

Master of Science in Healthcare Data Analytics (HCDA) Admission Requirements

We ask that applicants have:

- A bachelor's degree (in any field) with a 3.0 GPA average during the last two years of their undergraduate education.
- A minimum score of 150 for each component of the GRE (Verbal and Quantitative).

Note: Applicants who anticipate completion of their undergraduate degree after the admissions deadline are welcome to apply and must submit their final transcript to the COPH Office of Student Services one day prior to date of registration for the admitted period. Further instructions are detailed below.

Students who have completed the [Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Analytics](#) with at least a 3.3 GPA may apply to the master's program via a degree change form. Certificate students applying for the HCDA must submit all required application materials with the exception of the GRE.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants will be required to 1) submit application materials to SOPHAS, an online application service for accredited schools of public health, and 2) submit an online application form and fee to the College of Public Health.

1) SOPHAS Application

Please submit the following materials through SOPHAS at <https://sophas.org/>

- **Application form and fee**
- **Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE)**
 - GRE scores must be submitted to SOPHAS directly from the testing agency. The GRE university code for the COPH is 6512. We require a minimum score of 150 for each component of the GRE (Verbal and Quantitative).
 - The GRE exam must have been taken within five (5) years preceding the requested semester of admission.
 - Scores on comparable graduate tests (MCAT, LSAT, GMAT, DAT, and PCAT) will be considered in lieu of the GRE.
 - Students with a master's degree or higher from a U.S. accredited institution are exempt from the GRE requirement.

- **Official transcripts** (sent to SOPHAS directly from all previous undergraduate and graduate schools)
 - Applicants who anticipate completion of their undergraduate degree soon after the admissions deadline are welcome to apply. We ask that they submit a current official transcript through SOPHAS. They must also submit their final transcript to the **COPH Office of Student Affairs** one day prior to the date of registration of the admitted semester. Final transcripts may be sent by email to Marie Walker (BMWalker@uams.edu) or by mail to:

Office of Student Affairs
c/o: Marie Walker
Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health
4301 W. Markham St., #820
Little Rock, AR 72205

- **International Applicants Only:**

- Translated and evaluated transcripts from foreign countries must be submitted with an official evaluation from the World Education Services (<http://www.wes.org/sophas/>). Discounted rates are available to applicants at the link above.
- International Students must take the **TOEFL** (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or the **IELTS** (International English Language Testing System) unless they have a degree from an accredited U.S. institution.

Exam	Minimum Score Required	How to submit
TOEFL	550 for paper-based; 80 for internet-based	Send an official test score sent directly from the testing agency (www.ets.org) to SOPHAS using code 5688.
IELTS	7	Official test results should be sent directly from the testing center to COPH

- Please visit our program's listing on [SOPHAS](#) for important admission updates.

- **Personal Statement or Letter of Interest** (500 to 700 words)
Please write a personal statement or letter of interest detailing reasons for seeking this degree, including previous work experience, career goals, and objectives.
- **Three (3) Letters of Recommendation**
Please provide three letters of recommendation that attest to your academic and professional abilities.
- **Resume or Current CV**

2) Additional Application Materials to Submit to the College of Public Health

- **Online application** (<http://oaa.uams.edu>)
An online application, including a non-refundable application fee, must be completed at the link above.
- **International Applicants Only: Proof of Sufficient Funds**
We ask that international applicants submit proof of sufficient funds in the form of a letter on their bank or financial institution's letter head.

For questions regarding this program and its curriculum, please contact our co-program directors **Dr. Mandana Rezaeiahari, PhD**, at MRezaeiahari@uams.edu, (501) 320-7597) or **Dr. Clare Brown, PhD**, at CCBrown@uams.edu or (501) 526-6602.

For application questions, please contact COPH Director of Admissions **Marie Walker, MA**, at BMWalker@uams.edu or (501) 526-6697.

Application Deadlines

We accept HCDA applications on a rolling basis. However, all required materials through SOPHAS must be submitted within 10 business days prior to start of the admitted period.