

**Master of Science in Health Data Analytics
Program Closure**

The Master of Science (M.S.) in Health Data Analytics is a 33-credit hour program within the School of Public Health and Information Sciences (SPHIS). The program has experienced consistently low enrollment and low completion rates with only six (6) degrees being conferred in the degree program during the last five (5) academic years. Additionally, the program only has one (1) dedicated full-time faculty member teaching in the program, which makes the program economically inefficient, as the enrollment is not sufficient to financially support the efforts of a full-time faculty member. Finally, SPHIS has recently opened a M.S. in Artificial Intelligence in Medicine degree program in partnership with the J.B. Speed School of Engineering. The closure of the M.S. in Health Data Analytics degree program will allow SPHIS to shift additional resources to this area of enrollment and research growth. The SPHIS Academic Affairs Committee approved the proposed closure of the M.S. in Health Data Analytics on February 11, 2025.

I. Enrollment and Degree Conferrals

Academic Year	Fall Enrollment¹	Degree Conferrals
2019-2020	2	0
2020-2021	4	0
2021-2022	5	0
2022-2023	7	4
2023-2024	9	2
2024-2025	4	N/A

¹ The fall term is UofL's official reporting semester for enrollment data.

II. Students

As of the Spring 2025 semester, three (3) students are currently enrolled in the M.S. in Health Data Analytics degree program. Of these students, all are currently on track to complete their degree requirements by no later than the Fall 2025 semester. Specifically, the enrolled students are expected to complete the program according to the following schedule given the number of credits they have already earned:

- Two (2) will likely graduate by no later than the Spring 2025 semester.
- One (1) will likely graduate by no later than the Fall 2025 semester.

The required coursework for these students to complete the program will be offered through the Spring 2026 semester to ensure they have adequate time to complete the degree requirements to be bestowed the M.S. in Health Data Analytics.

No students have been admitted for the Fall 2025 semester, and applicants who express interest in the program are being encouraged to apply for the M.S. in Artificial Intelligence in Medicine program.

III. Notification of Faculty, Staff, and Community

Affected faculty are already aware of the closure, as they approved the closure during a February 7, 2025 meeting between the dean and the department chairs in SPHIS. Faculty appointments within SPHIS have remained stable with 40 full-time appointments in 2019 and 41 in 2024. Accordingly, the closure of the M.S. in Health Data Analytics is being implemented, so SPHIS can shift faculty resources to areas of enrollment and research growth in artificial intelligence in medicine. As such, impacted faculty have already had their teaching loads shifted to support the newly established M.S in Artificial Intelligence in Medicine degree program.

Once the degree program is officially closed with SACSCOC, the Vice Provost/SACSCOC Liaison will notify all relevant parties (e.g., registrar, graduate school, advisers, academic deans, etc.) of the program closure via email. Additionally, the 2025-2026 Graduate Academic Catalog will be updated to remove the degree program. Finally, the program director will email all community partners (e.g., student recruitment partners, etc.) to notify them of the closure of the degree program and the prioritization of the newly established M.S. in Artificial Intelligence in Medicine degree program.

IV. Current, Lapsed, and Prospective Student Communication Plan

Currently enrolled students have been formally notified via email by the program director, and they have been encouraged to meet with the program director to discuss their academic progress toward degree completion.

Lapsed students who are still eligible to re-enroll in the degree program under UofL's continuous enrollment policy will be emailed by the SPHIS Director of Admissions to be notified that they must re-enroll by no later than the Summer 2025 semester to be able to complete the program.

As previously mentioned, no students have been admitted into the program, and prospective students are being encouraged to enroll in the M.S. in Artificial Intelligence in Medicine program. SPHIS will update their website to notify prospective students that the M.S. in Health Data Analytics is being phased out, and as previously mentioned, the 2025-2026 Graduate Academic Catalog will be updated to remove the degree program from the listing of academic programs open to enrollment at UofL.

V. Effective Date

The last term students will be admitted to the M.S. in Health Data Analytics is the Spring 2025 semester. Note that no students have been admitted to the program at the time this teach-out was submitted. The program will be closed to subsequent enrollment effective for the Summer 2025 semester (May 5, 2025).