

# **Master of Health Management Systems (MHMS) Presentation**

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# Welcome & Introductory Videos



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# UNIDEMY GLOBAL



# SSMC



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# Duquesne University Faculty



**Fevzi Akinci, PhD, MHA**  
**Dean and Professor**

**Education:**

- ✓ Ph.D. Health Services Research, St. Louis University
- ✓ M.H.A. Health Administration, St. Louis University
- ✓ B.S. Health Administration, Hacettepe University, Turkey

**Research Interests:**

- ✓ Burden of disease & chronic care management
- ✓ Health care access and utilization
- ✓ Comparative international studies

**Experience:**

- ✓ 25 years of experience of training physicians leaders and successful placement of administrative fellows

# Duquesne University Faculty



## Heather Rusiewicz

Department Chair and Associate Professor, Associate Dean for Research

### Education:

- Ph.D. Communication Science and Disorders, University of Pittsburgh
- M.A. Communication Science and Disorders, University of Pittsburgh
- B.A. Communication Science and Disorders, University of Pittsburgh

### Research Interests:

- ✓ Interaction of music, gestures, and speech production
- ✓ Vocal pedagogy, music theory, and beatboxing
- ✓ Teaching in the area of communication sciences

### Experience:

- ✓ Over 20 years of experience in communication sciences, research, and leadership

# Duquesne University Faculty



**Faina Linkov, PhD, MPH**  
**Health Administration and Public Health Department Chair and Associate Professor**

**Education:**

- ✓ Ph.D. Epidemiology, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ MPH Community and Behavioral Science, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ B.S. Psychology, University of Pittsburgh

**Research Interests:**

- ✓ Global health
- ✓ Optimization of healthcare delivery
- ✓ Chronic disease prevention

**Experience:**

- ✓ 14 years of experience at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, trained multiple foreign physicians

# Duquesne University Faculty



**Urmi Ashar, MBBS, MD, DNB, MBA**

**Public Health Program Director and Assistant Professor**

**Education:**

- ✓ MBA, University of Colorado
- ✓ MD, University of Mumbai, India
- ✓ MSBS, University of Mumbai, India

**Research Interests:**

- ✓ Healthcare management and leadership
- ✓ Corporate governance
- ✓ Public health

**Experience:**

- ✓ Anesthesiologist trained in India with experience in passing USMLE

# Duquesne University Faculty



**Joan M. Kiel, PhD, CHPS**  
**Professor**

**Education:**

- ✓ Ph.D. Philosophy, New York University
- ✓ M.Phil. Philosophy, New York University
- ✓ M.P.A. Health Administration & Policy, New York University

**Research Interests:**

- ✓ The utilization of information technology to effectuate the management & delivery of healthcare
- ✓ HIPAA Privacy & Security (subcategory of social media's use with HIPAA)
- ✓ Applying the principles of Mintzberg & Drucker in healthcare conglomerates

# Duquesne University Faculty



**Ahmad Khanijahani, PhD**  
**Assistant Professor**

**Education:**

- ✓ Ph.D. Public Affairs-Health Services Management and Research, University of Central Florida
- ✓ M.S. Health Economics, Tehran University of Medical Sciences
- ✓ B.S. Health Services Administration, Tabriz University of Medical Sciences

**Research Interests:**

- ✓ Health disparities and access to care
- ✓ Health policy
- ✓ Economic evaluation in healthcare

# Duquesne University Faculty



**Ariel Shensa, PhD**  
**Assistant Professor**

**Education:**

- ✓ Ph.D. Clinical and Translation Science, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ M.A. Research Methodology, University of Pittsburgh
- ✓ B.A. Psychology, Chatham University

**Research Interests:**

- ✓ Survey development and analysis
- ✓ Measure and scale development
- ✓ Statistics and research methods

# Why Duquesne?

- **#151** by U.S. News and World Report Overall National Ranking
- Ranked **#68** by U.S. News & World Report's 2023 Best Value Schools
- Chronicle of Higher Ed ranked Duquesne **#16** in small research universities (out of 61)

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# Why Duquesne?

## Duquesne University is Unique!

- 85 UG majors, 90 Grad programs, 16 certificate programs, and a Medical college (College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM))
- The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education classifies Duquesne as a “Doctoral University: High Research Activity”
- Pittsburgh is a technology and health care hub, and ranked one of America’s Most Livable Cities



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# Duquesne University: 10 Schools of Study

- John G. Rangos, Sr. School of Health Sciences (RSHS)
- Duquesne University Medical College (College of Osteopathic Medicine)
- School of Pharmacy
- School of Nursing
- Palumbo-Donahue School of Business
- School of Education
- Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University
- McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts
- Mary Pappert School of Music
- School of Science and Engineering

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# Duquesne's Rangos School of Health Sciences

**Built to Impact of the Lives of Others!**



# Duquesne's Medical School

**Expanding Horizons in Medical Education!**



# Living in Pittsburgh

America's "Most Livable City"



Duquesne's campus looks like this...

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...but it's right next to this.

