

CERTIFICATE IN PATIENT HEALTH NAVIGATOR

CIM Program Description

Healthcare advocacy is an emerging and exciting career. Health care navigators help patients receive the best health care possible by helping patients and their families navigate the healthcare system, which can be complex and daunting. As the new healthcare legislation further complicates access to healthcare and insurance coverage, Patient Health Navigators assist patients and their families through diagnosis, treatment and prognosis. They identify resources and help patients, and their families decode insurance coverage. Patient navigators work with clients to reduce barriers to healthcare.

The range of patient navigator duties varies widely. Some patient navigators work with patients through the screening and diagnosis. Others work with patients through treatment and even into survivorship or end of life. The patient navigators may work in community or healthcare settings.

Patient navigators lead patients to screening tests and provide health information. They also work with patients to identify and reduce barriers that keep patients from getting healthcare. They may link patients to healthcare providers or medical homes, assist with publicly funded health insurance, find financial assistance or help with transportation.

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COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3-4
or ENGL 1549	Writing 1 with Support	
AHLT 1501	Medical Terminology	3
MATC 2614	Medical Office Procedures	3
SCWK 1510	Introduction to Social Work	3
ALCS 1503	Aging and Society	3
MATC 2600	Medical Insurance Forms	2
MATC 1502	Medical Law and Ethics	3
POL 3717	Health Care Policy	3
Total Semester Hours		23-24