

School of Health Professions

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The School of Health Professions is Missouri's only state-supported health professions school on a campus with an academic health center. It is uniquely positioned to educate highly qualified health care professionals committed to fulfilling the mission of improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities. Its six departments and eleven accredited academic programs have long and distinguished histories. Graduates of the School of Health Professions are nationally recognized leaders in their fields.

The school offers undergraduate degrees with majors in Athletic Training, Communication Science and Disorders, Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound, Health Sciences, Public Health, Respiratory Therapy, Radiologic Sciences with emphasis in Radiography or Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Clinical Laboratory Sciences with an emphasis in Medical Technology. The school offers graduate degrees in Applied Behavior Analysis, Communication Science and Disorders with an emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology, Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Public Health. While the current degree offered for Athletic Training is a Bachelor of Health Science, the program is in the process of changing the degree to a Master's in Athletic Training in order to meet changing requirements established for professional practice. Students are strongly encouraged to check the program's web site (<https://healthprofessions.missouri.edu/athletic-training>) for updates and changes.

Students gain valuable experience by participating in nationally recognized service centers including PhysZou, Tiger OT, The Adult Day Connection, the MU Speech and Hearing Clinic, Robert G. Comb's Language Preschool, MU Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders, and more than eight hundred fieldwork sites.

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Admissions

Undergraduate students enrolled in the School of Health Professions work with a professional academic advisor to ensure timely completion of degree program requirements, as well as developing a personalized plan for achieving academic success. Students admitted to a clinical program will be advised by faculty in that department.

Admission to the University and to the School of Health Professions as a pre-health professions student does not guarantee admission for most Bachelor of Health Science degree programs. Application deadlines and requirements vary for each program (the health science major does not require an application). Students are strongly encouraged to seek advising to ensure they are making satisfactory progress towards pre-requisites, MU General Education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements>), and program requirements.

Exploratory Courses

The School of Health Professions offers introductory courses and experiences to provide information about career opportunities in these areas. These courses are listed below:

HLTH_SCI 1000	Introduction to the Health Professions	3
NUCMED 1000	Orientation to Nuclear Medicine	1
OC_THR 1000	Introduction to Occupational Therapy	1
PH_THR 1000	Introduction to Physical Therapy	1
RS_THR 1000	Introduction to Respiratory Therapy	1
DMU 1000	Introduction to Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound	1
CL_L_S 1000	Orientation to Clinical Laboratory Science	1
P_HLTH 1000	Introduction to Public Health	1

Required Entry-level Courses

All students in the School of Health Professions must complete College Algebra (MATH 1100 or equivalent) and Exposition and Argumentation (ENGLSH 1000) upon completing 60 university-level credit hours, including transfer and MU credit. In addition, the School of Health Professions requires students who are declaring a "pre-Health Professions" or "Undeclared" major to meet the minimum GPA requirement for that program of interest. All undergraduate students are required to declare a plan upon completion of 60 university-level credit hours.

In addition to academic record, attributes such as interpersonal skills, motivation, attitude, interest, commitment and knowledge of the field are considered in selecting students to participate in the professional phase of any program. Applicants may also be evaluated on school and college aptitude tests, pattern of academic achievement, verbal expression, extracurricular activities and motivation demonstrated by employment and volunteer activities.

The application deadlines for the professional component of each program are shown below.

Professional Program	Application Deadline	Classes Begin
Athletic Training	February 1, freshman	Fall
Communication Science and Disorders	Feb. 1, sophomore	Fall
Radiography	Feb. 1, sophomore	Summer

Physical Therapy	Sept. 30, junior or senior	Summer
Nuclear Medicine	Feb. 1, sophomore	Summer
Respiratory Therapy	Feb. 1, sophomore	Summer
Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound	Feb. 1, sophomore	Summer
Clinical Laboratory Science	Nov. 1, junior	Summer
Health Sciences	N/A, freshman	Fall/Spring
Public Health	Feb. 1, sophomore, may be rolling	Fall

International Admissions

Students whose native language is not English should contact the School of Health Professions for requirements.

