

**University of Missouri School of Health Professions
Bachelor of Health Science in Health Science
Academic Policies**

All students enrolled in the Bachelor of Health Science (BHS) in Health Science Program within the School of Health Professions (SHP) are subject to the general regulations of the University. Students seeking admission to the Health Science Program must be admitted to the University and should enroll in the School of Health Professions. In addition to meeting minimum standards established by the University of Missouri, students must also comply with the rules and regulations set forth in this policy statement. Questions or concerns should be directed to the Health Science Program Chair, Rosemary Hogan, or a Health Science academic advisor. Rules and regulations governing students at the University of Missouri can be found in the Undergraduate Catalog and the University's M-Book.

Admission to the Health Science Program

The BHS in Health Science Program does not require an application. Students may declare the major, and emphasis area by indicating it on the MU admission application (for new students), completing a transfer of division form (for current MU students), or notifying their academic advisor of their intention to declare a Health Science major (for current SHP students). There is a 2.0 MU, cumulative and term GPA requirement to declare a major in Health Science. The cumulative GPA is calculated using all MU and transfer coursework. Students must maintain the 2.0 GPA, term and cumulative, to remain in the Health Science program. Students who do not maintain the required 2.0 term and cumulative GPA will receive communication regarding probation or ineligible to reenroll status. Students who fail to achieve the GPA requirement may continue in the program for two probationary semesters.

Health Science Emphasis Areas

There are four emphasis areas a student may choose when declaring the Health Science major: pre-professional, leadership and policy, rehabilitation sciences, and health and wellness services. Each emphasis area will have requirements tailored to the particular area and is designed to help students create an academic plan – including internship – best suited to their career goals within health professions. The health care industry offers many, varied opportunities for students to consider, and careful planning and research will be important for students who wish to pursue a career in health care.

Health Science Academic Advising

Students are assigned a professional academic advisor, who will encourage and prepare students to research viable pathways. Students should be aware that this degree program requires a high degree of individual research, planning, and self-motivation to be successful.

Experiential Learning

The Office of Experiential Learning in the Department of Health Science works with students to find appropriate internships, as well as study abroad and alternative break opportunities. In addition to experiential learning, there are co-curricular opportunities within the department and School of Health Professions for undergraduate research, in addition to leadership and community service.

School of Health Professions Career Services

The SHP Career Services office provides resume, cover letter, or personal statement review, mock interviews, a workshop series throughout the academic year, and assistance with exploring post-graduation opportunities.

Health Science Residency Requirement

Students who are declared in the Health Science major prior to Fall 2016 may pursue the Health Science program without an emphasis area. These students are required to be a declared Health Science major for their last 30 hours, at a minimum. Students who declare the Health Science major Fall 2016 or later will be required to declare an emphasis area, with the exception of online degree-completion students. Students must be declared in their emphasis area for their last 30 hours, at a minimum. Students must be in the Health Science major and emphasis area by the end of the full term add period (6 days into a fall or spring term, 3 days into a summer term) in order for that term to count toward their residency requirement. Residency requirement hours for students transferring into the major, or changing their emphasis area after the add/change deadline, will begin the following semester.

Acceptance of Transfer Credit

Coursework completed at accredited four-year institutions and community/junior colleges will be accepted without limitation. However, transfer students must complete all coursework required for the Health Science program, including MU general education requirements. Students must complete the final 30 of 36 semester hours in residence (through MU coursework).

Students transferring from any other college within the University of Missouri system to the School of Health Professions are considered transfer students.

Health Science Degree Program Coursework

Courses may be delivered using traditional or distance delivery methods. Credits must include a minimum of 120 university-level credit hours, including:

- General education requirements;
- Health Science core course requirements, which comprise a minimum of 20 credit hours;
- Additional coursework required for each emphasis area;
- Health Science approved elective courses, which comprise a minimum of 18 credit hours;
- General elective credit to comprise the remaining credit hours to reach 120 total credits.

