

DEGREE(S)

+ Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in health sciences

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The health sciences program 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 solid, scientific baseline for pre-professional, pre-med, pre-physician assistant, pre-physical therapy, pre-occupational therapy and pre-pharm for entry into post-baccalaureate studies after graduating from SLU
- + A path for those interested in entering a nonclinical, health-related fields

The health sciences degree requires a minimum of 124 credit hours for degree completion. Most importantly, the program 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. Student academic careers are supported through faculty mentorship.

ABOUT THE FACULTY

The expertise and skill of the faculty and staff creates an environment committed to the ideals of lifelong learning and service excellence within the Jesuit traditions. The faculty and staff emphasize flexibility, mutual support, diversity and openness, and respect among students, faculty and staff.

CURRICULUM

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 health 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 2700: Health Care Management
- + HSCI 3200: Health Law and Policy
- + HSCI 3700: Research Methods
- + HSCI 4000: Neuroscience in Daily Life
- + HSCI 4100: Health Care Technology
- + HSCI 4500: Hot Topics in Health Care
- + HSCI 4600: Consumer Health Technology
- + HSCI 4700: Quality Management
- + HSI 2200: Medical Terminology
- + HSI 3400: Anatomy and Physiology
- + HSI 3410: Anatomy and Physiology Labs

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Graduate Programs

For a full listing of programs, visit graduate.slu.edu

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission consideration for the program in health sciences 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.

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

- + Our program provides a holistic view of health care that serves as a great preprofessional option for students going on to graduate education.
- + In addition to learning about health sciences, anatomy and physiology, students in our program will also learn about research methods, health care management, patient health records, health care policy and law and more.
- + Faculty members provide tremendous mentorship to help the students at every phase of their education.

Earning a B.S. in health sciences offers a variety of nonclinical employment opportunities within health care.

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

Case manager in home health agencies, health care 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.

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.

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.

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