What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
- Grade requirements: Graduated from an accredited, baccalaureate-granting University with a minimum of a second class standing of a B or 73% (GPA 3.0).
- Received a preferred degree in healthcare discipline, law, business, engineering, or policy studies.
- Have an undergraduate course in statistics and evidence of an understanding of research methodology and/or quality improvement experience.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
- A statement of interest in the program is required to match the applicant’s academic and work experience with the objectives of the program.
- Current curriculum vitae.
- If English is not a native language, prospective students must meet the English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening.
- The School of Graduate Studies requires the following minimum scores: TOEFL (paper-based): 550, (iBT): Writing (22/30); Speaking (22/30); Reading (22/30); Listening (22/30), for a total of 88/120; applicants must have the minimum score in each test as well as the minimum overall score, or (3) IELTS: 7.0 (academic module overall band score), or (4) PTE Academics: 65.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES
- Application deadline: February 1.

Before you start your application, please review the Graduate studies application process.

What about FEES?
- Application Fee: $105CAD
- Course Fees: $13,324.98CAD per year
- Additional Fees: $1500CAD program fee

Visit the Office of the University Registrar for more information on program fees.

Why QUEEN’S?  
The Master of Science in Healthcare Quality (MScHQ) at Queen’s is the first online program of its kind in Canada, specializing in linking theory and practice in quality, risk, and safety in healthcare. We offer interdisciplinary courses, led by leaders in their fields, convenient distance learning and valuable international exposure. Unparalleled in its scope, the new Master of Science in Healthcare Quality is the only program in Canada to address the growing need for interactions across disciplines, professions and communities. Join us on the forefront of improving healthcare quality, risk, and safety in Canada and worldwide.

Program STRUCTURE
MScHQ (2 years, part-time study): Online, course-based with two (2) 1-week in-person intensive courses; seven (7) required courses and a supervised project.

Part-Time STUDIES
The Master of Science in Healthcare Quality degree program will be delivered on a part-time basis over two years by a multidisciplinary team from the faculties of Health Science, Law, and Engineering as well as the Schools of Business and Policy Studies at Queen’s University. The multidisciplinary team of experts in the areas of quality, risk and safety will provide learners with a unique opportunity to link theoretical foundations with practical application.

Our program is designed for working professionals who would like to pursue a graduate degree. The majority of courses are delivered through interactive online classes and independent learning, but students will be expected to attend two, one-week intensive on-campus sessions in July/August of your first and second year of the program. Students will be expected to carry between 1-2 courses at a time.

Required COURSES
- HQR540 - Introduction to Quality, Risk and Safety (in Kingston)
- HQR541 - Process Improvement in Healthcare
- HQR542 - Research and Evaluation - Methods to Assess Quality, Risk & Safety
- HQR547 - Public Policy, Economics, and Quality Healthcare
- HQR546 - Human Factors in Healthcare (in Kingston)
- HQR545 - Organizational Behaviour in Healthcare
- HQR544 - Law, Risk and Healthcare
- HQR898 - Project in Healthcare Quality (Final project)

Program HIGHLIGHTS
- Study where you work and live
- Build on your academic education or enhance your career with advanced knowledge and skills
- Learn about healthcare quality from an interdisciplinary perspective
- Spend time with a cohort of peers during your one-week intensive courses at Queen’s University in Kingston, Canada, in each year of study
- Experience team-based learning with other students
- Network with students, alumni, and leaders in this emerging field
- Complete a supervised project on a topic of your choice