

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Is the HEOR Program completely online?

The HEOR Program is designed to be largely asynchronous, online learning with new material released on a weekly basis to keep learners on a similar pace and for discussions to be robust. There are opportunities for synchronous, virtual interactions with fellow learners and faculty that will be scheduled based on participants' schedules and recorded for those unable to attend synchronously. Pandemic-permitting, the HEOR Certificate Program will host a culminating weekend event in Boston, MA for those enrolled to network, present work, and get direct, in-person feedback from faculty. A virtual option will be available for those unable to travel to Boston, MA.

### 2. What is the time commitment for each course?

Each course will require approximately 2-3 hours per week, on average. Learners' experiences may vary based on prior knowledge and comfort with the material.

### 3. How do I apply?

To apply, please complete an application [here](#). Create an account and click "Start New Application". Select "2022, then "2022 Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences," and click "Create Application". Make sure "2022 Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences" is selected and click "Open Application". In the "Program & Plan" section of the application, select "Graduate Certificate," then "Online Certificate in Health Economics and Outcomes Research". Continue, and complete and submit the application.

### 4. Can I take an individual course?

Yes. Each of the three courses may be taken individually. Registration for individual courses is available through the [Tufts University College](#) with deadlines approximately two weeks prior to the start of each course. To find the course, search by the course numbers CTS 0150, CTS 0152, and CTS 0157.

If you complete one or two of the three required courses for the Certificate and then later wish to complete the Certificate, you will be required to complete the full application. You will not be required to repeat the one or two prior courses.

### 5. I have worked professionally in the United States for many years. Do I still need to submit English proficiency exam (TOEFL or IELTS) scores?

Yes. The Tufts University Graduate School of Biomedical Science requires all applicants to demonstrate English proficiency. Please review the acceptable exams and minimum score requirements or acceptable ways that the exams may be waived [here](#).

### 6. I have worked professionally for many years. Do I still need to submit my prior transcripts?

Yes. The Program is a Graduate Certificate and therefore requires a minimum of a Bachelor's degree to participate. Transcripts verify the prior degree. You should submit transcripts for all prior colleges or universities attended.

**7. I live far away from the Boston area. What if I cannot attend the in-person event?**

A virtual option will be available for those who are unable to attend any in-person events.

**8. What is the total cost of the HEOR Certificate Program?**

\$8335. There is an additional \$90 application fee. The costs of the courses are billed per semester. In the Fall semester, CTS 0157 Introduction to Health Economics and Outcomes Research costs \$3333. In the Spring semester, CTS 0152 Health Technology Assessment and CTS 0150 Real World Evidence are billed together for a total of \$5001.

**9. Are there discounts or scholarships available?**

Discounts may be available for members of Low-Middle Income Countries. Scholarships will be determined upon review of applications. Discounts also may be available for companies that wish to have multiple employees participate. Any inquiries about discounts should be directed to the Senior Program Manager, [ewiltrout@tuftsmedicalcenter.org](mailto:ewiltrout@tuftsmedicalcenter.org).