

Health Quality MSc(HQ) Map

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

Why Graduate Studies in Health Quality?

This two year, part-time, interdisciplinary course-based program consists of seven (7) core courses and a supervised project leading to a Master of Science in Health Quality (MScHQ) degree that will prepare you for practice, research, and education in the developing area of Health Quality, Risk and Safety.

Ensuring patient safety and minimizing risk are crucial concerns of those working in healthcare related fields. The MScHQ provides professionals with the knowledge and tools to research, advocate, and implement strategies for risk reduction and quality improvement within the healthcare system.

Why Queen's?

The Master of Science in Health 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 Master of Science in Health 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 health quality, risk, and safety in Canada and worldwide.

Program Structure

MScHQ (2 years, part-time study): Online, course-based with two (2) on campus sessions in September of first year and the following July, eight (8) required courses including a capstone project.



Part-Time Studies

The Master of Science in Health Quality degree program will be delivered on a part-time basis over two years by an interdisciplinary team from the Faculties of Health Science, Law, and Smith Engineering as well as the Smith School of Business and Policy Studies at Queen's University. The interdisciplinary 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 September of the first year and the following July. Students will be expected to carry between 1-2 courses at a time.

Required Courses

- HQRS 840 - Introduction to Quality, Risk and Safety (in Kingston)
- HQRS 841 - Process Improvement in Healthcare
- HQRS 844 - Law, Risk and Healthcare

- HQRS 847 - International Perspectives on Policy, Economics, and Quality Healthcare
- HQRS 846 - Human Factors in Healthcare (in Kingston)
- HQRS 845 - Organizational Behaviour in Healthcare
- HQRS 842 - Research and Evaluation Methods to Assess Quality, Risk & Safety
- HQRS 898 - Project in Health Quality (Final project) or HQRS 897 - Individual Project in Health Quality

Program Highlights

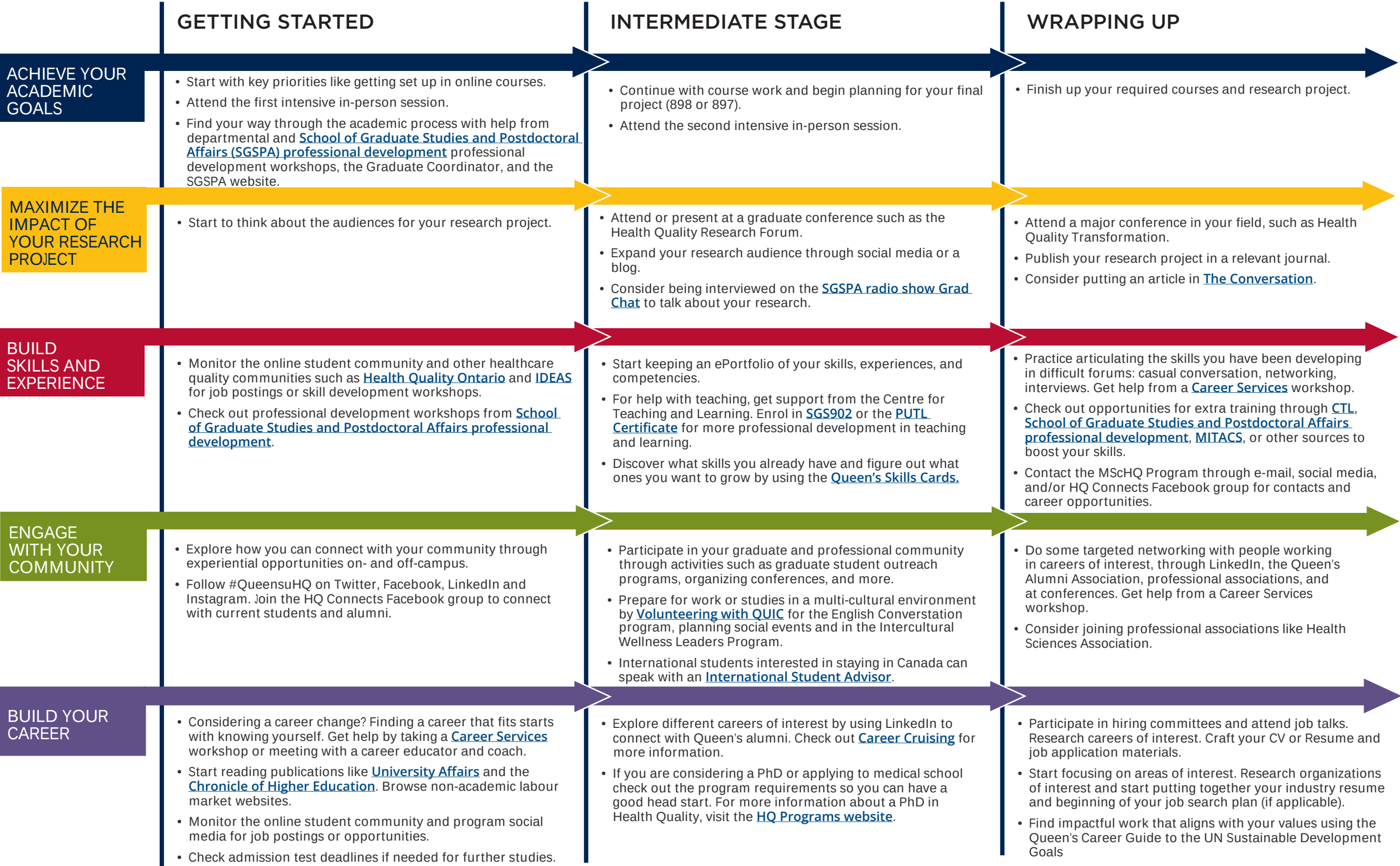
- Study where you work and live
- Advance your education or develop targeted skills to support your professional goals
- Learn about health quality from an interdisciplinary perspective
- Spend time with a cohort of peers during your two (2), one-week intensive courses at Queen's University in Kingston, Canada
- 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



