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 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, (internet based): 80. Writing 24/30, Speaking 22/30, Reading 22/30, Listening (20/30), 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 and the HQ Programs Website.

What about FEES?

- Course Fees: $14708.25 CAD Domestic per year (2017-18)*
- Additional Fees: $1600 CAD Program Fee (2018-19)*

*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.

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 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 health 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 an interdisciplinary 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 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.
Healthcare Quality  
**MSc(HQ) MAP**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE (HEALTHCARE QUALITY) MSc(HQ)**

**GETTING STARTED**
- Get started—set priorities like getting set up in online courses.
- Attend the first intensive in-person session.
- Find your way through the academic process with help from departmental and Expanding Horizons professional development workshops, the Graduate Coordinator and the SGS Habitat.

**INTERMEDIATE STAGE**
- Completes coursework, begin to research and work on your major project (RRP).
- Attend the second intensive in-person session.
- Attend or present at a graduate conference such as the Healthcare Quality Research Forum.
- Expand your research audience through social media such as Twitter or a blog.
- Set up a meeting with the School of Graduate Studies for a Grad Chat to discuss your research interests.
- Practice articulating the skills you have been developing in difficult forums: casual conversation, networking, interviews. Get help from a Career Services workshop.
- Start keeping an e-portfolio of your skills, experiences, and competencies.
- For help with teaching, get support from the Centre for Teaching and Learning. Enroll in SGS901 or the PUTI certificate for more professional development in teaching and learning.
- Start focusing on areas of interest. Research organizations of interest, through QI Horizons, MITACS, or other sources to boost your skills.
- Participate in graduate and professional community through activities such as graduate student outreach programs, organizing conferences, and more.
- Prepare for work or study sessions in a multi-cultural environment by taking the QIIC and Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre’s Training Certificate.
- International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with the International Student Advisor.
- Explore different careers of interest, through Expanding Horizons, MITACS, or other sources to boost your skills.
- Monitor the online student community and program social media for on the lookout for special events like Graduate Student Horizons, Queen’s Alumni, and the SGS website, using a variety of social media channels.
- Do some targeted networking with people working in careers of interest, through Queen’s Connects on LinkedIn, the Queen’s Alumni Association, professional associations, and at conferences. Get help from a Career Services workshop.
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**WRAPPING UP**
- Finish up your required courses and research project.
- Attend a major conference in your field, such as Health Quality Transformation.
- Practice articulating the skills you have been developing in difficult forums: casual conversation, networking, interviews. Get help from a Career Services workshop.
- Publish your research project in a relevant journal.
- Do some targeted networking with people working in careers of interest, through Queen’s Connects on LinkedIn, the Queen’s Alumni Association, professional associations, and at conferences. Get help from a Career Services workshop.
- Consider joining professional associations like Health Sciences Association.

**WHAT WILL I LEARN?**
- A graduate degree in Health Quality can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:
  - Knowledge and technical skills
  - Effective communication skills in multiple forms for diverse audiences
  - 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 for leading people and discussion
  - Interprofessional Education foundations

**WHERE CAN I GO?**
- The Master of Science in Healthcare 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:
  - Lawyers
  - Engineers
  - Business professionals
  - Healthcare administrators
  - Healthcare Information Technologists (IT)
  - Healthcare professionals
  - Policy advisors
  - QI leaders/QI focus to your profession

*This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone’s abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Grad Map using our online My Grad Map tool.*

Visit careers.queensu.ca/gradmaps for the online version with links!