

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LGBT HEALTH POLICY AND PRACTICE

The graduate certificate program in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Health Policy and Practice—the first of its kind in applied health for the LGBT community—trains current and future healthcare leaders to develop strategies that address health issues and reduce health disparities for LGBT people. The 18-credit program provides students with a solid base in the psychological, medical, and policy-based issues faced by LGBT individuals.

Designed for working professionals, the program is a distance learning program with a combination of online coursework (completed throughout the year) and two, one-week residencies on the GW campus in Foggy Bottom. Core courses cover topics relating to LGBT health and well-being, mental health, and health policy. The required capstone projects enable students to put coursework into practice.

Each student will create a product designed to improve health outcomes for LGBT people that he or she can use in his or her place of employment to further his or her career, or can feature as a “real world” accomplishment in his or her resume in job applications. This program may be completed on either a two-year or a one-year schedule.

Visit the program website (<https://lgbt.columbian.gwu.edu/>) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

This program is not accepting applications at this time.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext>).

18 credits, including 12 credits in required courses and 6 credits in elective courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
PSYD 6201	Multi-disciplinary LGBT Health	
PSYD 6202	LGBT Mental Health	
PSYD 6203	LGBT Health Policy	
PSYD 6211	LGBT Health Capstone	
Electives		
6 credits in elective courses selected from the following: ¹		

PSYD 6221 Topics in LGBT Health ²

PSYD 8271 Independent Study

¹ Students may petition the program director to include other courses as electives. Electives should be graduate-level courses offered at GW that pertain to the LGBT population, physical or mental health with a focus on minority/underserved populations, or public policy with a focus on health and/or minority/underserved populations.

² Consult the Schedule of Classes for specific topics offered.