



Bachelors of Science in Health Sciences Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Bachelor of Science in Health Science (BSHS) program is to provide an educational experience through which persons who have prepared for various credentialed or licensed professions in the health sciences may advance their education and career opportunities. The program stresses the development of enhanced technical proficiencies, managerial and leadership skills, ethical frameworks, social awareness, and interdisciplinary preparation required for persons who accept the responsibility of stewardship implicit in management and leadership in the health sciences professions.

What is a Health Sciences Degree?

Healthcare constantly changes. Most health science professions' education terminates at the associate degree level leaving those who wish to continue their education in their chosen profession to do so via other areas of interests like education or business. Administrators within departments are more likely to promote those who have bachelor degrees in a related health science field versus those who do not. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates between 2008-2018 medical and health services management will grow above average with a growth rate of 16%. In addition, clinicians who choose to acquire graduate degrees in medicine or health sciences can do so with their bachelor's degree as a foundation.

How long will it take to complete the program?

The professional curriculum is built on the requirement that a person entering the program has completed an associates degree in a health science field from an accredited institution. Students can work on their associate degree course work in parallel with the bachelor degree course work but cannot be classified as a junior until the associates degree is complete. Time pursuing bachelor degree courses can vary with course availability and the person's schedule.

What courses do I need before entering the bachelor degree major?

Academic courses are indicated for the bachelor of science in health sciences curriculum plan of study provided on the reverse side.

Advanced Medical Imaging Option

The Radiography Program offers two specialty options within the Bachelor of Health Sciences Program for those students who have or will graduate from an accredited program. Currently Computed Tomography (CT) and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) are offered. The courses for these are detailed further on the [Radiography Program's](#) page within the college's website. These are not separate programs but optional tracks that can be pursued during or after the Associates Degree is earned.

What is the application process?

Steps of the application process and additional requirements are noted on the reverse side.

What do I need to do to be successful in the program?

The core curriculum includes a mix of general education course work combined with required core courses and guided electives. Approximately three hours of study per credit hour is recommended each week. The ability to prioritize, organize one's time and have good study habits is critical for success in the program.

Is the program accredited?

Yes, St. Catharine College is accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Required Courses

BUS 300	Management (3)	MGT 342	Organizational Leadership and Motivation (3)
HSC 321	Legal Issues in Health Care (3)	HSC 470	Health Care Policy (3)
HSC 400	Management of Health Care Organizations	HSC 309/HSC 301	Community Health/Advanced Patient Care (3)
IDS 300	Research Methods and Inquiry (3)	MGT 450	Environmental Stewardship and Organizational Management (3)

Guided Electives (15 hours)

Each student will tailor their major with fifteen hours of electives selected from an approved list with the assistance of an Academic Advisor

Interdisciplinary Seminar (Required)

IDS 301	Interdisciplinary Seminar (1) *repeated for credit each semester	IDS 401	Senior Interdisciplinary Seminar (2) *completed in final semester
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General Education and Supporting Courses

ENG 101	English Composition I (3)	ENG 102	English Composition II (3)
SPE ---	Interpersonal or Oral Communications (3)	PHI 133	Biomedical Ethics (3)
REL ---	Religious Studies (6)	LIT ---	Literature (3)
ART or MUS	Art or Music Studies (3)	HIS ---	History (3)
PSY ---	Psychology (3)	SOC ---	Sociology (3)
MAT 106	College Algebra (3)	MAT 200	Statistics (3)
	Natural Sciences w/lab (4)		

ADMISSION PROCEDURE FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES DEGREE PROGRAM**Admission to the College**

The general admissions and transfer standards for the College are available from the Admissions Office. St. Catharine requires the ACT test or the COMPASS evaluation prior to registration for students who have not taken a college level English or Math course.

Admission to the Major

The Bachelor of Science in Health Science program has specific admission qualifications. Persons seeking admission to the major in health sciences must meet one of the following criteria:

- An Associate Degree in a health related discipline from an accredited college or university OR a certificate or diploma from a programmatically accredited two-year health professions program.
- Be currently enrolled in a health science program leading to an associate degree.
- Be eligible, based on course work at St. Catharine College or other colleges for junior class standing (generally 48 to 60 hours with a distribution of courses supporting admission to the major) and have the pre-requisite course work listed below.
- Meet cumulative GPA standards as designated by the program.

Pre-requisite coursework to the major:

The following courses, which may be in distribution from general education, are considered pre-requisites for admission to the Major in the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences:

English Composition (6)
Natural Sciences with lab (4)
Psychology (3)
Computer or competency exam (3)
College Algebra (or higher) (3)

Transfer structure in the major

Transfer of courses from other colleges and universities is in accordance with the general transfer policies of the college. Professional program academic credit shall be analyzed on a case-by-case basis. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total credited hours must be completed at St. Catharine College. See below for special transfer considerations.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Please contact ext. 1211 or ext. 1214 in the Financial Aid Office for information

It is the policy of St. Catharine College not to discriminate in its educational programs, admissions policies, financial aid or other school administered programs on the basis of age, race, color, disability, gender, religion or national origin.