

Certificate

Patient Advocacy

This certificate prepares you to work as a patient advocate. Learn how to handle the logistics of the health care system so patients and families can focus on what’s most important, health and well-being.

Total Units: 24

The curriculum includes seven required courses.

Completion time: 3-4 quarters, depending upon which quarter you start

100% Online

Eligible for:
VA Benefits

Fall or Spring start is highly recommended

Required

24 Units | 7 Courses

| COURSE NAME & NUMBER | UNITS | Typically Offered* | | | |
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| | | FALL | WINTER | SPRING | SUMMER |
| Fundamentals of the U.S. Health Care System HLT POL X 407.1 | 4 | Online | | Online | |
| The Practice of Patient Advocacy HLT POL X 407.2 | 4 | Online | | Online | |
| Communication Strategies in Health Care: Navigating High-Stakes Conversations HLT POL X 407.9 | 4 | | Online | | Online |
| Health Care Law and Legal Issues in Patient Advocacy HLT POL X 407.4 | 4 | | Online | | Online |
| Introduction to Health Care Finance: The Advocate's Role HLT POL X 407.5 | 2 | Online | | Online | |
| Introduction to Bioethics HLT POL X 407.7 | 2 | Online | | Online | |
| Care Planning and Patient Navigation HLT POL X 407.8 | 4 | Online | | Online | |

Please Note: An application form and nonrefundable fee are required to establish candidacy in this program. The application & candidacy fee establishes your candidacy in the program for a period of time covering normal progress toward completion, and may allow you to access a variety of program benefits. [Apply Now](#).

*Courses in this program are typically offered during the quarters and format(s) outlined above. Scheduling is subject to change at any time by UCLA Extension.

Please visit our website for all current course offerings.

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