

UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
AND MEDICINE



BECOME A RESEARCH INTERNSHIP PROVIDER

FOR STUDENTS IN THE MASTER IN HEALTH
SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE

MASTER IN HEALTH SCIENCES – THE STUDY PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

The Master's program in Health Sciences at the University of Lucerne offers students from a wide range of disciplines the necessary knowledge and skills towards a comprehensive understanding of health, functioning, and well-being. The program provides a broad background in health sciences from an interdisciplinary perspective. It focuses on describing, understanding, and improving the health of individuals, and the optimal response of society and health systems to the health needs of the population.

Program structure

The two-year Master's program with 120 ECTS includes core courses in the principles of health sciences, advanced courses in research methods, academic and professional skills, and subject-specific major courses. The Master's program with 90 ECTS for our graduates of the BSc in Health Sciences starts directly with the advanced research methods, academic and professional skills, as well as major courses.



Research Internship

During the mandatory research internship, students have the opportunity to apply their knowledge gained in the study program, and possibly write their Master's thesis based on the internship. The internship is characterized by an active participation and involvement of the student in a research group in the domain of health. Depending on the internship, the student has the opportunity to develop a project plan for his/her master thesis on a topic related to the interests of the research group.

Majors

Students will select one of the following majors during the program to get more in-depth knowledge in a specific domain of the health sciences, depending on their professional interests and career direction.

- Health Communication
- Health and Social Behavior
- Health Economics and Policy
- Health Services Research
- Health Data Science

Unique course of study in Switzerland

The close linking of health sciences, medicine, and rehabilitation, as well as the comprehensive perspective on health offer a unique study experience, enabling students to acquire and apply cross-professional competencies.

Key Requirements for the internship

Duration & scope: at least 400 working hours

Start: from 2nd semester on at the earliest, for students in the 90 ECTS program start during the 1st semester possible

Diverse time frames and work percentages are possible, such as:

- 3 months with 80%
- 4 months with 60%
- 6 months with 40%
- 12 months with 20%

Alternative time frames are possible and can be defined by the internship provider

MODEL 1:

Internship with master's thesis

Students develop their master's thesis out of the internship; the master's thesis is valued with 18 ECTS and typically written in the style of a journal article

MODEL 2:

Internship without master's thesis

Goal of the research internship:

The students

- are part of a research group
- directly apply the knowledge and competencies acquired during their studies
- if applicable: have the opportunity to write a master's thesis within the research internship project
- participate in tasks, activities, programs, projects, etc.
- perform tasks independently

Internship providers

The internship can be completed at all healthcare and related organizations.

The following is a sample list and is not exhaustive:

- Service providers: doctors, pharmacies, hospitals, therapists, Spitex, rehabilitation, palliative care
- Legislative bodies: canton, municipality, health authorities
- IV offices of the cantons
- Regulatory and monitoring bodies: Interest groups, self-help organizations, federal associations
- Aid organizations in the fields of health, integration and rescue
- Organizations in the fields of public health, health promotion and prevention
- Foundations: such as Pro Mente Sana, Pro Senectute, Pro Juventute
- health insurance companies
- Social insurance
- SUVA: prevention - accident - insurance
- Services in the health and social sector
- Science and research in the university and non-university sector
- Industry: Pharma, Med-Tech, Diagnostics etc.
- Occupational health management in companies and organizations
- etc.

Can you imagine giving students insights into professional practice? Would you like to be involved in the training of students in an interdisciplinary study program? We look forward to hearing from you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.



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