

MSCR Program Information

Admission Requirements

- Admission to University of Hawaii Graduate Division
- Possession of an MD, PhD, DDS, Pharm D or the appropriate doctoral degree (exceptions considered)
- Ability to devote at least 50% time to this program and to the conduct of one's own research study
- Established relationship with a research mentor (can be accomplished after acceptance to the program)
- [TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language:](#)

- Paper-based Test Score of 600

or

- Internet-based Test Score of 80, with the following minimum section requirements:
 - Reading: 19
 - Speaking: 20
 - Listening: 17
 - Writing: 21

Program of Study

36 Semester hours are required.

Students will take the majority of their course work in the first year allowing for focus on independent research during the second year.

Application Process

The required components for application to the MSCR program are in two parts:

Application to the MSCR Program:

1) Materials required by the MSCR program:

Please send these directly to our program at my Ilalo street address listed below

- a) [Faculty Demographic Form](#)*
- b) Letter of Intent to Enroll in the MSCR Program
- c) Curriculum Vitae -or- Biographical Sketch
- d) Personal Goal Statement (Professional plans for the future)
- e) Statement of support from Chairperson or Division Director
- f) [Personal Information Form](#)*

(*Applicants should fill this out in Acrobat, print, and submit to MSCR program when applying. If this will not open directly, right-click it and select "Save Link As...")

These materials should be mailed to:

John Perez
Masters in Clinical Research Program
Project Coordinator
651 Ilalo Street
Honolulu, HI 96813-5534

2) Materials required by graduate division:

(Please send these directly to graduate division)

See instructions with [graduate application](#) on the [Graduate division website](#)

Here are some additional details regarding the application process:

- The [Graduate division website](#) has full instructions and downloadable forms for the application process.
- Only official transcripts, not student copies, will be accepted, and these must be sent directly from the originating institution to Graduate Division. These must be sealed and in their original envelopes. No transcripts should be mailed or faxed to us at the MSCR Program.
- Transcripts required will include every single transcript for all undergraduate and graduate courses that you have taken.
- Only the original filled out application forms with original signatures will be accepted. These need to be sent directly to Graduate Division. There is no need to mail or fax these documents to us.
- In the form under item 7. PROPOSED GRADUATE PROGRAM, enter:

Biomedical Science - Masters in Clinical Research
- Under DEGREE SOUGHT, enter:

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***applicants will be interviewed by the selection committee or it's designate.*

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Does this program have any provision for internships in the industry

We do not have specific provisions for internships in the industry at this time as a part of our academic program.

2. What are the possibilities of getting assistantship (Teaching/Research Assistantship) at your university ?

There are opportunities through the University. Please see the [Work at UH](http://workatuh.hawaii.edu/) web site: <http://workatuh.hawaii.edu/>

3. What are the Tuition costs?

For that information, please refer to the [UH Tuition Schedule](#). Our program falls under Post-Baccalaureate Students: <http://www.hawaii.edu/admrec/tuition.html#PB>

4. How many credits can I transfer, or how many will apply to your program?

That would probably have to be determined by Graduate Division, as they would have to review your course syllabi and associated materials. As for courses that may meet the requirements of our MSCR curriculum, that would probably have to be determined by our Curriculum Committee, also after review of the courses that you have already taken. In general, it is safe to assume that it will be necessary to take all of the courses in our program, since there are few equivalent programs available at other universities.

5. Are you open to International Students joining the program?

Eligibility of applicants, including International applicants, is subject to the requirements and standards of [Graduate Division](#). Please see their web site for more information:

<http://www.hawaii.edu/graduatestudies/international/html/international.htm>

6. What is the length of time required to complete the degree?

1 1/2 to 2 years is typical for coursework and thesis preparation.

7. What are the Admission Requirements?

Requirements for our program admission are as follows:

- Acceptance to UH Graduate Division
- Possession of an MD, PhD, DDS, Pharm D or the appropriate doctoral degree (exceptions considered)
- Ability to devote at least 50% time to this program and to the conduct of one's own research study
- Established relationship with a research mentor (can be accomplished after acceptance to the program)

8. What are the requirements regarding mentorship?

- MSCR students - a mentor must be identified during the course of program
- PhDCR students - a mentor is required prior to start of program

9. Is this program offered online?

No, not at this time. Courses are attended in person at the UH Medical School Kaka'ako campus.

10. Am I appropriate for your program?

Some examples of appropriate students for the MSCR and PhDCR programs may include:

- Clinicians
- ECFMG Graduates
- Medical professionals and scientists with US Domestic or equivalent training

11. Do you have funding available to students?

Currently, our program has no funding available to subsidize students during their training in our programs.

12. Do you have funding available to International Students

If funding does become available, it would not be available for international students as a condition of our funding sources.

13. What are some funding options for International Students?

Funding for international students may be available via specific RFAs, developed relationship with one of our researchers, or administrative supplements.

14. I already have a Masters degree, do I qualify for the PhD in Clinical Research program?

In general, no, as the PhDCR has as a prerequisite, the curriculum offered by the MSCR program. The only accepted substitute for our MSCR curriculum is a degree from an accredited equivalent Masters in Clinical Research Program. A masters degree in another field of study would not provide the training needed to begin our PhDCR program.

15. Do I need to come to your campus in order to participate in these programs?

Yes, as distance education is not currently offered for our MSCR and PhDCR programs. The only course where occasional remote attendance is permitted via video or conference phone, is the Clinical Research Seminar. Students that would not be available to attend courses at our campus would not be eligible for acceptance to the programs.

16. How much time should I expect to spend each day while enrolled in these programs?

Courses are generally offered one day a week, for up to 8 hours. Students should also be prepared to commit the equivalent of 20 hours per week for research and study.

17. What if I can't take all of the courses one semester, or need to take time off?

Due to the way that courses are offered for these programs, as a two year cohort, it is necessary to register for all courses offered each semester. Inability to take courses as they are offered would result in the need to wait until the courses were offered again during the next cohort, up to two years later. It is necessary to maintain enrollment in the program(s) during every semester prior to graduation unless a leave properly is properly approved. It is important to be gain approval for any necessary leave promptly, in order to avoid being dismissed from Graduate Division, which would require re-application and associated fees in order to continue at a later date.

18. Are there language requirements for admission to these programs?

The MSCR and PhDCR programs require a [TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language](#), with a score of at least 600 on paper-based or 80 on internet-based test (Reading 19, Speaking 20, Listening 17, Writing 21).