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Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. To make your own custom map, use the My Grad Map tool: careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps.



Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A graduate degree in Health Quality can equip you with:

- Knowledge and Technical Proficiency:** Apply advanced nursing knowledge and discipline-specific technical skills in complex clinical and research contexts
- Communication:** Ability to effectively convey complex information to a diverse audience
- Information management:** prioritize, organize and synthesize large amounts of information
- Time management:** meet deadlines and manage responsibilities despite competing demands
- Project management:** develop ideas, gather information, analyze, critically appraise findings, draw and act on conclusions
- Creativity and innovation**
- Perseverance**
- Independence and experience** as a collaborative worker
- Awareness**, an understanding of sound ethical practices, social responsibility, responsible research and cultural sensitivity
- Professionalism** in all aspects of work, research, and interactions
- Leadership:** initiative and vision leading people and discussion
- Interprofessional Education** foundations

Career Possibilities

The Master of Science in Health Quality program is designed for young professionals or mid- to senior-level executives who wish to continue to work full time, while pursuing an advanced degree. Professionals that may be well suited to taking the Master of Health Quality are:

- Business professionals
- Engineers
- Healthcare administrators
- Healthcare Information
- Healthcare professionals
- Lawyers
- Policy advisors
- QI leader/QI focus to your profession
- Technologists (IT)

Graduate Studies FAQs

How do I make the most of my time at Queen's?

Use the Grad Map to plan for success in five overlapping areas of your career and academic life. Everyone's journey is different - the ideas on the maps are just suggestions to help you explore possibilities. For more support with your professional development, take advantage of the SGSPA professional development framework and the new Professional Development Plan (PDP) process to set customized goals to help you get career ready when you graduate.

Where can I get help?

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Check out the [SGSPA website](#) for available resources.

What is the community like?

Queen's offers graduate students from every discipline a close-knit intellectual community where they can learn, discover, and build lasting connections. With more than 130 graduate programs across 50+ departments and research centres, students benefit from world-class scholars, prize-winning professional development, generous funding packages, and life in the historic waterfront city of Kingston. The campus sits at the heart of Kingston, just a 10-minute walk from downtown's shops, restaurants, and waterfront, and is deeply integrated with the local community. For more on Kingston's history and culture, see Queen's University's Discover Kingston page.

Application FAQs

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 a 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 first language, nor was the language of instruction in undergraduate studies, prospective students must meet English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening as part of the application process, and before final acceptance is granted, as per School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs' regulations.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- **Application deadline:** February 1.

Before you start your application, please review the Graduate studies application process and the HQ Programs Website.

What about Fees?

For more information on MScHQ fees and tuition, please visit the [program website](#). Please note that tuition and fees are subject to changes from the Queen's University Board of Trustees. Visit the Office of the University Registrar for more information on program fees.