Prerequisite Curriculum Requirements

See the degree requirements in the following pages for specific course requirements in the various programs. The student is responsible for meeting graduation requirements for the program and the University. Academic advisors in the School of Health Professions assist students with understanding degree requirements and progress towards degree completion.

Graduation Requirements

In addition to degree and major requirements, students must complete university graduation requirements (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements>), which include university general education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements>) requirements.

Degree Core Requirements

The Bachelor of Health Science degree is granted to candidates who have successfully fulfilled all didactic and clinical requirements of the program as described for each area, in addition to all University requirements (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements>), including University general education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements>) requirements.

In addition to the academic and clinical education requirements of a program, students must possess and exhibit those personal qualities and characteristics that are associated with patient welfare and professional trust. These elements are a part of the overall evaluation process for the professional phase of each program. Should it be determined that these qualities are not present in sufficient degree or that a student does not demonstrate satisfactory growth and progress in these areas, the student is subject to dismissal from the program.

Degree with Honors Requirements

To earn Latin Honors in the School of Health Professions, a student must meet the following requirements:

- 50 graded MU undergraduate credits
- At least a 3.0 MU cumulative GPA
- MU cumulative GPA equal to or greater than 3.5 or
- last 50 graded credits at MU equal to or greater than 3.5

- GPA for each level

Latin Honor	GPA
Cum laude	3.5
Magna cum laude	3.7
Summa cum laude	3.9

Academic Regulations

Time Limits on Credits Earned

Contact each department for information on time limits.

Credits by Examination

Students with previous training or experience may be allowed to earn advanced-standing credit through challenge or equivalency evaluation in certain programs. Contact the Health Professions advising office for information pertaining to the awarding of credit for these exams.

Maximum Credits Enrolled

A student may not enroll for more than 18 credits in a fall or spring term and 9 in a summer term without permission from the advising office; students should contact their advisor for more information.

Independent Study

Students must receive prior approval before enrolling in independent study courses.

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grades

A student wishing to enroll in a course on an S/U basis must receive permission from the advising office.

Enrolling in Other Institutions Simultaneously

Students should consult with their advisor before enrolling in another institution while being enrolled at the University of Missouri.

Advising

Students who are pre-Health Professions, Health Science majors or undeclared Health Professions students will be assigned an advisor in the SHP Advising office. Students who are in a professional program may be advised by a faculty member or a professional advisor.

Career Development

The Office of Career Services in the School of Health Professions offers career advising, résumé, cover letter and personal statement review, mock interviews, LinkedIn consultation, job search strategies, and workshops to enhance students' career development. In addition, the SHP Office of Career Services offers a bi-annual Career and Opportunities Fair, which allows SHP students to connect with employers, graduate and professional programs, internships, and experiential learning opportunities. All Health Science majors are required to take Health Science 2100, a career and professional development seminar course, and experiential learning is an integral component of the School of Health Professions. Students are encouraged to seek out and use SHP Career Services early in their undergraduate career to connect with shadowing opportunities, find part-time employment, and explore clinical and non-clinical career paths.

Graduate

The School of Health Professions offers a wide variety of programs of study for students interested in careers in healthcare. At the graduate level, we offer degrees in

- Applied Behavior Analysis and graduate certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis
- Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, with an emphasis in Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound
- Communication Science and Disorders, with an emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Public Health, with a dual degree option with Social Work, emphasis areas in Health Promotion and Policy and Veterinary Public Health, and graduate certificates in Public Health, Global Public Health, and Epidemiology

Note: Prospective graduate students must apply to *both* the degree program of interest and to the MU Graduate School. In most cases, the entire application process may be completed online. Find admission and application details by selecting the degree program of interest in the left navigation column.