

HEALTH SYSTEMS LAW, M.S.L.

Students who earn a Master's of Law in Health Systems Law will have the knowledge of legal principles and skills necessary to work in a position of significant responsibility within a health care industry. **This degree, however, does not qualify a student to take a bar examination or prepare a student for the practice of law.** Students will understand the various governmental entities which govern the U.S. health system and regulate health care entities. Students will understand the role of law and the legal profession in that system. Students will develop the skills necessary to identify relevant legal rules affecting health care entities. Students will develop skills necessary to help health care providers and entities comply with a variety of legal requirements. Students will develop the ability to adapt to a dynamic legal and market environment and apply skills learned in the Master's Program as regulations and market forces change.

Requirements for Admission:

- Successful completion of undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited institution or the equivalent.
- Statement of interest and resume.
- Two professional or academic letters of recommendation.
- Qualifying scores on either the GRE or LSAT. Competitive applicants will have a combined GRE score or an LSAT score that is consistent with the prevailing admitted applicant profile for the JD program.

Degree Requirements

Required Courses (15 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
LAWH 700	Legal Foundations of the Health Care System I *	3
LAWH 701	Legal Foundations of the Health Care System II	2
LAWH 702	Legal Foundations of Health Care System Lab	1
LAWH 710	Public Health Systems	2
LAWH 712	Bioethical Principles (Applied Learning)	2
LAWH 714	Health Care Contracting (Applied Learning)	2
LAWH 716	Medicare Compliance for Medical Facilities	3
Total Credit Hours		15

* This requirement may be waived if a student has a J.D. degree or equivalent prior legal experience; in substitution, the student will be required to take 3 additional hours of electives.

Elective Courses (15 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
LAWH 720	Health Policy Advocacy	2
LAWH 722	Risk Management	2
LAWH 724	Certificates of Need	2
LAWH 728	Comparative Studies in International Health Care	2
LAWH 730	Healthcare Structure Planning for Companies & Non-Profits	3
LAWH 732	Medicare Quality Compliance	3
LAWH 734	Healthcare Fraud & Abuse Compliance	2
LAWH 736	Third Party Billing Compliance	2

Comprehensive Assessment

All candidates for a Master's degree must complete a comprehensive assessment in the major field of study that is distinct from program course requirements. A comprehensive assessment is one that requires a student to synthesize and integrate knowledge acquired in coursework and other learning experiences and to apply theory and principles in a situation that approximates some aspect of professional practice or research in the discipline. It must be used as a means by which faculty judge whether the student has mastered the body of knowledge and can demonstrate proficiency in the required competencies. Many different models are possible, including written and oral comprehensive examinations, portfolios, supervised practice placements with comprehensive evaluation, a major written paper such as a thesis or an applied research project, or development of case studies. Students may complete a project related to an elective course of their choice or an externship (if externships are a part of the program). Projects must reflect significant work in addressing a hypothetical or real issue involving legal compliance or health law or policy.