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

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

Associate Professors of Instruction: Kathleen Byrnes, Angela McNulty

Senior Lecturers: Jillian Duquaine-Watson, Patricia A. Leek, Syed Naqvi, Neall Pogue, Azadeh Stark, Larissa Werhnyak, 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 course from the following:

- MATH 1325 Applied Calculus I
- MATH 2413 Differential Calculus

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 course from the following:

- 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 courses from the following:

- 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 Sciences

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:

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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):^4

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 3362 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

BIOL 4310 Cellular Microbiology

BIOL 4345 Immunobiology

BIOL 4350 Medical Microbiology

BIOL 4V40 Special Topics in Molecular and Cell Biology
HLTH 1301 Introduction to Kinesiology
HLTH 1322 Human Nutrition
HLTH 3306 Gender in Healthcare
HLTH 4306 Health and Sport
HLTH 4307 Climate Change in Healthcare
HLTH 4V01 Health Professions Independent Study
ISIS 3309 Dental Anthropology
ISIS 4V89 Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies
NSC 3361 Introduction to Neuroscience
NSC 4366 Neuroanatomy
NSC 4351 Medical Neuroscience

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 semester credit hours of Organic Chemistry or 8 semester credit hours of Physics or 16 semester credit hours of Organic Chemistry and Physics. Please consult your advisor for additional information.

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