

Master of Science in Healthcare Quality and Safety (MS-HQS)

One of our new degree programs is a Master of Science in Healthcare Quality and Safety. Students who complete this degree will be able to apply advanced management and leadership skills to develop approaches that address problems related to the measurement and improvement of healthcare quality and patient safety.

Graduates will be able to apply the quantitative and qualitative analytic skills they acquire in a variety of settings, including inpatient facilities, outpatient and office care, nursing home and home health programs, psychiatric and drug treatment programs, and agencies providing end-of-life care. Our students will also find work with health insurance organizations, governmental agencies at the state and federal level, research and consulting firms, and advocacy organizations.

We are eagerly preparing for our first cohort of students, who will begin classes in September. Classes will be offered across three 14-week sessions each year, with breaks between each session. Our classes will be held in the evenings, since we expect that many of our students will be working full-time and attending school part-time.

We have hosted three open house events for prospective students to learn more about our program, and also sponsored advertisements on public radio, in newspapers, and on transportation systems in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Also, our brochures were widely distributed at local events and lectures related to health care quality and safety.

Applications are being taken online for the fall 2009 and spring 2010 semesters. The admissions

process includes a personal statement, official transcripts from colleges and universities attended, GRE scores, and two letters of recommendation. There is a \$25 fee, and standard application forms to complete. There is no deadline; applications are being reviewed on a rolling basis in batches in order to provide rapid turnaround. Eligible candidates will be called in for a personal interview. ■

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Complete information on the program and the application process is available online at http://www.jefferson.edu/population_health/quality_safety/, or you may call (215) 503-5305.