Master of Science – Health Informatics and Bioinformatics 2025-2026

REQUIREMENTS

CONT'D REQ/COURSE AVAILABILITY

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the general graduate admission criteria, along with the following program-specific requirements:

- 1. **Bachelor's degree** from an accredited institution is required, and a minimum **GPA** of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is preferred. Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 may still be considered based on the overall strength of their application.
- 2. **Relevant academic background** in science, health, or technical fields is recommended. Common backgrounds include biochemistry, biology, computer science, engineering, health information management, mathematics, nursing, physics, or statistics.
- 3. Core knowledge in the following areas:
 - Computer Programming
 - Databases
 - Medical Terminology
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology
 - Applied Statistics
- 4. **Resume** outlining relevant academic, professional, or research experiences.
- 5. **Personal statement** describing your career goals, related background, and how this program your professional aspirations.
- 6. **Recommendations** Two academic or professional recommendations are required. Recommenders will receive a submission link after their contact information is provided in the application system at gvsu.edu/gradapply.
- 7. **GRE scores (optional)** may be submitted to strengthen your application.

Degree Requirements

All candidates must complete 36 credits with a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Core Requirements (12 credits)

- CIS 661 Introduction to Health and Bioinformatics
- PSM 650 Ethics and Professionalism in Applied Science
- CMB 610 Foundations of Biotechnology **OR**
- CMB 501 Scientific Communication for the Life Sciences and Professional Science Master's

Select One Stats Course:

- STA 610 Applied Statistics for Health Professions
 OR
- STA 622 Statistical Methods for Biologists

Seminar Requirement (2/3 credits)

• PSM 662 Seminar in Professional Science Practice

Internship Requirement (3/4 credits)

• PSM 691 Internship

Capstone Requirement (3 credits)

• CIS 691 Medical and Bioinformatics Capstone

Degree Requirements, Continued

Directed Requirements (9 credits)

- CIS 635 Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining
- CIS 660 Data Engineering
- CIS 671 Information Visualization

Students choose between two concentrations to focus their degree:

Concentrations

Bioinformatics Concentration:

- CIS 678 Machine Learning
 - **AND** one of the following as elective:
 - CIS 677 High-Performance Computing
 - CMB 552 Computer Modeling and Drug Design
 - CMB 560 Genomics and Molecular Diagnostics

Health Informatics Concentration:

- CIS 665 Clinical Information Systems
 - **AND** one of the following as elective:
 - PNH 630 Health Administration and Service
 - PNH 635 Hospital Organization and Management
 - NUR 705 Health Care Decision Support
 - NUR 706 Telehealth

Course Availability Fall or Winter Classes

CIS 635	Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining
CIS 660	Data Engineering
CIS 661	Introduction to Health & Bioinformatics
CIS 665	Clinical Information Systems
CIS 671	Information Visualization
CIS 677	High-Performance Computing
CIS 678	Machine Learning
CMB 610	Foundations of Biotechnology
PNH 630	Health Administration and Service
PSM 650	Ethics and Professionalism in Applied Science
PSM 662	Seminar in Professional Science Practice
STA 610	Applied Statistics for Health Professions

Fall-Only Classes

CMB 501	Scientific Communication
CMB 560	Genomics and Molecular Diagnostics
NUR 705	Health Care Decision Support
STA 622	Statistical Methods for Biologists
PNH 635	Hospital Organization and Management

Winter-Only Classes

CIS 691 Medical and Bioinformatics Capstone CMB 552 Computer Modeling and Drug Design