**Health Data Science**

Saint Louis University is a Catholic, Jesuit institution that values academic excellence, life-changing research, compassionate health care, and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Founded in 1818, the University fosters the intellectual and character development of nearly 14,000 students on two campuses in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Building on a legacy of nearly 200 years, Saint Louis University continues to move forward with an unwavering commitment to a higher purpose, a greater good.

**OVERVIEW**

Established in 2002, the Saint Louis University Center for Health Outcomes Research (SLUCOR) is an interdisciplinary academic unit focused on the effectiveness and affordability of health care. SLUCOR brings together expertise from the fields of health services research, medicine, psychology, epidemiology, computing, economics and statistics to teach, mentor students and residents, conduct research, and advise health system leaders across the nation.

Program Overview

The Master of Science program in health data science is designed to prepare students for a career in today’s data-driven health care industry. Successful data scientists possess an artful ability to blend, synthesize and communicate data for use in clinical decisions by patients and providers as well as advancing quality improvement efforts across health systems.

Students complete 30 credit hours of coursework across three integrated areas of study:

- Computing
  - Learn a diverse set of open source and proprietary software required to link data from disparate sources such as electronic medical records, insurance claims, operations data, patient registries and personal health devices. This software includes R, Python, SAS, SQL and Hadoop.

- Analytics
  - Build capabilities to ask critical questions and draw conclusions from large, complex data with a variety of analytic methods, including predictive modeling, machine learning and data visualization. The program incorporates new software regularly to promote sharp and current analytic skills.

- Health Care Acumen
  - Respond to the challenges of a regulated, dynamic industry by understanding unique health care contexts such as privacy protection, government financing, risk contracting, performance monitoring and population health management.

Student Learning Objectives

- Integrate data from disparate sources for retrospective and real-time analyses that achieve improvements in quality, safety and cost as well as support requirements for performance reporting and regulatory compliance.
- Demonstrate competence in programming across multiple predictive analytic, mining, visualization and data management platforms.
- Express statistical results verbally and visually, working in teams and independently.
- Construct databases using data standards and formats of electronic medical records, insurance claims, operations data, patient registries and personal health devices.
- Understand legal requirements and ethical considerations for privacy protection and interorganization collaboration specific to health care.
- Construct answerable evaluation questions developed in collaboration with clinical and management professionals.
- Manage complex projects with clear communications, feasible work plans and effective coordination of resources.

For more information, visit slucor.slu.edu.
As part of the 200-year Jesuit, Catholic heritage of Saint Louis University, SLUCOR is committed to the development of well-rounded students with competence, conscience and compassion to serve humanity. With an emphasis on finding solutions to challenges facing the modern health care system, the faculty offers graduate education programs that encourage students to move beyond knowledge into action.

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