The Health Science program leading to the Bachelor of Health Science (BHS) degree includes didactic and experiential activities for students to learn the foundation skills necessary for success in the dynamic health environment.

About this Program
- **College**: Public Health and Health Professions ([http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGPBH/](http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGPBH/))
- **Degree**: Bachelor of Health Science
- **Credits for Degree**: 120

To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.

Department Information
The Bachelor of Health Science (BHS) program is for students whose career goal is to work in the health professions providing service to individuals and communities. BHS students are typically pursuing health related professions such as medicine, physician assistant, physical therapy, occupational therapy, audiology, speech-language pathology, dentistry, epidemiology, or public health.

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Curriculum
- Disability Science Minor
- Health Science
- Health Science Minor

Related Programs
- Public Health

The program has two major goals: to teach foundational skills to students whose career goal is to work in health care, particularly for those who want to become health care providers and to teach foundational skills to students who want to work with individuals, groups, or communities who face social, economic, or health challenges. In addition, interested students have the opportunity to explore a combination-degree program in Public Health.

Specializations
The college offers four specializations. All specializations except Occupational Therapy Accelerated can be declared at the freshman or sophomore years.

**Applied Brain Sciences**
Offers a suggested prerequisite course sequence for students interested in pursuing training in clinical psychology and neuropsychology, applied human neuroscience, or brain-health focused medical specialties (e.g., psychiatry, neurology).

**Occupational Therapy Accelerated**
A combination-degree program that allows students to take first-year Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) Program courses during their junior and senior years in the health science program.

**Pre-Rehabilitation**
Accommodates students interested in rehabilitation health care fields (e.g., occupational therapy, physical therapy).

**Preprofessional**
For students pursuing careers in fields such as medicine, physician assistant, and dentistry, all of which require significant basic science prerequisites. This specialization is set up to integrate commonly required preprofessional courses with requirements for the health science major.
Course Sequence

While all specializations are designed for students interested in health care, students should select the specialization that most closely approximates their career plans and overall academic performance. Included in specific tracks are typical prerequisites for UF graduate and professional programs.

Each specialization incorporates General Education Mathematics and Writing Requirements and Health Science critical tracking courses. All specializations accept AP, IB, or AICE credit for any prerequisite course. However, many professional schools have their own policies regarding test credit, and it is the responsibility of the student to determine whether a course for which they have earned AP/IB/AICE credit must be retaken to meet professional school requirements. Students must earn a minimum of C in any BHS critical tracking course that is not satisfied by AP/IB/AICE credit unless otherwise specified.

Preprofessional

For students pursuing careers in fields such as medicine, physician assistant and dentistry, all of which require significant basic science prerequisites. This specialization is set up to integrate commonly required preprofessional courses with requirements for the health science major.

To remain in the Health Science major, students must:

- Remains on track each Fall and Spring term, for a total of four semesters.
- Complete the following critical tracking courses or equivalents by the end of the fourth semester:

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Critical Tracking

Critical Tracking records each student’s progress in courses that are required for entry to each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites (https://cpm.flvc.org/advance-search/) may be used for transfer students.

Semester 1

- Complete PSY 2012 with a minimum grade of C
- 2.8 cumulative GPA on work from all institutions

Semester 2

- Complete STA 2023 with a minimum grade of C
- 3.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses, based on all attempts
- 3.1 cumulative GPA on work from all institutions

Semester 3

- Complete BSC 2010 with a minimum grade of C
- 3.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses, based on all attempts
- 3.2 cumulative GPA on work from all institutions

Semester 4

- Complete APK 2105C or CHM 2045 with a minimum grade of C
- Complete 60 cumulative credits
- 3.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses and minimum grades of C on all critical-tracking courses, based on all attempts unless otherwise noted.
- 3.2 cumulative GPA on work from all institutions

All General Education requirements, including State Core, International and Diversity, the University Writing Requirement, and the Civic Literacy requirement, must be completed prior to the graduating semester.
## Semester 5
- Complete PHC 4101 with a minimum grade of C
- Complete HSA 3111 with a minimum grade of C
- Complete HSC 3057 with a minimum grade of C
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 6
- Complete HSC 3502 with a minimum grade of C
- Complete OTH 3416 with a minimum grade of C
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 7
- Complete HSC 3661 with a minimum grade of C
- Complete HSC 4557 with a minimum grade of C
- Complete RCS 4451 with a minimum grade of C
- 2.0 UF GPA required

## Semester 8
- Complete HSC 4608 with a minimum grade of C
- Complete HSC 4652L with a minimum grade of C
- 2.0 UF GPA required

### Model Semester Plan
To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed in the Critical Tracking criteria.

*This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student’s academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.*

