Patient Safety and Health Care Quality
(Graduate Certificate)

Health care professionals interested in graduate education related to patient safety and quality should consider this program to receive advanced preparation in the practices and principles of improvement science.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Patient Safety and Health Care Quality (certificate)

The certificate program in patient safety and health care quality is open to all bachelor's degree-prepared health professionals.

Graduates are specialists who are able to synthesize innovation principles and best available evidence to develop interventions for implementation. They are also able to lead inter-professional teams to design, deliver and evaluate safety and quality improvement efforts that are patient centered, minimize risk and improve outcomes across diverse practice settings.

This program supports preparation for national certification as a certified professional in health care quality, as a certified patient safety officer and as a certified professional in patient safety.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus, West campus

Degree Requirements

15 credit hours
Required Courses (15 credit hours)
NUR 520 Patient Safety and Health Care Quality Principles, Assessment and Methods (3)
NUR 521 Health Care Evidence, Informatics and Analysis (3)
NUR 522 Designing Systems for Patient Safety and Health Care Quality (3)
NUR 523 Interprofessional Collaboration for Improving Patient Safety and Health Care Quality Outcomes (3)
NUR 529 Role-Focused Practicum: Patient Safety and Health Care Quality (3)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's degree in a health-related area or a bachelor's degree with an associate degree in a health-related area from a nationally recognized, regionally accredited academic institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. current and unencumbered professional license (if required)
3. interview with program faculty
4. three professional letters of recommendation
5. resume
6. goal statement
7. health and safety requirements (passing disposition on a background clearance and satisfactory completion of a substance screen)
8. proof of English language proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency per the Graduate College requirement and all requirements for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools.

There are no required admission examinations.
Application Deadlines

Fall

Global Opportunities

PLuS Alliance
Global Experience
Global Degree

Career Opportunities

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