Graduates will be able to:

1. Compare and contrast health care payment models as they relate to utilization review, compliance and reimbursement.
2. Apply ethical principles to the care of patients of all ages and their families
3. Compare and contrast methods of effective care coordination in a variety of clinical settings to minimize cost and enhance health outcomes
4. Develop and demonstrate skills for effective communication and collaboration within the interprofessional team and across settings
5. Describe approaches to link complex patients with community resources that promote social justice and health
6. Develop and demonstrate skills to effectively facilitate and utilize timely, complete, effective and safe handoffs during care transitions for complex patients
7. Demonstrate how to maximize the utility of information systems to enhance care
8. Explain the overall infrastructure and regulation of U.S. health care and its effect on care coordination
9. Compare and contrast health care payment models as they relate to utilization review, compliance and reimbursement.
Care Coordination, Certificate in (Post-baccalaureate graduate certificate)

uid=10045&iid=30033&did=20062), the following requirements represent the standards for admission. An applicant must:

1. Be a health care professional, such as registered nurse, social worker, pharmacist, clinical psychologist, physician, therapist (P.T./O.T./S.T.) or professional counselor (The applicant must be in good standing with their own health-related discipline.)
2. Have a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from a U.S.-accredited program with a health care-related focus such as in nursing, social work, pharmacy, psychology, medicine, allied health or counseling
3. Have preferably one year of clinically based experience (which may include student internships)
4. Submit a resume or vita that includes all relevant information, professional designations and licensure, as applicable
5. Complete the electronic submission of the online VCU Graduate Application (http://graduate.vcu.edu) as well as all supplemental application materials and required documents by the listed deadline

Note: A personal interview may be requested.

Degree requirements
In addition to general VCU Graduate School graduation requirements (http://www.pubapps.vcu.edu/Bulletins/graduate/?uid=10045&iid=30072), a candidate for the Certificate in Care Coordination must be recommended by the faculty and must:

1. Meet academic requirements of the Graduate School
2. Complete all courses in this certificate program, achieving at minimum 15 total credit hours, within five academic years of the first registration work to be credited toward the degree
3. Earn a minimum grade of B or pass grade in all courses
4. Earn a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all work presented for graduation
5. Conform to university policies in respect to pass/fail grading for course work
6. Complete capstone project and present findings at completion of the program

The degree will be granted only after all requirements have been fulfilled and all fees to the university have been paid. Degrees are not granted in absentia unless written request is made to the assistant vice president of health sciences for interprofessional education and collaborative care and permission is granted.

Curriculum requirements

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Total graduate credit hours required (minimum) 15

Typical plan of study
Many students often end up taking more than the minimum number of hours required for a degree program. The total number of hours may vary depending upon the program, the nature of research being conducted by a student, or in the enrollment or funding status of the student. Students should refer to the program website and talk with their graduate program directors or advisers for information about typical plans of study and registration requirements.

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