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Information on Biology and the Health Sciences programs at Shippensburg University: http://www.ship.edu/biology/

Health Professional Program Affiliations

The following is a list of affiliations Shippensburg University has with health professional programs. In most agreements, early acceptance is available to qualified students. Accelerated agreements enable motivated students to enter a professional program before they have completed their undergraduate requirements for the baccalaureate degree at Shippensburg. In the “3+” programs, application is made to the professional program in the fall of the student’s junior year of college. If accepted into the program, credits will be transferred back to Shippensburg at the successful completion of the first professional year, thereby substituting for the senior year at Shippensburg and allowing the student to earn the baccalaureate degree in Biology from Shippensburg University.

Students who are interested in pursuing early acceptance options must work closely with the health sciences advisors to ensure the required courses are completed before beginning their professional education. Students should realize these affiliations do NOT prevent them from applying to any other professional school under the normal procedure and we have had students enter a wide variety of schools among the various health science disciplines over recent years.

Articulation Programs - The numbers in parentheses refer to the number of years at Shippensburg University followed by the number of years at the professional school necessary to obtain the professional degree. All programs are coordinated with the BS in Biology major. Course curriculum details on any program can be obtained from the Biology/Health Sciences website listed at the top of this page or by contacting Dr. David Long, Director of Health Sciences, in the Biology Department.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (3+4) - leading to a Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine, D.O.
http://www.pcom.edu

Salus University - College of Optometry (3+4) - leading to a Doctorate of Optometry, O.D.
http://www.salus.edu/optometry/

Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine (3+4) - leading to a Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine, D.P.M.
http://podiatry.temple.edu

Temple University School of Dentistry (3+4) - leading to a Doctorate of Dental Medicine, D.M.D.
http://www.temple.edu/dentistry

Up to four seats are reserved annually for students who meet the guaranteed acceptance criteria that include prerequisite and cumulative GPA's of at least 3.2, minimum DAT scores as determined by Temple University dental school admissions committee. Details on this may be obtained from the Health Sciences advisors.

New York Chiropractic College (3+3) - leading to a Doctorate of Chiropractic, D.C.
http://www.nycc.edu

With the NYCC agreement, students who maintain at least a 3.1 GPA in the Biology major and who have earned at least a C in the prerequisite, non-science courses will automatically matriculate to NYCC.

Logan College of Chiropractic (3+3) - leading to a Doctorate of Chiropractic, D.C.
http://www.logan.edu

With the Logan Chiropractic agreement, students who maintain at least a 3.25 GPA in the Biology major and who have earned at least a C in the prerequisite, non-science courses will automatically matriculate to LCC.

Arcadia University, Masters in Physician Assistant Program - leading to a M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies
http://www.arcadia.edu

Arcadia University will grant assured admission each year to the four most qualified SU students who successfully complete requirements and procedures outlined in the articulation agreement. A B.S. in Biology is required in addition to a minimum 3.3 GPA overall and in prerequisite courses (with no less than a C in any prerequisite course), a minimum total score of 1700 on the GRE (with no individual section less than 450), and a minimum of 200 hours of patient care/research experience. Details on this may be obtained from the Health Sciences advisors.
**Baccalaureate Programs (2+2)**

- **Nursing**
  Radiologic Sciences - includes radiography, ultrasound, MRI, CT, nuclear medicine, etc.

- **Bioscience Technologies**: (three options: 2+2, 3+1, or post-baccalaureate program, 4+1)
  - includes Medical Technology, Cytotechnology, Biotechnology

**Masters Degree Program**
- Occupational Therapy - Combined BS/MS in OT (2+3) or entry-level Masters in OT (4+2)

**Doctoral Degree Programs**
- Physical Therapy
- Pharmacy

No accelerated programs for PT or Pharmacy are available with TJU – Jefferson College of Health Professions although numerous students have entered these programs after first earning their BS in Biology degree.

**PACE Program with Thomas Jefferson University - Jefferson College of Health Professions**

With the PACE program (Plan a College Education), high school seniors may apply to TJU for a position to begin two years later. During the two years at Shippensburg University, students complete their prerequisite courses (see Biology/Health Sciences website) and, providing they maintain good academic standing, automatically matriculate to TJU to complete the professional component of their degree. The PACE option is NOT available for the physical therapy program because it requires the baccalaureate degree.

This early acceptance program is for high school seniors with relatively high SAT scores and who have volunteer hours in the respective field of study. Minimum SAT scores vary among disciplines but in no case can be less than 1000 verbal & math combined. Interested students should contact Thomas Jefferson University College of Health Professions for additional information and PACE applications by calling 1-877-533-3247 or via the website at www.jefferson.edu/jchp. PACE acceptance is based on rolling admissions; therefore, qualified students are encouraged to apply early in their senior year of high school.

**SPECIAL NOTE**: Students who are applying to Shippensburg University with the intention of pursuing one of the 2+2 programs with Thomas Jefferson University (includes PACE-accepted students) should list “Thomas Jefferson University Allied Health Programs” as their major on the Shippensburg University application.

**BIOLOGY / CLINICAL SCIENCES Concentration**

Students can pursue a career in medical technology (medical laboratory science) or histotechnology as part of their BS in Biology program (i.e., complete their clinical year during the senior year of college) or by completing the clinical year as a post-baccalaureate option (after graduation). By including their clinical education as part of the undergraduate degree, however, access to undergraduate financial aid remains available. Shippensburg University students have been well prepared for success in their clinical lab science education for over 30 years and we maintain close relationships with all of our affiliate programs.

Shippensburg University is affiliated with several hospitals to which students can apply for the clinical year training.

**MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE / MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY AFFILIATIONS**

- Altoona Hospital (Altoona, PA)
- Augusta Medical Center (Fishersville, VA)
- Conemaugh Medical Center (Johnstown, PA)
- Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences (formerly Lancaster General Hospital education programs) (Lancaster, PA)
- Reading Medical Center (Reading, PA)
- Rockingham Memorial Hospital (Harrisonburg, VA) - pending
- Saint Vincent Medical Center (Erie, PA)
- Williamsport Hospital (Williamsport, PA)
- York Hospital (York, PA)

**HISTOTECHNOLOGY AFFILIATION**

- Conemaugh Medical Center (Johnstown, PA) - pending
- Rockingham Memorial Hospital (Harrisonburg, VA) - pending