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**Certificate in Health Sciences Patient Centered Outcomes**

**Program Information**

This four-course, 12 credit hour certificate is designed to provide credentialed health care professionals with information about the current trends and issues in health care to include the growing use of technology, use of evidence to inform practice decisions, and the use of outcome measures focused on the individual patient/client. The certificate will provide clinicians the opportunity to demonstrate career development in an area becoming increasingly important to clinicians both nationally and internationally. All courses are offered online.

The certificate is constructed so that all courses can be used as part of the two advanced master's degrees offered by the Department of Health Sciences: the Master of Science in Therapeutic Outcomes Research and the Master of Science in Health Sciences.

Students must complete all required course work (the four designated courses) with a grade of B (3.0) or better. Students will have three years to complete the certificate. The certificate director will be responsible for certifying completion of all requirements and will notify the University Graduate School once all requirements have been met. The director will ensure that certificate information is properly recorded with university offices.

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## **Admission Requirements**

Students accepted into the program must complete university, school, and program admission requirements. The minimum admission requirements are as follows.

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution (applicant must submit an official copy of all undergraduate transcripts).
2. Total undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Two letters of recommendation from those familiar with the applicant's academic and professional performance.
4. Eligibility for license or credential in a health care profession.
5. 300-500 word personal statement of academic and professional goals.
6. If applicable, a TOEFL score of at least 600

Exceptions to those requirements may be granted by the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Academic Studies and Research Development Committee upon written petition from the applicant and with written recommendation from the Therapeutic Outcomes Research program director. The petition must include a full statement of conditions justifying the exception. Conditional admission will be for a stated time period and will entail specific conditions to be met to receive regular admission status.

No student will be permitted to work towards the certificate without first being admitted to the certificate program.

## **Prior Course Work Applied Toward Degree Requirements**

No credits will be accepted from other institutions to fulfill the requirements of the certificate. No undergraduate courses can be used to fulfill the requirements of the certificate.

## **Application Materials**

An applicant must submit completed application forms to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. Transcripts from all universities attended must be included. Indiana University graduates should request that the registrar's office send unofficial copies of their transcripts. Non-Indiana University graduates must submit at least one official transcript from each university attended.

## **Curriculum**

The certificate consists of four courses for a total of 12 credit hours. The courses are as follows.

- AHLT W510 Trends and Issues in Health Sciences (3 cr.)**
- AHLT W520 Evidence Based Critical Inquiry in Health Sciences (3 cr.)**
- AHLT W540 Patient Centered Outcomes Research (3 cr.)**
- INFO I530 Seminar in Health Informatics Applications (3 cr.)**