Health Care Compliance FAQs

Why has Pitt Law decided to offer this program?
We spoke with many employers—large and small—in the health care industry. All said there is a growing need for compliance professionals who understand the reasons behind the rules and can apply specialized knowledge and an understanding of the broader business context to solve problems and work with their organizations to ensure ethical compliance. Our program is designed to meet this need. In addition, our research told us attorneys, administrators, and health care professionals are also interested in a program like ours, because compliance is becoming a more significant part of their responsibilities.

Who should enroll in this program?
Health Care Compliance Online is ideal for compliance professionals who want to augment their professional development. It is also an excellent program for those who may need or want to have a deeper understanding of compliance. Our program is also particularly suitable for attorneys, administrators, health care professionals, and social workers who work with compliance issues. Our research indicates these professionals are particularly interested in the content of our program.

How long does the program take?
Health Care Compliance Online commences each January and concludes each October. Students take one course at a time, but each course is delivered in an accelerated format and is only eight weeks long. This means students take two courses in the spring semester; enjoy a short break; take two courses over the summer; enjoy a second break; and take a final course in the fall semester, finishing in October.

How much does the program cost?
Health Care Compliance Online provides 15 graduate-level credit hours of education for $9,500, or $633 per credit hour. Students should check with their employers to see if they offer tuition reimbursement for this program.

Do the credits earned in Health Care Compliance Online transfer to other University graduate programs?
Students earn 3 credits in University of Pittsburgh graduate education credit for each course completed in the HCC Online program. Students interested in applying HCC Online courses toward other graduate degrees should check with the degree program/institution of interest to determine if the credits will be accepted for that program.
How much work should I expect?
There is a significant amount of work in the program because courses are accelerated. In addition, because there are no extensive lectures, most of the work is self-directed. You choose when and where you do your work. Classes are delivered through weekly modules and include weekly assessments, so you will always know how you are doing and be able to test your understanding of important concepts.

What are the requirements for admission?
Applicants must have earned a baccalaureate degree at an accredited institution. Admissions decisions will be made based on professional experience, academic credentials, and a personal statement. In some instances an interview (online or via phone) may be required.

I don’t have an undergraduate degree with a cumulative 3.0, can I still be admitted?
Students who earned lower GPAs may certainly be admitted based on their work experience, their application, and potentially an interview, which would take place by phone or online.

Who are the faculty?
Our expert faculty is composed of professors from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and Graduate School of Public Health, as well as current and former federal regulators and industry experts.

Are the courses also taught on campus?
No. Each course was developed specifically for an online environment, with content designed for immediate application in a compliance context. Courses are tailored to meet the needs of working professionals who enroll in this program while maintaining their full-time professional pursuits.

Do I have to be online at a specific time to complete the course work?
No. All course materials can be accessed at any time and students can work on their own schedules to complete assignments by course deadlines. However, group projects will require coordination among your online team members.

Will I be required to come to the Pittsburgh campus at any time?
No. While our campus is beautiful, and we welcome visitors, you will not be required to come to campus as part of the program.
What resources will be available to me as a student?
You will have full access to the University of Pittsburgh library system, the Writing Center, and a host of other support services. To learn more, visit the Student Resources page.

What final grade point average (GPA) is needed to successfully earn the certificate?
Students earning the certificate will be required to earn a final GPA of 3.0.

Why do some states not authorize the University of Pittsburgh to enroll online students?
To offer online education to students in different states, each University program must apply to each of fifty states. At this time, the University of Pittsburgh School of Law has not yet received authorization from a handful of states, which you can see by visiting the State Authorization page.