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)¹

View an Example of Degree Requirements by Semester

Faculty

Professors: George W. Fair, Karen J. Prager, Lawrence J. Redlinger, Erin A. Smith

Senior Lecturers: Kathleen Byrnes, Jillian Duquaine-Watson, Patricia A. Leek, Angela McNulty, Elizabeth Winstead, Tonja Wissinger

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours²

Communication: 6 semester credit hours

COMM 1311 Survey of Oral and Technology-based Communication

RHET 1302 Rhetoric

Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours

Choose one from the following courses:
MATH 1325  Applied Calculus 3
MATH 2413  Differential Calculus 3

Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours
CHEM 1311  General Chemistry 3
CHEM 1312  General Chemistry II 3

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
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 3
STAT 2332  Introductory Statistics for Life Science 3
or STAT 1342  Statistical Decision Making
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
- **MATH 1325** Applied Calculus I
  or **MATH 2413** Differential Calculus

And either 8 or 16 semester credit hours of the following courses:

8 semester credit hours of the following (depending on career track):  
- **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

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

16 semester credit hours of the following (depending on career track):  
- **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

PHYS 1301 College Physics I
or PHYS 2325 Mechanics

PHYS 2125 Physics Laboratory I

PHYS 1302 College Physics II
or 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 4305 Public Health

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
HLTH 3306 Gender in Healthcare
PHIL 3328 History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine
PHIL 3320 Medical Ethics
PHIL 4321 Philosophy of Medicine
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 3520 General Microbiology with Lab
BIOL 3370 Exercise Physiology
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.