

# HEALTHCARE QUALITY & SAFETY (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE)

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## Program Description

Healthcare Quality and Safety (HQS) is the study and prevention of adverse events, suboptimal care, ineffective treatments, inefficient processes and unnecessary clinical variation in health systems.

## Graduate Certificate

The Graduate Certificate focuses on the foundations of HQS. This option contains five online courses and can be completed in one year.

## Program Outcomes

The HQS program prepares graduates to lead the transition of healthcare delivery towards high-value care by preparing them to:

### Graduate Certificate

- Apply management and leadership skills to develop policies related to measurement and improvement of HQS
- Integrate change management theory into project management program design to improve healthcare quality and patient safety
- Distinguish the various factors that influence risk in health care and discuss the legal principles and regulatory mechanisms that relate to it
- Apply the foundational concepts of quality and safety measurement, improvement and analysis within the framework of collaborative team dynamics and change management

## Graduate Certificate

### Curriculum:1 (Science Track)

Code	Title	Credits
HPL 500	US Healthcare Org & Delivery	3
HQS 500	Intro Healthcare Qual & Safety	3
HQS 509	Appl Princ of Healthcare Qulty	3
HQS 515	Appl Princ of Patient Safety	3
General Elective (PD approval required)		3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

## Graduate Certificate (International Track)

### Curriculum:1 Year <sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Credits
HPL 550	Comparative Health Systems	3
HQS 502	Intro to International HQS	3
HQS 509	Appl Princ of Healthcare Qulty	3
HQS 515	Appl Princ of Patient Safety	3
General Elective (Program Director approval needed)		3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

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- Students enrolled in the international track of Healthcare Quality and Safety, and ISQua Fellows, will take HPL 550 Comparative Health Systems in place of HPL 500 US Healthcare Org & Delivery
  - Waived for ISQua Fellows.
  - Waived for members of the National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ) who hold the Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) credential.
  - Waived for members of the Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) who have completed qualifying courses in the SHM Leadership Academy.
  - Members of the American Association for Physician Leadership (AAPL) who have completed the master's pre-requisites, or graduates of an accredited MBA/MHA program apply to the Master of Science in Healthcare Quality and Safety Management program and are able to waive HPL 500 US Healthcare Org & Delivery & the elective. Please contact Program Director Dr. Mary Reich Cooper for more information. Not applicable to Certificate.