

# HEALTHCARE COMPLIANCE - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

College of Public Health and Health Sciences  
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## About This Program

With the increasing need for healthcare compliance professionals in today's regulatory environment, the Certified in Healthcare Compliance designation can set you apart from your peers and advance your career. With the CCB-accredited Healthcare Compliance graduate certificate, you will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to pass the HCCA exam and become highly employable in the field. Read more...

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## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - Fully online

## Examples of Possible Careers

- Compliance analysts
- Compliance healthcare consultants
- Compliance healthcare managers
- Healthcare compliance officers
- Senior investigators of healthcare fraud

## Accreditation

The Healthcare Compliance certificate is accredited by the Compliance Certification Board (CCB).

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university<sup>1</sup>
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:<sup>2</sup>
  - Minimum 71 TOEFL iBT score
  - Minimum 6.0 IELTS score
  - Minimum 50 PTE score
  - Minimum 100 DET score

<sup>1</sup> Kent State undergraduate students who are enrolled in any of the combined B.S.P.H./M.P.H. degree programs may also apply for this certificate.  
<sup>2</sup> International applicants who do not meet the above test scores will not be considered for admission.

## Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
  - Rolling admissions
- **Spring Semester**
  - Rolling admissions
- **Summer Term**
  - Rolling admissions

## Program Requirements

### Certificate Requirements

| Code   | Title  | Credit Hours |
|--|--|--------------|
| <b>Certificate Requirements</b>                  |  |              |
| HPM 62017  | HEALTHCARE LAW AND REGULATION  | 3            |
| HPM 63008  | HEALTHCARE PRIVACY AND SECURITY  | 3            |
| HPM 63009  | HEALTHCARE COMPLIANCE I  | 3            |
| HPM 63010  | HEALTHCARE COMPLIANCE II   | 3            |
| Certificate Elective, choose from the following: |  |              |
| ECON 52086                                       | ECONOMICS OF HEALTH CARE   | 3            |
| HPM 60392  | APPLIED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE IN HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT <sup>1</sup> | 3            |
| HPM 63003  | HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS  | 3            |
| LTCA 54032                                       | LONG-TERM CARE ADMINISTRATION I  | 3            |
| <b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>               |  | <b>15</b>    |

<sup>1</sup> Students who select HPM 60392 must undertake the practicum in the area of healthcare compliance.

## Graduation Requirements

| Minimum Certificate GPA | Minimum Overall GPA |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 3.000                   | 3.000               |

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Explain the components of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996.
2. Perform an audit on a healthcare organization to determine uses of protected health information and highlight areas of vulnerability.
3. Determine required and permitted disclosures of protected health information.
4. Describe the legal and historical foundations of compliance programs.
5. Identify key areas of compliance oversight within a healthcare operation.
6. Develop and implement an effective compliance program.
7. Implement operational aspects of a compliance program.
8. Measure, document and report the effectiveness of a compliance program.

9. Train staff on fraud, waste and abuse topics.
10. Conduct investigations.
11. Audit and monitor healthcare functions.
12. Respond to fraud, waste and abuse.

## **Full Description**

The Healthcare Compliance graduate certificate provides the training necessary to enter this growing field where compliance professionals design and implement comprehensive programs to identify potential risk areas, develop policies, train staff, evaluate effectiveness and conduct investigations.

Healthcare spending accounts for approximately 19 percent of the entire U.S. economy. Unfortunately, some of that money is misspent in the form of fraud, waste and abuse. Federal and state governments continue to increase their scrutiny of healthcare organizations through a maze of complex law and regulations touching every part of the organization. The field of healthcare compliance is emerging as a response to these challenges.