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The Certificate in Health Policy Program is an excellent way for medical, dental, doctoral and graduate students to enhance their academic experience. Evening classes also make the program ideal for recent graduates and working health care professionals to advance their careers.

Our alumni continue on to pursue careers with top health care organizations, medical schools, and government agencies including: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of California-San Francisco, the NAACP and the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center.

**CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must:

- Possess a bachelor’s degree from a four-year, U.S. accredited institution
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA in all undergraduate and graduate coursework
- Complete a minimum of 12-credit hours in two years or less
- Enroll as a non-degree seeking student or in conjunction with their academic degree program

**WORLD-CLASS FACULTY**

One of our greatest assets is our faculty. Students gain access to the best scholars, researchers and executives at the forefront of today’s health policy landscape. Courses are taught by Meharry Medical College and Vanderbilt University faculty as well as notable visiting professors. Past lecturers have included: David Williams, Ph.D., of Harvard University; Thomas LaVeist, Ph.D., of Johns Hopkins University and Gail Christopher, D.N., of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Visit [www.meharryhealthpolicy.org](http://www.meharryhealthpolicy.org) to submit an online application or to download the PDF version.

Required materials include:

- Completed Application Form
- Statement of Purpose
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- Official Transcripts

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