School of Interdisciplinary Studies

Healthcare Studies (BS)

Overview

The Bachelor of Science degree in Healthcare Studies is designed for pre-health students who want to pursue careers in healthcare fields such as medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, optometry, physical therapy, health care administration, occupational therapy, physician assisting, and podiatry.

The School of Interdisciplinary Studies offers the degree, which provides the academic foundation for pre-health students to prepare for advanced study as well as the essential knowledge components in healthcare studies.

Science foundation areas within the degree include biology, chemistry, and physics. Healthcare studies areas include pre-health professional development, a healthcare internship, medical terminology, psychological aspects of health and illness, understanding of the U.S. healthcare system, patient education, and prevention.

Bachelor of Sciences in Healthcare Studies

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)

Faculty

**Professors:** George W. Fair, Karen J. Prager, Lawrence J. Redlinger

**Professor in Practice:** Seema Yasmin

**Associate Professors:** Erin A. Smith

**Senior Lecturers:** Kathleen Byrnes, Dachang Cong, Jillian Duquaine-Watson, Patricia A. Leek, Lynn W. Mabe, Angela McNulty, Rebekah Nix, Elizabeth M. Salter, Nancy C. Van, Tonja Wissinger

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours

**Communication:** 6 semester credit hours

- [COMM 1311](https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2015/undergraduate/programs/is/healthcare) Survey of Oral and Technology-based Communication
- [RHET 1302](https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2015/undergraduate/programs/is/healthcare) Rhetoric

**Mathematics:** 3 semester credit hours

Choose one from the following courses:
MATH 1325  Applied Calculus I  
MATH 2413  Differential Calculus  
MATH 2417  Calculus I  

Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours  
CHEM 1311  General Chemistry I  
CHEM 1312  General Chemistry II  

Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours  
HUMA 1301  Exploration of the Humanities  
Or select any 3 semester credit hours from Language, Philosophy and Culture core courses  

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours  
Choose one from the following courses:  
ARTS 1301  Exploration of the Arts  
FILM 2332  Understanding Film  
Or select any 3 semester credit hours from Creative Arts core courses  

American History: 6 semester credit hours  
Choose two from the following courses:  
HIST 1301  U.S. History Survey to Civil War  
HIST 1302  U.S. History Survey from Civil War  
HIST 2301  History of Texas  

Government / Political Science: 6 semester credit hours  
GOVT 2305  American National Government  
GOVT 2306  State and Local Government  

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours  
PSY 2301  Introduction to Psychology  

Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours  
BIOL 2311  Introduction to Modern Biology I  
STAT 2332  Introductory Statistics for Life Science  

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II. Major Requirements: 44 or 52 semester credit hours

Foundation I: Scientific Foundation Studies: 15 or 23 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum (depending upon career track)

All the following:

- **BIOL 2311** Introduction to Modern Biology I
- **BIOL 2111** Introduction to Modern Biology Workshop I
- **BIOL 2312** Introduction to Modern Biology II
- **BIOL 2112** Introduction to Modern Biology Workshop II
- **CHEM 1311** General Chemistry I
- **CHEM 1111** General Chemistry Laboratory I
- **CHEM 1312** General Chemistry II
- **CHEM 1112** General Chemistry Laboratory II

And

Either 8 or 16 semester credit hours of the following courses (depending on career track)

8 semester credit hours of the following set of courses:

- **CHEM 2323** Introductory Organic Chemistry I
- **CHEM 2123** Introductory Organic Chemistry Laboratory I
- **CHEM 2325** Introductory Organic Chemistry II
- **CHEM 2125** Introductory Organic Chemistry Laboratory II

Or 16 semester credit hours of the following set of courses:

- **CHEM 2323** Introductory Organic Chemistry I
- **CHEM 2123** Introductory Organic Chemistry Laboratory I
- **CHEM 2325** Introductory Organic Chemistry II
- **CHEM 2125** Introductory Organic Chemistry Laboratory II

And

- **PHYS 1301** College Physics I
- **PHYS 2125** Physics Laboratory I
- **PHYS 1302** College Physics II
- **PHYS 2126** Physics Laboratory II
Or

**PHYS 2325** Mechanics

**PHYS 2125** Physics Laboratory I

**PHYS 2326** Electromagnetism and Waves

**PHYS 2126** Physics Laboratory II

**Foundation II: Healthcare Foundation Studies: 14 semester credit hours**

**HLTH 1100** Career Explorations for the Health Professions

**HLTH 3101** Medical Terminology

**HLTH 3300** Pre-Health Professional Development

**HLTH 3305** The U.S. Healthcare System

**HLTH 3315** Issues in Patient Education

**HLTH 4304** Health Professions Internship

**Foundation III: Multidisciplinary Healthcare Studies: 15 semester credit hours**

Required (3 semester credit hours):

**BIS 3320** The Nature of Intellectual Inquiry

Required (3 semester credit hours from the following):

**HLTH 3301** Issues in Geriatric Healthcare

**HLTH 4380** Special Topics in Healthcare

Required (3 semester credit hours from the following):

**PSY 4328** Health Psychology

**PSY 4343** Abnormal Psychology

And choose 6 semester credit hours from among the following courses:

**ECON 3330** Economics of Health

**GEOG 3357** Spatial Dimensions of Health and Disease

**HLTH 3310** Health Care Issues: Global Perspectives

**HMGT 3301** Introduction to Healthcare Management

**PHIL 3328** History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine

**PHIL 4320** Medical Ethics

**PHIL 4321** Philosophy of Medicine

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PSCI 4365 Law and Medicine
SOC 4371 Mental Health and Illness
SOC 4372 Health and Illness

III. Guided Elective Requirements: 26 or 34 semester credit hours

Required for all freshmen: 1 semester credit hour

UNIV 1010 Freshman Seminar
BIS 1100 Interdisciplinary Studies Freshman Seminar

Guided Electives: 25 or 33 semester credit hours

Students interested in pursuing entrance into health professional fields (such as medical, dental, pharmacy, physician assistant, physical therapy, optometry, etc.) should seek advising on additional courses required for entrance into the particular professional school of their interest. A subset of the following courses should be considered essential and should be taken as part of their elective credits.

BIOL 2281 Introductory Biology Laboratory
BIOL 3301 Classical and Molecular Genetics
BIOL 3101 Classical and Molecular Genetics Workshop
BIOL 3302 Eukaryotic Molecular and Cell Biology
BIOL 3102 Eukaryotic Molecular and Cell Biology Workshop
BIOL 3361 or CHEM 3361 Biochemistry I
BIOL 3161 Biochemistry Workshop I
BIOL 3361 or CHEM 3362 Biochemistry II
BIOL 3162 Biochemistry Workshop II
BIOL 3455 Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab I
BIOL 3456 Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab II
BIOL 3370 Exercise Physiology
BIOL 3V20 General Microbiology with Lab
BIOL 4310 Cellular Microbiology
BIOL 4345 Immunobiology
BIOL 4350 Medical Microbiology
BIOL 4V40 Special Topics in Molecular and Cell Biology

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Students must complete a total of 51 semester credit hours of upper-division coursework to graduate. A minimum of 45 semester credit hours must be taken at UT Dallas. All the coursework in the final semester must be taken at UT Dallas.

1. Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of UNIV 1010 and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.

2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from institutions of higher education. The courses listed are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.

3. A required major course that also fulfills a Core Curriculum requirement. Semester credit hours are counted in the Core Curriculum.

4. Students may take either 8 or 16 semester credit hours in Foundation I depending upon career track. Please consult your advisor for additional information.