The expertise and skill of faculty and staff creates an environment characterized by flexibility; mutual support; sensitivity to diversity; openness and respect among students, faculty and staff; and a commitment to the ideals of lifelong learning and service excellence within the Catholic and Jesuit traditions.

The program in health sciences at Saint Louis University offers a flexible curriculum that prepares students for a variety of health career environments. The curriculum is built on a strong science foundation that threads a holistic approach to understanding health care throughout the educational model.

The health sciences program will provide freshman students with:
+ A path for those interested in entering a non-clinical, health-related field
+ A solid, scientific baseline for pre-professional and/or pre-med scholars for entry into post-baccalaureate studies after graduating from SLU

The health sciences degree requires a minimum of 121 credit hours for degree completion. Most importantly, the college strives to equip graduates to understand the health care system and its complexities while still providing a solid scientific knowledge base.

Students are encouraged to make the most of their SLU experience by participating in the more than 150 University-sponsored clubs and organizations on campus.

Advantages to earning your B.S. in health sciences at Saint Louis University include:
+ A Jesuit-based education with a mission to prepare professionals who possess the competence, compassion and conduct requisite to a health professional
+ A flexible curriculum that allows for diverse areas of concentration
+ Instruction by professionally credentialed faculty
+ Medically relevant coursework ideal for a variety of post-baccalaureate study choices

The core curriculum for the B.S. in health sciences consists of the following courses:
+ HSCI 1000: Introduction to Health Sciences
+ HSCI 2000: The U.S. Health Care System
+ HSCI 2500: Human Development Across the Life Span
+ HSCI 3010: Medical Terminology
+ HSCI 3200: Health Care Legal Aspects
+ HSCI 3300/3400: Anatomy and Physiology
+ HSCI 3500: Electronic Health Systems
+ HSCI 3700: Using Evidence in Health Care
+ HSCI 4000: Neuroscience in Daily Life
+ HSCI 4500: Hot Topics in Health Care
+ HSCI 4600: Consumer Health
+ HSCI 4700: Health Care and Human Resource Management
**Admission Requirements**

Admission consideration for the health sciences program is initially based on a strong overall academic background.

Admission criteria include:
+ High School diploma or acceptable score on the General Educational Development Test (GED)
+ GPA of 2.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale
+ Minimum ACT composite score of 20

Transfer applicants are encouraged to meet with the program director for evaluation of their transcript. The transfer admissions process for the health science program follows Saint Louis University’s transfer policies and procedures.

**Scholarships and Financial Aid**

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need. In addition to University scholarships, the Doisy College of Health Sciences Alumni Association offers a scholarship to sophomores, juniors and seniors.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1. For more information, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

**Internships and Careers**

Earning a B.S. in health sciences offers a variety of non-clinical employment opportunities within health care.

Health care coordinator: The point of contact to help coordinate patient support and services. The health care coordinator serves as the liaison between patients, families, medical staff and services. They provide overall leadership and management of the health and well-being of the patient.

Case manager in home health agencies, healthcare management companies, the insurance industry or elderly care settings: Assists in management of daily operations and provides support to multidisciplinary team to ensure quality patient care is delivered. They may utilize a network of services to effectively coordinate care provided to all patient populations.

Health services manager: Provides management and direction to the physician or health care organization including staffing, training, monitoring, evaluating and compliance. They assist in the identification of potential quality improvement issues and policy and procedure development.

Privacy officer: Responsible for managing the risks and business impacts of privacy laws and policies and for protecting the patient information that is collected and stored by health care facilities.

Corporate wellness administrator: Responsible for the implementation and day-to-day management of employee, community and worksite wellness programs. They manage wellness program services by implementing sustainable health promotion programs that target populations across the organization based on the individual company needs.

Medicolegal death investigator: Assists the deputy chief with the investigation of sudden and unexpected deaths. Develops and evaluates information obtained from observations, interviews and reviews of various records. Provides written and oral reports regarding investigation findings.

Patient advocate/patient navigator: Serves as the liaison between a patient and their health care provider(s). They are dedicated to coordinating the patient’s medical care, getting them the help they need and working with the family.

Health literacy educator: Assists consumers in understanding the health care system in plain language using health literacy skills.