**A.S. General Studies: Health Sciences Specialization**

**ADVANCE Program Milestones**

**ADVANCE Milestone Requirements:** All ADVANCE students must adhere to the following requirements. For Milestones #1-#3, failure to meet these milestones will prevent a student from matriculating to Mason and/or result in termination from ADVANCE. For Milestones #4-#6, failure to meet these milestones may delay matriculation to Mason.

1. Students must complete their NOVA degree within 4 years of being admitted into ADVANCE. Students are highly encouraged to be continuously enrolled at NOVA/Mason to support progress towards degree completion.
2. Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA upon matriculation to Mason.
3. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the fall semester must apply for NOVA graduation by March 1 for spring graduation or June 1 for summer graduation. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the spring semester must apply for NOVA graduation by October 1 for winter graduation.
4. Students must begin developmental coursework in no later than the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
5. Students must take first college-level MTH course and ENG 111 in the semester immediately following the completion of any MDE or EDE courses (excluding summer).
6. In the first 30 credits, students must:
   a. Complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
   b. Complete the first college-level MTH course with a C or better.

**ADVANCE Program-Specific Information:**

Students interested in Pre-Health Professions (Pre-Med, Pre-Dentistry, Pre-Podiatry, Pre-Optometry, Pre-Veterinary, Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Physician Assistant, Pre-Occupational Therapy, and Pre-Physical Therapy) should meet with a Mason Advisor regarding the appropriate prerequisite courses for their field of choice. For more information, please visit: https://prehealth.gmu.edu/

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Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University. Please see your Success Coach to enroll.

**Important Academic Information:**

1. Students interested in Pre-Health Professions are strongly encouraged to take MTH 167 Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry and MTH 263 Calculus I for the NOVA Math sequence. Please consult with the Mason Advisor for more information.

2. For approved Community Health Electives, please visit: https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/health-human-services/global-community-health/community-health-bs/
Additional General Notes & Resources:

- Students must earn a minimum grade of C in all major courses. A criminal background check and proof of vaccination status may be required of students prior to beginning an internship if required by the internship organization.
- ADVANCE students who earn at least a 2.85 cumulative GPA and no more than 9 credits of unrepeated D/F grades may be eligible to receive a waiver for any lower-level Mason Core courses not already completed. To be eligible for the core waiver, students must also complete the requirements of the AA or AS degree listed on their pathway, and apply to graduate from NOVA by the deadline (see milestone #3). Students must meet these criteria by the time of matriculation to Mason and provide the Office of Admissions a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date.
- For academic policies and procedures, please see Mason catalog - https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/
- Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.