



SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science in Health Science

The **BS in Health Science** degree major is flexible allowing students to pursue graduate programs for multiple careers in the health care industry. Students electing to take the pre-professional track will be prepared to pursue graduate educational programs in areas such as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, pre-Med, or pre-Dental and other health professions. The Leadership Track is designed for students with associate degrees in health related fields **or** two years of related work experience who wish to obtain management and leadership positions within health care organizations.

In accordance with the mission of the College of Health Professions, our graduates will be prepared to lead and manage with professional integrity and compassion in service to others. With an innovative curriculum and flexible scheduling the BS in Health Science major is suited to both full-time and part-time students.

Employment Outlook

According to the US Department of Labor, employment in the healthcare practitioners and technical occupations are expected to increase by 21 percent by the year 2018. This growth will represent 1.6 million new jobs. Graduates of the BS in Health Science will be prepared to meet this growing need.

The **Bachelor of Science in Health Science** is designed to meet this growing demand of health care professionals. The degree offers **two distinct tracks**, **The Pre-Professional Track** and **The Leadership Track**, to meet both the needs of the students entering the health care arena and those currently wishing to advance into management and leadership positions.

The Profession

Graduates of the program will have a variety of opportunities in clinical or management and leadership positions. Students pursuing advanced clinical degrees through the Pre-Professional Track will work with the BS in Health Science student advisor to select course offerings to prepare them for the career of their choice. The Leadership Track will prepare students to assume roles as department heads, hospital or clinic administrators, and/or supervisors of department personnel.

ABOUT SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

Sacred Heart University was founded in 1963 as a coeducational, independent, comprehensive institution in the Catholic intellectual tradition. With an expanding enrollment of undergraduate and graduate students Sacred Heart University is the second largest Catholic university in New England.

WHO CAN I CALL IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Admissions Questions:

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We also encourage you to visit our website at:

www.sacredheart.edu/healthscience.cfm

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Pre-Professional Track

The Pre-Professional Track is intended to support students aspiring to seek professional health care careers. Career opportunities vary from occupational therapy, physical therapy, medical, dental, pharmacology, and many more allied health related fields.

Students will not only be prepared for careers within the allied health related field but will be provided an in-depth overview of critical issues related to the health care environment. At SHU we feel it is important to provide students with a variety of clinical and administrative practices, policies and procedures.

Leadership Track

The Leadership Track serves part-time and adult students who hold associate degrees within allied health related field **or** two years of related work experience. The curriculum provides insight into management and leadership issues related to the health care environment.

The program is ideal for students in the allied health fields who desire to become leaders and managers within health care organizations. The curriculum will provide insight into administrative practices including supervision, strategic planning, change management, policy and fiscal responsibility. Health care ethics, patient rights and safety and regulatory compliance will be addressed within the curriculum.



Required Health Science Courses (18 credits):

Course Number & Title	Credits
HS 302: Health Care Administration Practice	3
HS 350: Health Care Policy	3
HS 351: Legal and Ethical Aspects of Health Care	3
HS 353: Diversity & Disparities in Health Care	3
HS 354: Improving Health Care Quality & Safety	3
HS 355: Health Research Capstone	3

Must maintain a 3.0 GPA

Health Science Electives

Course Number & Title	Credits
HS 301: Spirituality in Health Care	3
HS 303: Health Ed. & Promotion of Healthy Lifestyles	3
HS 304: Community & Public Health	3
HS 306: Health Management Information Systems	3
HU307/NU 383: Alternative Healing Modalities	3
HS 309: Professional Interactions in Health Care	3
HS 310: Human Growth & Development Across the Lifespan	3
HS 352: Health Care Leadership	3

****Note Pre-professional track students must take four HS Electives for the list above**

*****Pre-Professional track students must maintain a 3.0 GPA**

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Incoming Freshman:

- Complete The Common Application and follow the freshman application checklist:
<http://www.sacredheart.edu/AppChecklist.cfm>
- Office of Undergraduate Admissions (203) 371-7880

Full Time Transfer Students:

- Complete The Common Application and follow the transfer application checklist:
<http://www.sacredheart.edu/TransferChecklist.cfm>
- Contact Cara Jordan (203) 610-9392

Adult and Part-Time Students:

- Schedule an appointment with an academic advisor.
- Contact Ellen Kovar (203) 396-8073