

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LGBT HEALTH POLICY AND PRACTICE

The graduate certificate program in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Health Policy and Practice—the first of its kind in applied health for the LGBT community—trains current and future healthcare leaders to develop strategies that address health issues and reduce health disparities for LGBT people. The one-year, 18-credit program provides students with a solid base in the psychological, medical, and policy-based issues faced by LGBT individuals.

Designed for working professionals, the program is a distance learning program with a combination of online coursework (completed throughout the year) and two, one-week residencies on the GW campus in Foggy Bottom. Core courses cover topics relating to LGBT health and well-being, mental health, and health policy. The required capstone projects enable students to put coursework into practice.

Each student will create a product designed to improve health outcomes for LGBT people that he or she can use in his or her place of employment to further his or her career, or can feature as a “real world” accomplishment in his or her resume in job applications. This program may be completed on either a two-year or a one-year schedule.

Visit the program website (<https://lgbt.columbian.gwu.edu/>) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines: Summer - Admission is offered on a rolling basis. Applicants interested in scholarships should apply by February 15. The final deadline is May 1.

Recommendations: Two (2) recommendations required:

Prior academic records: Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

If transcripts are in a language other than English, English language translations must be provided. The English translation alone should be uploaded into your application.

Statement of purpose: In an essay of 250 – 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in your chosen field. Include your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application.

Additional requirements: Interview may be required (in-person, phone, or teleconference).

Supplemental Document: In one or two paragraphs, describe a general problem related to the LGBT community or a specific population under the LGBT umbrella that you are passionate about and would like to address, how you might go about confronting this issue in your Capstone project, and how you would like to measure the impact of that project. Your answer is not binding, but is meant to help us get to know you better through your interest areas and early ideas for what such a project might look like. This information will help us interview you more effectively and allow for a more balanced student cohort. Encouraged but not required.

International applicants: Please follow this link - <https://columbian.gwu.edu/international-graduate-applicants> (<https://columbian.gwu.edu/international-graduate-applicants/>) - to review the International Applicant Information carefully for details on required documents and English language requirements. Please note: international students who require a student visa from GW are not eligible to apply for admission to the program.

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (<http://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate/admissions/faqs/>) page.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences - Graduate Admissions Office
The George Washington University
801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 107
Washington DC 20052

Contact for questions:
askccas@gwu.edu ~ 202.994.6210 (phone) ~ 202.994.6213 (fax)
8:30 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
PSYD 6201	Multi-disciplinary LGBT Health ¹	
PSYD 6202	LGBT Mental Health ¹	
PSYD 6203	LGBT Health Policy ¹	
Capstone		
PSYD 6211	LGBT Health Capstone ¹	
Electives		
6 credits in elective courses selected from the following: ²		
PSYD 6221	Topics in LGBT Health ³	
PSYD 8271	Independent Study	

¹Taken for 3 credits to meet program requirements.

²Students may petition the program director to include other courses as electives. Electives should be graduate-level courses offered at GW that pertain to the LGBT population, physical or mental health with a focus on minority/underserved populations, or public policy with a focus on health and/or minority/underserved populations.

³Consult the Schedule of Classes for specific topics offered.