Applied Health Science-Allied Health

Bachelor of Applied Health Science - Allied Health
College of Health and Human Services

The applied health science degree program is designed to tailor a liberal arts degree to the health care field. While there are six specializations in the applied health science degree, the allied health specialization can be completed in its entirety at BGSU Firelands and is intended to provide the problem solving and critical thinking skills needed for upward mobility in the allied health professions. The program prepares students for graduate school in many allied health and related disciplines. The program is for students who hold an associate degree in a health-related field and wish to pursue a bachelor's degree because up to 40 semester hours of the professional training courses and clinical hours can be counted toward completion of the degree.

For information about the other three specializations, health care administration, applied microbiology or health science, see the main campus curriculum guide for applied health science.

Allied Health

The allied health specialization is designed for students who have already completed technical training in a field such as respiratory care, optometry, dental hygiene, medical laboratory technician, radiology, physical therapy, health information, perfusion technology or surgical and medical assisting. Subject to college approval, students holding an associate degree in a health-related field may transfer up to 40 semester hours of professional studies courses toward the degree. This specialization offers baccalaureate courses needed for advancement in the health care field.

Curriculum

The curriculum provides students with an appropriate academic foundation while preparing them for the dynamic changes and issues that are shaping the health care field. This includes courses in human development, computer science, statistics, technical writing and medical ethics.

For the allied health specialization, some courses are taken during the completion of an associate degree in a health-related field. This includes general education and basic science and mathematics courses along with the discipline-specific technical hours that are part of the student’s associate degree in a health related field. The remaining courses usually require two years or less to complete. The University requires a minimum of 40 semester hours at the 300-course level or higher for the baccalaureate degree. Students who are beginning the associate degree and looking ahead to the AHS degree should select such courses whenever possible.

Preparation for College

In addition to obtaining a strong background in the basic sciences, students entering health care fields must have a sense of responsibility and strong communication skills.

Completing the requirements for high school graduation is necessary for admission to BGSU, but only finishing the minimum coursework will leave you unprepared for college. Consider taking four years of mathematics instead of the three that are required. Two, three or even four years of the same foreign language is excellent for preparation for college. You will also benefit from competency in computer use. Courses that provide exposure to or training in the visual and performing arts are excellent choices.

Sample Program

The allied health specialization requires that the student complete an accredited associate degree program or a clinical (hospital-based training program) approved by the College of Health and Human Services. All students must receive initial advising in order to choose an option and plan a degree program. The numbers in parenthesis indicate credit hours.

Allied Health Specialization

First year
Introductory Writing (3)
Academic Writing (3)
General Chemistry (5) or Elementary Chemistry (4)
General Chemistry II (5) or Elementary Organic and Biochemistry (4)
Concepts of Biology II (5)
General Psychology (4)
College Algebra (3-5)
Computer Basics or Introduction to Management Information Systems (3)

Second year
Humanities elective (3)
Professional allied health courses (29-40)

Third year
Introduction to Statistics (3)
Introduction to Health Professions (1) or Introduction to Gerontology (3)
Principles of Sociology (3)
Personal Wellness or Nutrition (3)
Life Span Development (3)
Humanities elective (3)
Cultural diversity in the U.S. (3)
Technical Writing (3)
Medical Ethics (3)
Medical Terminology (2)

Fourth year
Human Anatomy and Physiology (8)
Microbiology for Health Professionals (4)
Research Methods in Public and Allied Health (3)
Issues in Health Care (3)
300- to 400-level electives (6-14)

College Highlights

BGSU's College of Health and Human Services was the first collegiate unit in northwest Ohio devoted exclusively to academic programs in health and human services.

There are 8 active student organizations with many connected to their national professional affiliation. Each degree program emphasizes hands-on opportunities through practical experiences and laboratory courses.

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The college sponsors a Health Sciences Residential Community where students benefit from learning and socializing with other students taking similar classes, increased contacts with faculty in the health-science academic majors, and academic advising and career exploration that takes place within the residence hall.

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Your University Opportunity
BGSU Firelands, located in Huron, Ohio, is a regional campus and one of the seven undergraduate colleges of Bowling Green State University. We offer many of the advantages and resources of a major university, but in a smaller, more personal environment.

Generally, students are able to complete at least two years of coursework toward most of the 200-degree programs at BGSU before transferring to the main campus, or to another college or university.

BGSU Firelands offers students a wireless environment campus wide. Kiosks and public-access computers located in most campus buildings provide easy Internet access. In addition, there are several on-campus computer labs with a variety of computers and software programs.

The library, containing more than 30,000 volumes, is computer-linked to the more than 4 million items available through BGSU's libraries to provide excellent research opportunities.

Academic advisors work individually with students to plan their degree programs and small class sizes allow students to have close, personal contact with their professors. Free tutoring is readily available through the Teaching and Learning Center. Scholarships, grants and loans are available to assist students with tuition.

NOTE: Information in this guide is subject to change without notice. To learn more about the official program of study for the Bachelor of Science in Applied Health Science, please check the undergraduate catalog online at www.bgsu.edu/catalog/FIR/FIR18.html