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DU IS  
RIGHT  
HERE

**DU has been named one of the safest urban campuses in the US!**

# RSHS Overview

- Over 1100 students
- 19:1 student/teacher ratio
- Nearly 100% job placement and board pass rates



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# RSHS Mission and Vision

## Mission

Educating ethical healthcare professionals [and engineers] to engage and serve diverse local and global communities to advance person-centered healthcare.

## Vision

We will be leaders in educational innovation, interdisciplinary research and community engagement.



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# RSHS Key Highlights

- Innovative and growth-minded leadership team
- Nationally renowned and dedicated faculty (n=60) and staff (n=19)
- Recent faculty recognitions as Fellows
- Academically talented students
- Strong enrollment and financial trends



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# RSHS Key Highlights

- Nationally accredited and ranked health sciences programs
- Excellent track record in first-time pass rates on credentialing exams and student placements
- Strong alumni support
- Vibrant health care community
- Increasing international recognition



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# You are done with your medical training: What's next?

Indian medical graduates with MBBS considering settling in the United States (US) in the future must:

- Undertake the three-step United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) to practice within the US.



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Duquesne's MHMS program offers an experiential US-based graduate degree to:

- Acquire a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics of the US Healthcare System.
- Attain success in your career and residency placements through opportunities with valuable experiences.
- Prepare for your USMLE and residency placement while advancing in the program.



# Why pursue a graduate degree in the USA?

- Obtain a US-accredited non-clinical healthcare leadership degree in addition to your clinical one
- Combine DU MHMS with your USMLE scores to significantly enhance the competitiveness of your residency placement application
- Acquire the nuances of communication in the US healthcare sector to position yourself for success

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# Why pursue a graduate degree in the USA?

- Create network of medical/public health faculty, physicians, and community representatives to jump start your career
- Take a break for summer semester to complete clerkship/shadowing/internship experiences

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# What is Master of Health Management Systems (MHMS) Program at Duquesne?

- 30-credit program (10 courses)
- Customized for foreign physicians
- Can be completed in 18 months
- Summer off to get research/shadowing/internship/work experience to strengthen your residency placement application
- Be prepared to assume administrative and leadership roles in the US health care system



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# MHMS Program

## Why MHMS at Duquesne?

- Innovative and competency-based curriculum
- Nationally and internationally renowned faculty
- Industry experts serve as adjunct faculty (UPMC, Highmark, AHN)
- Hands-on experiential learning & capstone projects
- Research opportunities with program faculty



# MHMS Program

## Why MHMS at Duquesne?

- Opportunities for personal and professional development
- Academic support services, including research and career mentorship support
- Opportunities to network with local and regional health systems
- Ability to pursue a Ph.D. or an MD degree in the USA



# MHMS Program

## Your Pathways to Leadership:

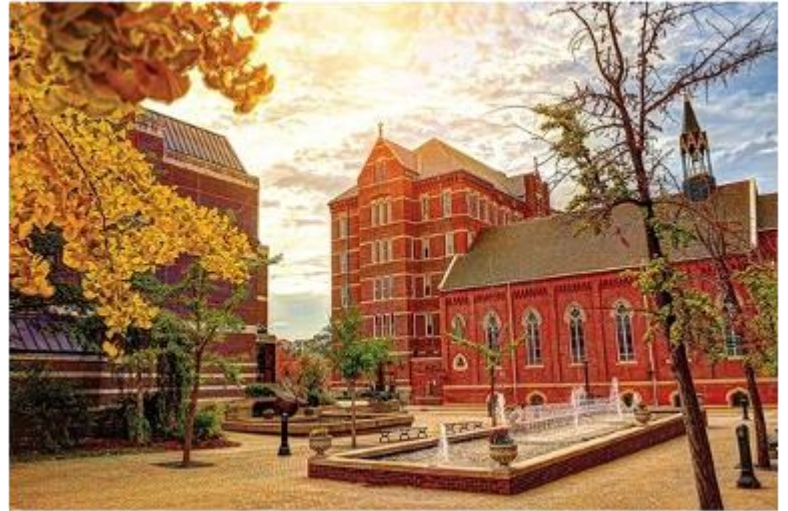
- Communication and Relationship Management
- Leadership Skills
- Professionalism
- Knowledge of the Healthcare Environment
- Business and Analytical Skills



# MHMS Program

## Leadership Opportunities for Graduates in Multiple Sectors:

- Integrated Health Systems
- Hospitals
- Pharmaceuticals
- Health Insurance Plans
- Nursing Homes
- Medical Education
- State and Federal Government Positions



# Why MHMS ?

- The MHMS degree will equip you with key competencies in research methods, data analytics, healthcare finance & economics, communication, leadership, and other areas. Detailed plan of study can be found in your handouts.

# How is Duquesne MHMS program different from other programs?

**Duquesne Experience: Graduate students develop close collaborations with faculty and university leadership**



# Our Exciting Partnership with Unidemy Global and Sri Siddhartha Medical College!



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**We Look Forward to  
Welcoming You to  
Duquesne University!**

# Open Discussion

Questions and Comments?

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# Thank You!

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