

explore majors with OAAS!

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Major: Health Sciences, BS

Health Sciences students enter careers in Public Health (~30% of majors) or in Clinical Health/Medicine (~70%). We teach our future public health professionals how the human body works and our future clinicians how their policies and practices impact community health.

What skills do students develop in this program?

Students gain technical knowledge of human biology, take prerequisites for professional/graduate programs, learn analysis of population-level data, and practice the scientific method.

What kind of student is a good fit for Health Sciences?

Students with a broad interest in human health will enjoy this major. We offer classes from the perspectives of Biology, Anthropology, Sociology, Public Health, and Psychology. We also retain 8 open electives for students, so the major works well for transfer science students. The required courses are flexible for entry into different professional health programs. For example, Physics and Organic Chemistry count towards the major but are not required.

Are there any popular classes in the program that you would suggest or recommended classes for a student who is just starting to explore the major?

- HLTH 200 Foundations of Health Sciences
- HLTH 272 Medical Anthropology
- MPH 101: The Science of Protecting the Public's Health (counts as an LSP course)

What are examples of internships and/or research opportunities that students in this major are currently working on or have access to as majors in this program?

Most of our tenure-track faculty work with students. Examples of bench science (basic research) include virus entry into cells and studying immunology relevant to neurodegenerative disease. Examples of public health research include studying the public health system in Brazil, lead exposure for Chicago Public School students, eating disorders and food insecurity, and healthy aging of Asian populations.

What are students doing after graduation?

Common paths that students take after graduation are: medical school, Master's in Nursing programs, occupational therapy programs, physician assistant school, dental school, and Master's in Public Health programs. Alumni also have positions in city and county public health departments.