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| **Semester Two**           |                                                                       |         |
| Quest 1 (Gen Ed Humanities)|                                                                       | 3       |
| CHM 2046 & 2046L           | General Chemistry 2 and General Chemistry 2 Laboratory (Gen Ed Physical Sciences) | 4       |
| ENC 1102                   | Argument and Persuasion (Gen Ed Composition; Writing Requirement)     | 3       |
| STA 2023                   | Introduction to Statistics 1 (Critical Tracking; State Core Gen Ed Mathematics) | 3       |
| General Education Social and Behavioral Sciences (SYG 2000 recommended) | | 3       |
| **Credits**                |                                                                       | **16**  |

| **Semester Three**         |                                                                       |         |
| BSC 2010 & 2010L           | Integrated Principles of Biology 1 and Integrated Principles of Biology Laboratory 1 (Critical Tracking; Gen Ed Biological Sciences) | 4       |
| CHM 2210                   | Organic Chemistry 1                                                   | 3       |
| State Core Gen Ed Humanities (with Diversity) | | 3       |
| 6000-word writing course (Writing Requirement) | | 3       |
| Elective                   |                                                                       | 1       |
| **Credits**                |                                                                       | **14**  |
### Semester Four

**Quest 2 (General Education Social and Behavioral Science)**

- **APK 2105C** - Applied Human Physiology with Laboratory (*Critical Tracking*; Gen Ed Biological Sciences; must complete APK 2105C or CHM 2045 by the end of Semester 4)
- **BSC 2011** & 2011L - Integrated Principles of Biology 2 and Integrated Principles of Biology Laboratory 2
- **CHM 2211** & 2211L - Organic Chemistry 2 and Organic Chemistry Laboratory

**Credits** 16

### Semester Five

- **HSA 3111** - US Health Care System (*Critical Tracking*)
- **HSC 3057** - Research Methods and Issues in Health Science (*Critical Tracking*)
- **PHC 4101** - Public Health Concepts (*Critical Tracking*)

Select one:

- **BCH 3025** - Fundamentals of Biochemistry (if pre-PA)
- **BCH 4024** - Introduction to Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (if pre-Medical or pre-Dental)

**Elective**

**Credits** 15

### Semester Six

- **HSC 3502** - Survey of Diseases and Disability (*Critical Tracking*)
- **OTH 3416** - Pathophysiology (*Critical Tracking*)

Select one:

- **APK 2100C** - Applied Human Anatomy with Laboratory (if pre-PA)
- **PHY 2053** & 2053L - Physics 1 and Laboratory for Physics 1 (if pre-Medical or pre-Dental)

6000-word writing course (Writing Requirement, with International)

**Elective**

**Credits** 15-16

### Semester Seven

- **HSC 3661** - Therapeutic Communication Skills with Patients, Families and the Health Care Team (*Critical Tracking*)
- **HSC 4557** - Medical Pharmacology in Clinical Care (*Critical Tracking*)
- **RCS 4451** - Rehabilitation Aspects of Substance Abuse (*Critical Tracking*)

Select one:

- **AGR 3303** or **PCB 3063** - Genetics (if pre-PA) or Genetics
- **PHY 2054** & 2054L - Physics 2 and Laboratory for Physics 2 (if pre-Medical or pre-Dental)

**Electives** (MCB 3020 & MCB 3020L recommended if pre-PA or pre-Dental)

**Credits** 15-17

### Semester Eight

- **HSC 4608** - Clinical Diagnosis and Decision Making (*Critical Tracking*)
- **HSC 4652L** - Ethical and Legal Issues in the Health Professions (*Critical Tracking*)

**Electives** (HSC 3537 recommended for Pre-PA students)

**Credits** 15

**Total Credits** 120

1 Minimum grade of C required.

For semesters 5-8, students must enroll in all semesters and take all core courses in the term/order indicated.

The health science program requires 120 credits for degree. Students following the preprofessional guidelines will require more than 120 credits and includes all preprofessional coursework.

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### Academic Learning Compact

The Bachelor of Health Science prepares students for a career in health care systems or organizations that provide health or general human services to individuals/communities with health concerns. Students will learn the foundational interprofessional skills necessary to succeed in the dynamic healthcare environment and/or enter postbaccalaureate academic programs such as medicine, physical therapy, and public health.
Before Graduating Students Must
- Receive a satisfactory grade (S) in the BHS capstone portfolio.
- Complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.

Students in the Major Will Learn to
Student Learning Outcomes | SLOs
Content
1. Describe key elements of the US healthcare system.
2. Comprehensively describe major chronic illnesses and disabilities.
3. Describe the core functions of public health.
Critical Thinking
4. Develop and apply critical analysis skills to contemporary health issues.
Communication
5. Apply effective basic communication skills for health professionals.

Curriculum Map
*I = Introduced; *R = Reinforced; *A = Assessed*

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Capstone Exam

Assessment Types
- Assignment
- The Bachelor of Health Science (BHS) capstone exam in the final semester