This multi-level dual degree program offers academically qualified individuals a seamless and accelerated pathway for completing both the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (BSHS) in Clinical Management & Leadership (CML), a degree completion program, and the Master of Science in Health Sciences (MSHS) in Health Care Quality (HCQ). Undergraduate and graduate degrees will be conferred sequentially, with the BSHS awarded upon completion of 120 credits (9 of which are taken for graduate credit). The MSHS is awarded following completion of an additional 27 credits of graduate coursework.

The undergraduate CML Program prepares professionals from a variety of clinical disciplines for positions in all sectors of the health care delivery system. The graduate HCQ Program enables professionals to advocate for a quality-focused health care culture through conducting research, evaluating patient safety, and utilizing data to improve operations.

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**Curricula**

### BSHS

**Transferable Coursework**

(60 credit hours)

For an assessment on the transferability of your previous coursework, please contact the program office. Coursework will be evaluated for transfer using the following criteria:

- College-level
- Academic in nature
- Completed at a regionally accredited institution
- Earned with a ‘C’ or better

**General Education**

(21 credit hours)

- English Composition
- Science (6 credits)*
- Humanities and/or Social Sciences (12 credits)*

*Applicants may complete outstanding coursework through additional Health Sciences Distance Education courses.

**Advanced Standing and Electives**

(39 credit hours)

Academic credit may be awarded for ACE-recognized military courses. Additionally, up to 39 credits of advanced standing may be awarded to graduates of non-college based health programs who present appropriate documentation (e.g. EMT or RN license).

### BSHS in Clinical Management & Leadership

The BSHS with a major in Clinical Management & Leadership requires successful completion of 120 credit hours, including at least 60 credit hours of GW coursework:

**Transferable Coursework**

- General Education 21 credit hours
- Advanced Standing and Electives 39 credit hours

### MSHS in Health Care Quality

Requires successful completion of an additional 27 credit hours of graduate coursework, including 6 credit hours in research.

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### Coursework at GW

(60 credit hours; 3 credits each)

**Health Sciences Distance Education**

- CML 2140 Management of Human Resources in Health Science Organizations
- CML 2141 Planning and Marketing in Health Sciences
- CML 2142 Financial Management in the Health Sciences
- CML 2143 Current Issues in Health Sciences Management
- CML 4144 Seminar in Health Science Leadership
- HSCI 2103 Health Policy and the Health Care System
- HSCI 2104 Management of Health Sci. Services
- HSCI 2105 Current Issues in Bioethics
- HSCI 2107 Health Care in Literature
- HSCI 2108 Quality Improvement in Health Care
- HSCI 2109 Trends and Innovations in Health Care
- HSCI 2112W Writing in the Health Sciences
- HSCI 2113 Informatics in the Health Sciences
- HSCI 2115 Introduction to Biostatistics for Health Professionals
- HSCI 4103 Health Care Law & Regulation
- HSCI 4105 Case Studies in Health Care
- HSCI 4112W Research and Writing for Health Professionals
- HSCI 6223 Topics in Health Care Leadership
- HSCI 6240 Issues and Trends in Health Systems
- HSCI 6241 The Health Care Enterprise

**MSHS Coursework at GW**

(27 credit hours; 3 credits each)

- Health Care Quality Courses
  - HCQ 6201 Building a Quality Culture
  - HCQ 6202 The Health Care Quality Landscape
  - HCQ 6203 Quality Improvement Science in Health Care
  - HCQ 6204 Health Care Quality
  - HCQ 6205 Patient Safety Systems
  - HCQ 6275 Change and Leadership in HCQ
- Graduate Research Courses
  - HSCI 6270 Research Methods for Health Professionals I
  - HSCI 6271 Research Methods for Health Professionals II
- Elective Course
  - Chosen with advisor

Credit for HSCI 6223, HSCI 6240, and HSCI 6241 is applied to both the BSHS and MSHS degrees.

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Throughout the program students will:

- Develop interdisciplinary management skills necessary to manage clinical and health care organizations.

- Develop a personal leadership philosophy and framework for providing leadership to teams and organizations.

- Acquire strategic thinking and planning skills to engage and lead interprofessional teams, within the broad context of health care delivery.

- Synthesize critical thinking, analytical skills, and effective communications to scientifically lead organizational change in health care institutions, with a strong focus on establishing a quality culture.

- Utilize research methodologies to inform strategic healthcare management decision making.

- Demonstrate proficiency in communication skills necessary to manage and lead effectively.

- Integrate national quality standards and best practices with information technology to effectively support quality assurance initiatives in health care settings.

- Demonstrate proficiency in research and written communication skills to conduct and publish work capable of driving excellence in clinical and operational decision-making.

- Evaluate and utilize quality and patient safety improvement methods to systematically elevate the quality of health care delivery in and across organizations.

Apply for Admission

Admissions Requirements
All applicants are required to complete an online application as well as submit the following supporting documents:

- Official transcripts from all previous academic institutions
- One letter of recommendation
- Current resume
- A statement of purpose

Admitted students may begin their course of study during the Spring, Summer, or Fall semester.

Costs and Funding
Current information concerning tuition, fees, and other estimated expenses can be found at colonialcentral.gwu.edu.

Students who are on active-duty are eligible for a special military discount tuition rate. Please contact the program office for further information.

Required Tests
The program does not require the submission of an entrance exam. Applicants whose native language is not English or who are not citizens of countries where English is the official language are required to submit scores from either TOEFL or IELTS. Please visit the Admissions website for more detailed information.

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