

# VALUE-BASED HEALTHCARE, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Offered in collaboration with Advocate Health, one of the nation's largest and most successful managed care operations, this 16-credit certificate in Value-Based HealthCare prepares students for jobs in population management roles within healthcare organizations. Designed for busy health care professionals and leaders in health systems, public health, and community-based organizations, students will study core areas related to the design, function, management, regulation and evaluation of health insurance programs. Students will be able to distinguish between both private and public sector programs and the impact on delivery system transformation of CMMI payment initiatives. They will learn from practicing experts and applications to functioning programs. Students will evaluate the impact of payment models on population health programs and stakeholders. They will also evaluate the impact those models have on health care expenditures, utilization, beneficiary, and provider experiences with care and health outcomes.

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## Admission Requirements

### Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/>) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (<https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/>).

### Admission

The (VBC) certificate requires students to have a baccalaureate degree prior to taking the certificate. Students who complete the certificate in conjunction with the MHA degree program must meet MHA admission requirements. Post baccalaureate applicants to the (VBC) certificate program must have at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and a stated interest in working in Value-Based Care Health Care. A minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA in bachelor's degree program is required.

### Application

- Students wishing to obtain this certificate must declare their intention by applying to the program office or director.
- All graduate certificate applicants—even those already enrolled in a UWM graduate program—must apply to the Graduate School through the Panthera Admission Application (<https://apply.uwm.edu/>).
- Graduate degree and previously admitted graduate non-degree students who decide to pursue a certificate program must submit the Panthera application before completing 6 credits in the certificate sequence.
- Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree and have a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point average to be admitted into a certificate program.

## Credits and Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Semester 1		
HCA 843	Quantitative Methods for Healthcare Administrators	3
HCA 867	Global Population Health Management	3
HI 700	Introduction to Health Care Informatics	3
Semester 2		
HCA 800	Value Based Care Models	3
HCA 866	Leading Change & Innovation in a System	3
HCA 871	MHA Capstone	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

## Additional Requirements

### Transfer Credit

Three transfer credits are allowed for the certificate, on a case-by-case basis.

### Time Limit

Degree seeking students must complete all requirements within seven years (Graduate School completion requirement). Post-baccalaureate students must complete certificate requirements within three years.

### Grade Point Average Requirement

A minimum cumulative 3.00 grade point average in certificate courses taken at UWM is required.

### Articulation with Degree Programs

1. Credits and courses required for a certificate may double count toward meeting UWM graduate degree requirements subject to the following restrictions:
  - Degree programs must approve the courses from certificates that can double count toward the degree.
  - All credits taken in completion of certificate requirements may count towards a UWM graduate degree as long as they do not contribute more than 90% of the total credits needed to obtain the degree. (Note: Students in PhD programs must still complete the minimum residency requirements)
  - Certificate courses used toward meeting degree requirements must be completed within the time limit for transfer credit.
2. Courses completed for a degree may be counted toward a subsequent certificate, subject to all certificate policy requirements.
3. A course may count toward no more than one certificate and one degree.
4. Students may not earn a certificate subsequent to a concentration in the same area.