

College of Health Sciences

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The MU College of Health Sciences is the University of Missouri System's only college of health professions and is a major provider of Missouri's health care workforce. Its mission is to improve the health and well-being of others. Every day, College of Health Sciences faculty, staff, and students work towards changing lives through the integration of teaching, service and discovery.

The college offers undergraduate degrees with majors in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences (emphasis areas - Medical Laboratory Science, Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine, Radiography, and Respiratory Therapy); Criminal & Justice Studies; Fitness Programming and Management; Health Sciences; Occupational Therapy Assistant; Public Health; Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences; and Social Work. The college offers graduate/professional degrees in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences; Health Administration; Health and Rehabilitation Science; Occupational Therapy; Physical Therapy; Public Health; Social Work; and Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences with an emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology.

Students gain valuable experience by participating in nationally recognized service centers including PhysZou, Tiger OT, the MU Speech and Hearing Clinic, Robert G. Comb's Language Preschool, and more than eight hundred fieldwork sites.

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Admissions

Undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Health Sciences work with a professional academic advisor to ensure timely completion of degree program requirements and for developing a personalized plan for achieving academic success. Students admitted to a clinical program are advised by a professional advisor in Student Services and a faculty advisor in the major.

Admission to the University and to the College of Health Sciences as a pre-Health student does not guarantee admission for College of Health Science degree programs that require program-specific applications. Application deadlines and requirements vary for each program. Note that the following majors do not require an application: Criminal & Justice Studies; Fitness, Programming & Management; Health Sciences; Public Health; and Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences. Students are strongly encouraged to seek advising to ensure they are making satisfactory progress towards pre-requisites, MU General Education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), University and program requirements.

Exploratory Courses

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

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| CL_L_S 1000 | Orientation to Clinical Laboratory Science | 1 |
| DMU 1000 | Introduction to Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound | 1 |
| HLTH_SCI 1000 | Introduction to the Health Professions | 3 |
| HLTH_SCI 1100 | Introduction to Health Administration | 1 |
| HTH_PR 1100 | Introductory Topics in Pharmacy | 1 |
| NUCMED 1000 | Introduction to Nuclear Medicine | 1 |
| OC_THR 1000 | Introduction to Occupational Therapy | 1 |
| P_HLTH 1000 | Introduction to Careers in Public Health | 1 |
| PH_THR 1000 | Introduction to Physical Therapy | 1 |
| RS_THR 1000 | Introduction to Respiratory Therapy | 1 |
| SLHS 1000 | Introduction to Speech, Language, and Hearing | 1 |
| SOC_WK 1110 | Introduction to the Social Work Major | 1 |

CHS Program Policies and Considerations

The College of Health Sciences requires students who are declaring a "Pre-Health" or "Undeclared" major to meet the minimum GPA requirement for that program of interest. All undergraduate students are required to declare a major upon completion of 60 university-level credit hours.

Application requirements, including deadlines, for CHS undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs can be found on the CHS website (<https://healthsciences.missouri.edu/degrees-and-programs/>).

International Admissions

Students whose native language is not English should contact the College of Health Sciences 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 College of Health Sciences 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 (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), which include university general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>) requirements.

Degree Core Requirements

A Bachelor's degree from the College of Health Sciences 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 (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), including University general education (<https://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 programs with professional phases. Students should consult program handbooks for additional information.

Degree with Honors Requirements

Information about specific requirements for students to graduate with Latin honors is available available in the catalog at Latin Honors (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicpolicies/latinhonors/>).

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 College of Health Sciences 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 follow University policy and protocol and should consult with 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

All undergraduate students are assigned a professional academic advisor in the College of Health Sciences.

Career Development

The Office of Career Services in the College of Health Sciences 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 College of Health Sciences Office of Career Services offers a Career Fair, which allows students interested in careers in health care to connect with employers, graduate and professional programs, internships, and experiential learning opportunities. Students are encouraged to seek out and use College of Health Sciences 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 College of Health Sciences offers a wide variety of programs of study for students interested in careers in healthcare. At the graduate/professional level, we offer the following degrees:

Master's Degrees

- Master of Health Administration (MHA)
- Master of Health Science (MHS) in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences
- Master of Health Science (MHS) in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, with an emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- Master of Social Work (MSW)

Doctoral Degrees

- Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT)
- Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)
- PhD in Health and Rehabilitation Science
- PhD in Social Work

Graduate Certificates in the following areas are also offered:

- Epidemiology
- Gerontological Social Work
- Informatics for Public Health
- Public Health
- Public Health Communication

Note: Find program information as well as admission and application details by selecting the degree program of interest in the left navigation column.