Health Science Degree Graduation Plan

Students in the Health Science Program are required to submit a graduation plan upon completion of 60 credit hours (including transfer coursework). Students will be notified via e-mail of their need to file a graduation plan, which will include detailed instructions and the deadline. If a student does not file their graduation plan by the deadline, a registration hold will be placed on their myZou account, which will block registration activity. The hold will be released once the student has filed their graduation plan.

Students who plan to transfer to the Health Science major from another major within the School of Health Professions, or from another division, who have completed 60 hours or more (including transfer coursework) must file their graduation plan prior to their transfer being approved.

Students who are transferring to the Health Science program from another college/university and have completed 60 hours or more must submit their graduation plan by the deadline in their first semester of enrollment at MU.

Health Science Seminar

Students are required to satisfactorily complete the Health Science Seminar course as part of the Health Science degree program. It is recommended that students take the Health Science Seminar course during their junior year. The seminar course will help students identify strengths, interests and develop a comprehensive and well-researched plan for the Health Science program. A passing grade in this seminar course is required before students can enroll in the HLTH SCI 4975 and HLTH SCI 4985 capstone courses.

Capstone Requirements

The Health Science capstone experience has 2 required components:

1. **Health Sciences 4985/Healthcare Leadership & Organization** - this is a three credit hour course, typically taken during the senior year
2. **Health Sciences 4975/Internship** - this is a Department of Health Science faculty-taught course combined with an internship experience worth one, three, or six credit hours. An internship opportunity may comprise a local service learning project, study abroad service learning project, or volunteer or paid work in a health-related field, typically completed during the junior or senior year. Students must be enrolled in the HLTH SCI 4975 course while completing the experiential component.

Hlth Sci 4975/Internship Requirements

The internship requires a minimum of 50 clock hours for every credit hour enrolled. Students can register for one (50 hours), three (150 hours), or six hours (300 hours) of course credit through internships. The internship must be approved by the Department of Health Sciences Office of Experiential Learning. Students are responsible for researching and finding their own internship/study abroad/service learning opportunity to satisfy the requirement. Students may use HireMizzouTigers.com to apply to pre-approved internship listings but are not limited to this site for locating opportunities. With the oversight of a supervisor, students may propose and design an individualized internship experience. Students should start researching internship options approximately one year before taking the course. Students will need to fulfill any site-specific requirements such as background checks and training before they will receive access to enroll in HLTH SCI 4975. Hours accrued each week is dependent on the site's ability to provide learning opportunities on a week-to-week basis. All required hours and assignments must be completed by Reading Day each semester unless otherwise stipulated by the site as part of a preexisting internship agreement and with approval from the Office of Experiential Learning.

Students will be required to attend a mandatory internship meeting the semester before enrollment in HLTH SCI 4975. Students will be notified of the meeting time, date, and location through the weekly e-mail announcements sent out by the Department of Health Sciences Office of Experiential Learning and the SHP Office of Student Services. This meeting will take place within the first month of each fall and spring semester.

After attending the mandatory meeting, students will begin applying and interviewing for internships if they have not yet begun this process. Internships encompass far more than observation; the experience will involve projects and activities that build skills and knowledge. Students must be able to explain how their choice of an internship experience will prepare them for their intended career path. There should be specific, clearly defined learning goals and measurable objectives for the internship experience. Students will share their objectives with the Office of Experiential Learning and site supervisor on an Internship Agreement form.

Students must have an Internship Agreement form signed by the site supervisor and submitted to the Office of Experiential Learning by the specified due date during the semester before enrollment in HLTH SCI 4975/Internship. No course access will be given for unapproved internships or internships not meeting the stipulations outlined above.

Grade Policy

Grades of C- or better are required in all Health Science Core courses, courses fulfilling the Health Science Elective requirement, Health Science emphasis area requirements, as well as some general education requirements (Math 1100, English 1000, math reasoning proficiency course, writing intensive courses). All other courses require a grade of D- or better.

Students earning grades below C- in Health Science Core courses may reattempt those courses. However, if the student earns a second grade below C- in the same course, the student must transfer out of the Health Science program.