The Master’s degree in Health: Science, Technology and Policy (HSTP) was created to meet a growing demand in the health sector for specific health-related skills and knowledge. Close association with external partners in public, private and community organizations is a core element of the program and provides networking opportunities for students. The program also allows students the opportunity to engage in a health-related practicum to gain real-world, hands-on experience in the field.

The program is designed to provide students with the training and skills they need to be highly marketable in the health and/or policy sectors. The 20-month program focuses on the critical assessment of research and policy information, as well as the ability to integrate information from diverse sources and to communicate effectively with diverse audiences, including experts from different disciplines.

The core courses required by the program are designed to provide students with a foundation in research methods and policy; an understanding of the broad, interdisciplinary nature of the research-policy interface in the health sector that includes a consideration of both the biological and social fundamentals of health; knowledge of health technologies; leadership, communication and knowledge-translation skills; and conducting research as a member of an interdisciplinary team.

During their second year, students have a choice of doing an individual research project or collaborating with a multidisciplinary research team to solve pressing problems facing employers in the health sector.

Carleton also offers two graduate diplomas in this area, one for current students and one for professionals.

Degrees Offered
MSc, Graduate Diplomas

Career Options
Career opportunities range from working at the health research-policy interface to working for organizations and agencies that seek to influence government policy and priorities, such as NGOs, public agencies, industry, hospitals and community health centres.

Fall Application Deadline
February 1, to be eligible for funding

Admission Requirements
An honours bachelor’s degree or equivalent; a university-level statistics course; show evidence of commitment to a career in the broadly defined health sector.

"I was given the opportunity to develop leadership and teamwork skills. Looking at the prevalence of interdisciplinary team-based work environments, I believe HSTP has allowed me to become better equipped to excel in my future career."
— Owen McMorrie (MSc/15)

"This degree uniquely emphasizes interdisciplinary approaches to real world challenges. The program has provided me multiple opportunities to engage with a diversity of professionals."
— Lisa Carroll (MSc/15)

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