) Student Records \(\rightarrow\) Degree Evaluation Menu \(\rightarrow\)

**Degree Evaluation Menu**

The Degree Evaluation is a tool that is used to monitor your progress towards degree completion. Make your selection based on the criteria listed below.

Select CAPP if you are a student with a catalog year prior to Fall 2012.

Select Degree Works if you are a student with a catalog year of Fall 2012 or later.

If you aren’t sure of your catalog year, select the Student Services tab above, then the Student Records menu, then select the term in the Curriculum Information section.

**CAPP - Curriculum Advising & Planning Program**

All students with a catalog year prior to Fall 2012.

**Degree Works**

All students with a catalog year of Fall 2012 or later. Student information is updated daily. Information such as program changes and registration will not appear on the evaluation until the following day. You must select Pre-Release 3.0.
### Student View

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### Apply to Graduate

Students must apply to graduate the semester before all requirements are met. See: [http://registrar.gmu.edu/graduation/index.html](http://registrar.gmu.edu/graduation/index.html) for more information.

### Degree Progress

Requirements: 91%

This is an estimate of your progress toward degree completion.
### University Foundation

Mason Core requirements specific to the program are listed in the department or college block.

#### Written Communication
- **Lower-level**
  - **ENGH 101**
    - Composition
    - **Satisfied by**: ENGL111 - College Composn I - Virginia Community Coll System
    - Still Needed: 1 Credit in ENGH 300, Grade >= 2.00

#### Information Technology
- **All**
  - **IT 103**
    - Intro to Computing
    - **Satisfied by**: ITE115 - Intro Computer App/Concept - Virginia Community Coll System
  - **STAT 250**
    - Introductory Statistics I
    - **Satisfied by**: MTH241 - Statistics I - Virginia Community Coll System

### University Core

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#### Literature
- Still Needed: 3 Credit(s) of approved literature coursework

#### Arts
- **MUSI 101**
  - Introductory to Classical Music
  - **Satisfied by**: MUSC111 - Introduction to Music - Shepherd University

#### Natural Science

#### Lab
- **Intro. Biology I**
  - **BIOL 103**
    - Introductory Biology I
    - **Satisfied by**: BID101 - General Biology I - Virginia Community Coll System

#### Introduction to Nutrition
- **NUTR 295**
  - Introduction to Nutrition
  - **Satisfied by**: DTT121 - Nutrition I - Virginia Community Coll System

#### Western Civilization / World History
- **HIST 101**
  - Foundations Western Civ
  - **Satisfied by**: HIS101 - Hist of West Civ I - Virginia Community Coll System
STAYING ON TRACK

- Keep your GPA above a 2.00 (Good Standing)
  - Academic Sanctions include: Warning, Probation, Suspension, and Dismissal
  - Warning and Probation: Limited to 13 credit hours
  - Student Retention Table is available in the University Catalog (catalog.gmu.edu)

- Important Dates – refer to the academic calendar at registrar.gmu.edu
  - August 27: Classes Start
  - Sept 4: Last Day to Add. Last Day to Drop Without Tuition Penalty
  - Sept 9: Final Drop Deadline
  - Sept 10 – 30: Withdrawal Period
  - Oct 1 - 26: Selective Withdrawal Period
  - December 8: Last Day of Classes
IMPORTANT ACADEMIC POLICIES

- Permission to Study Elsewhere
- Repeat Course Policy
- Withdrawal from Courses
  - Dropping vs. withdrawing
- Changing Majors
- Leave of Absence
- Prerequisites and Co-requisites
- Honor Code
FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

- Provides protection for student educational records.
- No family member, friend, or third-party person is allowed access to a student’s information without approval from the student.
- Students are responsible for being familiar with and understanding any and all university and college policies.
- Detailed information can be found on the Registrar’s website.
IN VolvEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

▪ CHHS student organizations
▪ Honor Societies
▪ Clubs (academic, service, social)
  ▪ getconnected.gmu.edu
▪ Professional Organizations
▪ Intramural/Club Sports
▪ Student Leadership
  ▪ Patriot Leaders, Mason Ambassadors, Student Government
UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

- Writing Center
- Career Services
- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- Learning Services
- Global Education (Study Abroad)
- Office of Disability Services
- Student Health Center
- Library
- Office of Student Financial Aid
CHHS OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Peterson Family Health Sciences Hall
Suite 1000
703.993.1901
chhs.gmu.edu

To schedule an advising appointment:

▪ https://gmu.campus.eab.com/ or 703-993-1901 or chhs@gmu.edu

▪ Walk-in hours: Mondays 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Fridays 9:00 a.m. – noon
ADVISING SESSION

Record of Advising Form:

1. Fill in name, G# and degree program at the top.

2. Enter today’s date in the left column of the large box.

3. Write *Attended orientation and was advised* in the right column of the box.

4. Give this form to the advisor with whom you meet before leaving for the Registration Site in Innovation Hall.