Given the dramatic changes in health care policy and regulation over the past decade, the role of compliance professionals has become increasingly important in the health care industry. No other position can have so profound an impact on your health care organization’s success—or failure. Legislation such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the federal Anti-Kickback and Stark Laws have created the need for university-based credentials for this increasingly specialized—and increasingly complicated—field.

The College of Professional Studies (CPS) offers a unique 12-credit graduate certificate program providing a comprehensive health care corporate compliance education. Drawing faculty and expertise from both the department of health policy and management in the Milken Institute School of Public Health and a leading health care law firm in Washington, DC, the program offers education in health care laws and regulations as well as tools and strategies for creating effective corporate compliance programs.

REQUIREMENTS

Program Requirements

Designed for working professionals, the 12-credit graduate certificate in health care corporate compliance (GW HCC Program or Program) provides students with a uniquely comprehensive education in health care corporate compliance. The Program is designed for current or aspiring corporate compliance officers and other working in compliance-related fields. The course of study, offered in just over seven months, is divided into three segments: five-day, in-classroom residency at the Graduate Education Center in Alexandria, VA (3 credits); six-month, online distance learning segment (6 credits); and three-day, in-classroom capstone back in Alexandria, VA (3 credits).

The graduate certificate in health care corporate compliance can be awarded in conjunction with a Master of Public Health in the field of health policy. The 12 credits earned through the graduate certificate in health care corporate compliance may be applied toward this MPH.

All other degree requirements for the MPH program must be fulfilled as noted on the MPH in the field of health policy program page (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/health-policy-management/mph).