Courses

PSL 401. Patient Safety and Quality Care Improvement. 4 hours.
Introduces students to relevant theory, content, tools and methods in the
fields of patient safety and quality care improvement. Course Information:
Extensive computer use required.

PSL 402. Error Science, Risk and Communication. 4 hours.
Builds on the knowledge acquired in PSL 401 by introducing learners
to relevant theory, tools, and methods in the fields of error science,
risk, communication, and error disclosure. Course Information:
Extensive computer use required. Meets eight weeks of the semester.
Recommended Background: PSL 401.

PSL 403. Communication and Collaboration. 4 hours.
Introduction to advanced communication strategies for success
in the current and future health care system. Course Information:
Prerequisite(s): Grade of B or better in PSL 402; or consent of the
instructor.

PSL 404. Organizational Leadership in Health Systems. 4 hours.
Organization theory, culture, and change specifically related to the
health care system in the current medical error and quality improvement
environment. Focuses on leadership specific to creating a culture of
safety. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Grade of B or better in PSL
403; or consent of the instructor.

PSL 413. Quality and Performance Improvement. 4 hours.
Presents the practical application of an improvement science project on
healthcare systems, implementation science theory and methodology.
The learner will focus on the multiple everyday practitioner processes
in need of improvement. Course Information: Extensive computer
use required. Meets eight weeks of the semester. Prerequisite(s):
Post baccalaureate students in healthcare and working healthcare
professionals.

Principles. 4 hours.
Requires the learner to synthesize and integrate patient safety theory and
practice and apply related knowledge and skill toward the development
of recommended safety solutions. Includes onsite residency. Course
Information: Prerequisite(s): Grade of B or better in PSL 404; or consent
of the instructor.

PSL 502. Health Sciences Research and Information Technology. 4
hours.
Application in developing, analyzing, and reporting behavioral and/or
organizational measures specific to safety and quality care outcomes.
Introduction to electronic medical record, e-prescribing, telemedicine
and electronic resource management. Course Information: Prerequisite(s):
Grade of B or better in PSL 501; or consent of the instructor.

PSL 503. Economics, Policy and Environment. 4 hours.
Major topics of discussion include accreditation and regulatory issues,
Federal and state constituents and laws, and institutional and individual
legal issues in relation to the patient safety movement. Course
Information: Prerequisite(s): Grade of B or better in PSL 502; or consent
of the instructor.

PSL 504. Creating Human and System Change. 4 hours.
Examine the concept of change and its impact on health care
organizations and individuals. Assess current systems, create effective
change strategies for process improvements, behavior change, and
facilitation of a patient safety culture. Course Information: Prerequisite(s):
Grade of B or better in PSL 503; or consent of the instructor.

PSL 594. Special Topics in Patient Safety Leadership. 1-4 hours.
Selected topics of current interest as determined by faculty in patient
safety leadership. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may
register for more than one section per term. Extensive computer use
required.

PSL 596. Independent Study in Patient Safety. 1-4 hours.
Independent study course, not related to the student's capstone project,
under the direction of a faculty member. Course Information: Extensive
computer use required. There are two eight-week terms in the spring
and fall semesters. The course will be offered twice in the fall and spring
semesters. The course will be offered once in the summer semester. May
be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours of credit. Prerequisite(s): Open
only to Master's degree students; and approval of the department; and
consent of the PSL Program Director or DGS.

PSL 597. Capstone Project. 4 hours.
Provides the opportunity for the master's candidate to demonstrate his/
her ability to integrate and apply the knowledge and skills acquired from
the master's program. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
grading only. Prerequisite(s): Grade of B or better in PSL 504; or consent
of the instructor.