Healthcare Quality and Safety programs

Master of Science in Healthcare Quality and Safety
Post-Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Quality and Safety

Healthcare Quality and Safety professionals are transforming healthcare delivery and redefining what it means to provide the highest-quality level of care. Jacksonville University (JU) Healthcare Quality and Safety (HQS) programs equip healthcare professionals for the challenge of continuously improving the quality and safety of the healthcare systems in which they work. Designed for working professionals, the JU HQS programs offer flexible schedules with cutting-edge programming to take students to the next step in their career.

Program Highlights

**Industry Front-Runner** - The JU HQS program is one of only 14 Healthcare Quality and Safety programs in the U.S. and CA as well as one of the ten founding HQS schools working with the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME) to develop industry standards for healthcare quality and safety accreditation.

**Flexible Schedule** - The JU HQS programs are offered in a 100% online format to meet the needs of working professionals.

**Career Game Changer** - The JU HQS master’s degree prepares graduates for careers such as Director of Quality/Risk Management, Chief Quality Officers, Quality analysts, Clinical excellence representatives and more. In 2017, the median annual wage for a Chief Quality Officer was $122,539 according to payscale.com.

**Expert Faculty** - Courses are taught by skilled faculty who bring extensive real-world experience to the classroom. The program director, Dr. Teri Chenot, has received numerous patient safety awards and is involved in healthcare quality and safety initiatives at the national/international level.

**International Network** - JU is the home of the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) Institute Regional Center which hosts the annual, nationally-recognized, interprofessional Patient Safety Forum. The forum has created an international network of healthcare professionals who lead quality and safety educational resources and scholarship.
PROGRAM OPTIONS

Master of Science in Healthcare Quality and Safety

• Pending SACSCOC approval
• 100% online format
• 36 credit hours
• Admissions requirements:
  • Completed online graduate application at www.ju.edu/apply.
  • Candidates must have an undergraduate degree in any discipline from a regionally accredited university. Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended must be submitted. Candidates must have earned at least a GPA of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale for full admission.
  • A graduate entrance exam (GRE, GMAT, MCAT, LSAT, or MAT) may be required for applicants with a GPA lower than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
  • Candidates where English is not the language of instruction must also submit a TOEFL score. Minimum score 650 (paper), 280 (computer), 114 (internet-based), or IELTS – 8.0.
  • Current CV or Resume.

Post-Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Quality and Safety

• Pending SACSCOC approval
• 100% online format
• 12 credit hours
• Admissions requirements:
  • Completed online application at www.ju.edu/apply.
  • Must have completed a master’s degree or higher at a regionally accredited university, OR must currently be enrolled in a JU graduate program.
  • Transcripts from each graduate-level institution attended (including all courses taken, grades received, and, if applicable, degree earned).
  • At a minimum, candidates must have an undergraduate degree in any discipline from a regionally accredited university. All transcripts from each postsecondary institution attended (including all courses taken, grades received, and, if applicable, degree earned) must be submitted. Candidates must have earned at least a GPA of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale for full admission.
  • A graduate entrance exam (GRE, GMAT, MCAT, LSAT, or MAT) may be required for applicants with a GPA lower than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
  • Candidates where English is not the language of instruction must also submit a TOEFL score.
    • TOEFL - minimum score 650 (paper), 280 (computer), 114 (internet-based), or IELTS – 8.0 if candidate’s primary language is not English.
  • Current CV or Resume.
  • Personal Statement of Purpose/Essay of no more than 500 words describing your interest in the program. Include your personal experiences and how they relate to your goals and expectations for the program.
  • Three recommendations; two of which should be professional references. References should be from a supervisor familiar with the student’s work experience and, if possible, an educator who taught the student.
  • Unencumbered background check completed by the start of the first semester. Information on the background check may need to be released to agencies for permission to participate at the healthcare site. If placement is denied by the agency, and an alternative site cannot be obtained, the student will not complete the program.