

See Healthcare Through the Researcher's Lens

Health services researchers are investigators. They examine healthcare, find its strengths and confront its weaknesses.

Health services researchers uncover health disparities, identify resources, offer solutions and provide knowledge to improve patient care and outcomes.

Coursework for the Certificate in Health Services Research will teach you how to conduct research effectively — and how to bring your research to bear on real issues in healthcare.

A Unique Opportunity

The Certificate in Health Services Research offers a lot more than statistics and research methods. You'll also receive personalized mentoring from a Health Administration faculty member — a respected and published researcher — to identify your own research interest. You'll work one-on-one with your mentor as you learn new skills, and you'll apply those skills to conduct solid and sound research. With guidance and feedback, you'll produce a publishable paper on one of the most pressing issues in healthcare.

Health Services Research Certificate

The certificate prepares students for entry-level research positions in healthcare through part-time, graduate-level coursework. The certificate courses are taught evenings, over two to three semesters.

How to Apply

You may apply to this certificate program through the Governors State University online application at <https://applynow.govst.edu>.

Application deadlines are: Fall - August 1; Spring - October 1.

FACT:

Employment opportunities and careers in health services research vary widely — from academic careers in schools of nursing, medicine or public health, to government agencies, to private sector careers in research organizations sponsored by health maintenance organizations, hospital systems, pharmaceutical firms, insurers and other major health care stakeholders. Health services research positions may involve directing research, translating research into practice and products, and management evaluation of health care operations.

(Source: National Research Council (US) Committee for Monitoring the Nation's Changing Needs for Biomedical, Behavioral, and Clinical Personnel. Advancing the Nation's Health Needs: NIH Research Training Programs. Washington (DC): National Academies Press (US); 2005. 7, Health Services Research. Available from: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK22610/>)



Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting all relevant university requirements, applicants must:

- Have graduated from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum of a 2.5 GPA for the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work;
- Submit three standard letters of recommendation that support the applicant's ability to complete the certificate program.

Certificate Requirements

To receive a certificate in HSR, students must:

- Complete all required course work
- Earn a grade of "C" or higher for all course work
- Maintain a "B" (3.0) average or higher for all course work
- Successfully submit a research paper for publication written in collaboration with a full-time faculty member
- Submit an application for the certificate to the program director for approval upon successful completion of all requirements

Required Courses (18 Hours)

STAT 5520 Statistical Methods (3)

STAT 6110 Data Analysis Using SPSS (3)

HLAD 7104 Introduction to Health Services Research (3)

HLAD 7105 Applied Research Methods for Health Administration (3)

HLAD 8109 Independent Study: Health Services Research Proposal (3)

HLAD 8111 Graduate Thesis/Project: Health Services Research Final Project (3)

Total: 18 Hours

