

# 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 society through education, service and discovery in diagnostic, medical imaging, and rehabilitation sciences. The school is credited with establishing the nation's first baccalaureate degree program in respiratory therapy and the first master's degree program in diagnostic medical ultrasound. Its six departments and eight 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, Occupational Therapy, 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 Communication Science and Disorders with an emphasis of Speech-Language Pathology, Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy and a graduate certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis.

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

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## Admissions

Undergraduate students are enrolled in the School of Health Professions for academic advisement in order to complete University general education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements>) and prerequisite courses. Students will be advised by faculty of the department in which they have declared a major, or by an advisor in the Student Services Office. Students should contact the SHP Advising Office to ensure satisfactory progress toward completion of the prerequisites.

Admission to the University and to the School of Health Professions as a pre-professional student does not constitute admission as a candidate for most Bachelor of Health Science degree programs. Pre-professional students are admitted to candidacy for the BHS only when they have been selected to participate in the professional component of a program. Application deadlines and requirements vary for each program (an application is not required for the health sciences programs). 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
C_S_D 1000	Introduction to Communication Science and Disorders	1
CL_L_S 1000	Orientation to Clinical Laboratory Science	1

## Required Entry-level Courses

To be admitted into or continue in the School of Health Professions, all students 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.

While completing prerequisite requirements, students must make formal application for admission to the professional component of the program of their choice. Enrollment is limited and is governed by program admission committees. Application to the professional component is also required for transfer students.

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
Occupational Therapy	Applications Not Accepted in 2017	Summer
Radiography	Feb. 1, sophomore	Summer
Physical Therapy	Jan. 24, senior	Summer
Nuclear Medicine	Dec. 1, junior	Fall
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

## School of Health Professions Scholars Guaranteed Admission Program (SHaP Scholars)

### 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 can 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 Student Affairs 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 term without permission from the associate dean.

#### 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 faculty advisor in his or her department and from the SHP Advising Center.

#### Enrolling in Other Institutions Simultaneously

Students must receive approval from the SHP Advising Center before enrolling simultaneously at another institution.

#### 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.

Students should select an area of interest prior to completing the first two years of college. To assist with career decisions, the School of Health

Professions offers introductory courses and experiences to provide information and career opportunities in these areas.

## Career Placement

Graduates of programs in the School of Health Professions are highly recruited and frequently hired prior to receiving degrees. The Career Services office in the School of Health Professions offers résumé, cover letter and personal statement review, mock interviews, and workshops to enhance students' career development. All Health Science majors are required to take Health Science 2100, a career and professional development seminar course. Students are encouraged to seek out and use the Career Services office early in their undergraduate career.

## 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

- Communication Science and Disorders
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences

The Graduate School confers an interdisciplinary **Master's of Public Health (MPH) degree. The MPH is available in two emphasis areas: Health Promotion and Policy or Veterinary Public Health. This public health coursework reflects the University of Missouri's strength in the health professions, social work, nursing, medicine, veterinary medicine, and arts and sciences.**

**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.