

ONLINE MSN CASE MANAGEMENT

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Case Management Careers

Case managers are recognized experts and vital participants in the care coordination team. They empower patients to understand and access quality, efficient healthcare. Case managers provide facilitation between the client, family, health team, and payer.

The Growing Demand for Case Managers

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) continues to shape healthcare. The changes are both exciting and daunting and create a significant increase in demand for qualified Case Managers. Here are just a few of the things driving the increased demand:

- A **25 percent increase** in Hospital Case Manager Full Time Equivalents —per the 2013 National Hospital Case Management survey.¹
- A **26.7 percent increase** in Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) in January 2015—per the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.²
- **Surge in the number of newly** insured under the ACA needing patient advocates to educate people about their health plan benefits.³

Lastly, an estimated **44 percent of existing Case Managers** are age 56 and up—per the January 2015 Commission for Case Manager Certification Survey. Based on this data, an influx in demand to fill the positions of retirees can be expected.⁴

Placement Opportunities for Case Managers

- Acute care hospitals
- Skilled-nursing facilities
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Home health agencies
- Outpatient settings
- Community-based NPOs
- Accountable care organizations
- Managed care organizations
- Independent case management companies
- Workers' compensation insurance companies
- Insurance companies

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Sources: ¹(2013). National Hospital Case Management Survey. American Case Management Association (ACMA). ²Articles—Need for Case Managers Rises with the ACO Boom. (2015, May 8). Retrieved from AHC Media: <http://www.ahcmmedia.com/articles/135480-need-for-case-managers-is-rising-with-recent-boom-in-acos> ³Case Management and Advocacy in the era of the Affordable Care Act. (2015, February). Case Management Advisor. AHC Media. Retrieved from Case Management Advisor ⁴ Experts: Market case management to younger HC professionals. (2015, March). Case Management Advisor. AHC Media.

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**SAMUEL
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Online Curriculum, Study Options and Completion

Samuel Merritt University intends to offer both full-time and part-time study options an online format.

Full-Time – 4 semesters | Part-Time – 6 semesters

Courses Include:

- Research Methods
- Analysis of Health Policy Issues
- Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurse Case Managers
- Advanced Pharmacological Management for Nurse Case Managers
- Advanced Health Assessment for Nurse Case Managers
- Advanced Health Assessment Lab for Nurse Case Managers
- Epidemiology & Bio-Statistics
- Healthcare Finance
- Program Evaluation and Quality Improvement
- Case Management
- Case Management Clinical
- Organizational Behaviors in Healthcare Delivery Systems
- Practice and Seminar
- Synthesis Requirement

Application Requirements

- Baccalaureate in nursing from an accredited US College or University (RNs with degrees in other fields will be evaluated individually)
- Current RN licensure in an approved state where you reside and where your clinical placement will be done
- Clinical practice experience, 12 months is preferred, not required
- Goal statement
- Two letters of reference
- Successful completion of a statistics course with a grade of C or better
- Additional coursework may be required
- US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- TOEFL —The need for TOEFL will be assessed based on information provided by applicants on the application for admission, if required, a minimum score of 100 (internet based test) must be achieved and official score results must be provided.



FLEXIBLE STUDIES

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CLASSES STARTING

January 2016

May 2016

September 2016

Tuition and Financial Aid

Financial aid is available at Samuel Merritt University and all students applying for admission are encouraged to apply for financial aid. Tuition for 2015-2016 is \$1,251 per unit with 37 units required for the degree

Credit Transfer

We accept up to 9 units of graduate credits from another MSN program.

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