Admissions to the Consumer Health Advocacy Capstone Certificate have been suspended as of fall 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the department.

The UW–Madison Center for Patient Partnerships (CPP) (https://patientpartnerships.wisc.edu/) provides the online Consumer Health Advocacy Capstone Certificate (https://patientpartnerships.wisc.edu/education/) to educate learners interested in advocacy on behalf of anyone facing barriers to their health care. It is ideal for people who want to help their families get the care they need, change careers, or deepen existing professional practice. It is also for those that want to gain valuable direct patient service before enrolling in graduate or professional school, become professional health care advocates, or explore next steps without a clear view of what’s on the horizon.

Within the certificate program, the center offers two tracks focused on either individual-level patient advocacy or system/policy-level health advocacy. Its educational approach encourages hands-on learning by advocating for patients directly through the nation’s only certificate program with an experiential Patient Advocacy Clinic. Students can complete the entire program from a distance (except a two-day, in-person orientation) or in a blended (in-person + online) format.

Further detail, including current tuition and costs, is available at the certificate’s website (https://pdc.wisc.edu/capstone-certificates/consumer-health-advocacy/) or contact below:

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