

# HEALTH CARE QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY CERTIFICATE

## Description and Outcomes

The Health Care Quality and Patient Safety Certificate is designed to expand upon the knowledge and skills of pharmacy technicians in the areas of quality improvement and patient safety. Coursework highlights patient safety theory, the scope of medication errors, cultural competence, and ethical decision-making. The program provides a solid overview of emerging trends in a rapidly changing health care system.

The Health Care Quality and Patient Safety Certificate will help prepare you to pursue a variety of career opportunities in health care-related industries while helping to advance your organization in providing safe and value-driven health services. Additionally, it provides you with a solid foundation to pursue further undergraduate or graduate study and/or professional degrees.

This program is available in ExcelTrack. Speak with your University representative for any limitations. For more information on ExcelTrack, see Learning Paths in the Approach to Learning (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/>) section of the Catalog.

## Program Length

The Health Care Quality and Patient Safety Certificate program consists of a minimum of 20 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a certificate.

## Program Outcomes

### Discipline-Specific Outcomes

1. Employ best practices related to reducing medication errors to maximize patient safety.
2. Implement the principles of cultural competence in a health care context.
3. Integrate knowledge of ethical decision-making to promote a quality health care environment.
4. Assess the impacts of emerging health care trends and current topics related to a pharmacy setting.

## Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/>) section and Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>).

## Policies

### Admissions Requirements

In addition to meeting the Purdue Global general admissions requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/>), you must be an employee of a corporate partner to enroll in the Health Care Quality and Patient Safety Certificate. A list of current corporate partners can be obtained by contacting Purdue Global Enterprise Learning Solutions.


## Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certification and licensure boards have state-specific educational requirements for programs that lead to a license or certification that is a precondition for employment. Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accreditation/licensure-state-authorizations/>) site to view program and state-specific licensure information.





Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, and meeting other certification requirements.

## Degree Plan

The  icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course Types (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/>) for information about module courses.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
HS155	 Fundamentals of Patient Safety	5
HS165	 Cultural Competence and Communication for Health Professionals	5
HS175	 Special Topics in Retail Pharmacy Practice	5
HS185	 Emerging Trends in the Pharmaceutical Industry	5
<b>Total Major Requirements</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>20</b>