Why choose UW-Milwaukee’s College of Health Sciences?

• We offer the largest collection of health-related programs in the region. You’ll study alongside your future health care colleagues and augment your professional studies with an understanding of interprofessional communication and patient care.

• Many of the college’s undergraduate degree programs are nationally recognized and have achieved the highest accreditation awards possible.

• We have over 80 faculty and staff members who are experts in their field and ready to share their knowledge and experience with you.

• We have hundreds of community partners, in addition to our own clinics, where faculty and students interact with patients in an educational setting.

• Our location gives students access to clinical and internship opportunities in the state’s leading health care systems and medical centers across Milwaukee and beyond.

• CHS graduates are highly sought after, far surpassing national averages for first attempts at national board licensing exams and achieving close to 100% in career placement.

• As part of a large research university in a major American city, our college offers students a rich cultural environment to learn and explore.

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Considering a career in health sciences?

The choices are limitless. The health sciences offer a broad range of occupations and specializations. The work is exciting and the reward from helping others is priceless.

• Your work will take you to a wide variety of settings in your community, many times even outside of a hospital or clinic. Your clients will come from all walks of life and from all age groups.

• The need for skilled professionals is high and continually growing in almost every area of the field.

• Health care positions are expected to grow 18 percent nationally through 2026. (That’s 2.4 million new jobs!)

• Our graduates are among the nearly 5 million allied health professionals in the U.S. Some of these professionals work collaboratively with physicians, nurses and pharmacists. Others work independently as specialists in exercise, nutrition, health education, speech and daily function. These professionals comprise 60 percent of the healthcare workforce. (explorehealthcareers.org)

If you’re interested in learning more about a rewarding career in the health sciences, this guide is for you.

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY:

Disability studies
Disease diagnosis, in laboratories and through diagnostic imaging
Disease prevention and treatment
Exercise and injury prevention
Health care technology and information
Medical and biomedical research
Nursing and community health
Physical and behavioral rehabilitation
Wellness and health coaching

POSSIBLE HEALTH CAREERS FOR YOU:

Assistive technology consultant
Athletic trainer
Audiologist
Clinical research associate/ coordinator
Community nutrition and wellness worker
Corporate fitness/wellness director/Cyto technologist
Diagnostic medical sonographer
Exercise physiologist

Exercise specialist/technician
Fitness/medical equipment/pharmacy sales rep
Food services manager
Health care or fitness facility manager
Health care informaticist
Health/wellness/nutrition educator or writer
Human resources or marketing analyst
Medical/clinical laboratory scientist
Medical records coordinator
Microbiologist
MRI, CT and mammography technician
Occupational therapist
Pharmacist
Physical therapist
Radiological technologist
Recreation therapist
Rehabilitation counselor
Speech-language pathologist

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BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES Lab programs

These professionals examine and analyze body fluids, tissues and cells to identify bacteria, parasites and other microorganisms. They analyze the chemical constituents of body fluids, cromatograph donor blood for transfusions, and test blood for drug levels to measure the efficacy of treatments. They also test result samples and help interpret them for the physician or identify illness trends for public health officials. Biomedical technologists use the same skill set in more research-related fields such as pharmaceutical and food industries.

Students may also specialize in blood bank technology and microbiology. These submajors are an excellent choice for students preparing for professional study in medicine (such as medical doctor or physician assistant) or pharmaceutical sciences (pharmacist, pharmacy researcher).

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES Diagnostic imaging

Radiologic technologists perform diagnostic imaging procedures such as X-ray exams, MRI scans, CT scans, interventional radiography, cardiac catheterization, mammography, and bone density tests.

Sonographers use sound waves to generate an image used to assess and diagnose various medical conditions. While many people associate sonography solely with obstetrics, this technology has many applications in diagnosing medical conditions in the abdomen, breast, heart and vascular system.

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS

Speech-language pathologists evaluate, treat and assist clients and their families to improve communication and cope with the difficulties of communication disorders. Communication disorders may include stuttering, delayed and disordered language development, aphasia, and voice and articulation problems. Audiologists treat hearing loss with hearing aids and assistive listening devices, and are involved in hearing loss prevention and hearing conservation.

Students pursuing degrees in communication sciences and disorders may also specialize in behavior therapy or life skills coaching.

HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Health care administrators take on the business roles within a health care setting. Examples of potential responsibilities include establishing and implementing the policies and objectives of a specific clinical area or department within a facility; training and evaluating personnel; developing reports and budgets; and coordinating activities with other managers. With experience and an advanced degree, health care administrators may move into executive management positions.

KINESIOLOGY

Kinesiology is the study of human movement. Our program prepares students to apply preventive and rehabilitative intervention techniques in a variety of health and fitness industries. Students pursuing degrees in kinesiology may also pursue careers in youth sports coordination, health and wellness coaching, geriatric fitness, and strength and conditioning coaching.

Kinesiology students often pursue kinesiology-specific graduate degrees (specializing in biomechanics, exercise physiology, motor control, sport psychology, sport sociology) and other advanced degrees leading to careers in physical therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, chiropractic care, medicine and physician assistant.

NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

The field of nutritional sciences is rooted in the study of natural sciences, social sciences and health sciences. Our students study these areas to enable understanding of the relationships among food, nutrients, eating behavior and human health. Students explore why we make the food choices we do, engage in experiential learning opportunities related to food science and nutrition education, and learn how to help others modify their diet and eating behavior.

Students pursuing nutritional sciences may also specialize in wellness coaching and food and nutrition writing.

OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Students completing our undergraduate program in occupational science and technology are suited to work in entry-level positions in the areas of disability, health care, assistive technology and universal design. Students may pursue careers in behavior therapy, recreation therapy, life skills coaching, and design and accessibility consulting.

OST graduates will often explore advanced degrees in occupational therapy or other rehabilitation professions, social sciences and some areas of science, technology, biomedical engineering and math (STEM) disciplines.

The goal in any of these professions is to assist clients in performing activities of all types so they can live as independently as possible. Services typically include customized treatment programs to improve a person’s ability to perform activities for a full engagement in life.