Master’s of Science (MSc) Program

Admission Requirements
Recommendation for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies will be based on an assessment of a student's academic record and related work experience, and the extent to which their stated research interests fit with the current research resources and priorities of members of the Department. Specific pre-master's courses are not prescribed; however, based on the academic background of the individual student, the Department may require that certain courses be completed prior to applying for admission to the program. Completion of this additional coursework does not guarantee admission to the master's program.

Admission to a specialty medical training program (Residency Program) is independent of the admission to the graduate program and is governed by the Division of Postgraduate Medical Education in the Faculty of Medicine.

Undergraduate Degree Requirements
The following represent the standard minimum undergraduate degree requirements for admission to the program.

- Graduates of four-year undergraduate degree programs (or equivalent as deemed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies) from:
  - Canadian institutions empowered by law to grant degrees; or
  - Colleges and universities outside Canada which are officially recognized by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

- All students applying for a Master’s degree program must have attained a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last two full years (60 credit hours) of study.

Structure of the Program
The general regulations established by the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) govern the MSc degree program in Community Health Sciences (CHS). In addition, there is a set of Supplemental Regulations specific to the Department of Community Health Sciences. Students should review both sets of regulations.

The MSc in Community Health Sciences requires completion of eight courses (24 credit hours), preparation and approval of a thesis proposal, and the research and defense of a thesis. It is expected that students will also attend regularly scheduled events, such as the Department Colloquium series, which is held on Friday at noon, as well as other students’ thesis presentations.

The thesis proposal should be approved in the term following completion of course work. According to the FGS regulations, all requirements of the program must be completed within four years. Certain forms must be completed at various stages in the student’s program.