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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, 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.

Students gain valuable experience by participating in nationally recognized service centers including The Adult Day Connection, The Health Connection, the Speech and Hearing Clinic, Robert G. Comb’s Language Preschool 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:

**Required Entry-level Courses**

- 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 with 55 or more credits must have completed MATH 1100 and ENGLISH 1000, or their equivalents, with grades in the C range or higher.

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.

To achieve the goals of diversity and equal opportunity, the School of Health Professions encourages the participation of minority students in its programs.

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

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<th>Professional Program</th>
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<td>Athletic Training</td>
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### Eligibility Requirements for the SHarP Scholar’s Program:
- Minimum 30 composite ACT score (1330 SAT).
- Top 10% high school (HS) rank at the time of application.
- Performance in college courses completed prior to HS graduation will be considered by the admissions committee.
- Completed applications must be submitted by March 1st during the senior year in high school or November 15th during the freshman year at MU.
- Four (4) hours of clinical observation in the discipline of choice (documented on the SHarP application). All applications must include recommendations from a high school teacher and from a high school counselor or principal.

**Students who are accepted as SHarP Scholars may also have to complete additional application requirements prior to entering their professional program. Specific program requirements are communicated to students upon acceptance as SHarP Scholars.**

Application materials are available in the School of Health Professions Student Services Office and on the school’s website (http://shp.missouri.edu).

Students accepted as SHarP Scholars who maintain participant status at MU are guaranteed admission into one of the following degree programs:

- Athletic Training
- Clinical Laboratory Sciences with an emphasis in Medical Technology
- Communication Science and Disorders (BHS program only)
- Occupational Therapy
- Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound
- Master of Public Health Program (upon completion of the Health Sciences BHS degree)
- Radiologic Sciences, with emphasis in Radiography or Nuclear Medicine Technology
- Respiratory Therapy
- Physical Therapy (Doctor of Physical Therapy program, upon completion of a baccalaureate degree)

### 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.

### 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:

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### 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 17 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 may be assigned a faculty advisor in their program of study or a professional academic advisor in the Office of Student Services.

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. 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