ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A HEALTH SCIENCE CAREER?

There are many health professional careers from which to choose. Here is a list of some health science programs and the amount of college education required.

Do web searches to find key sites that provide you with information about the job responsibilities, education, and location of professional programs.

* Speak with Dr. Alison Fedrow or Dr. Marcie Lehman in the Biology Department (Directors of Health Sciences) to discuss your specific plans and educational opportunities in given disciplines.

After you decide on a profession, examine the requirements (coursework, standardized tests, required hours of shadowing, etc.) that are necessary for admission to specific schools in that discipline.

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One-Year Post-baccalaureate Programs
(4 years at Ship, then 1 year at another institution)

Medical Technology (aka: Medical Laboratory Science)
Cytotechnology
Respiratory Therapy
Nuclear Medicine Technology
Invasive Cardiovascular Technology
Histotechnology
Nursing (accelerated 2nd degree BSN)
Diagnostic Imaging (e.g., sonography, radiography)

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Masters Degree Programs (4 years at Ship, then 2 years at another institution)

Most of these programs will require scores from the GRE – Graduate Record Exam – as part of the application.

Physician Assistant
Occupational Therapy (entry-level masters)
Nursing (entry-level masters)
Forensic Medicine
Pathologists’ Assistant
Speech/Language Pathology (usually requires a considerable number of specific undergraduate SLP courses prior to acceptance into a master’s program in SLP)
Acupuncture/Herbal Medicine
Laboratory Animal Science
Low Vision Rehabilitation
Orientation & Mobility Therapy
Biological & Medical Illustration
Family Therapy
Gerontology
Emergency Medical Services
Health Care Education Technology
Health Care Management & Supervision
Health Information Systems
Cardiovascular Rehabilitation Therapy & Exercise Science
Anesthetist Assistant
Public Health (MPH programs)
- epidemiology
- biostatistics
- health service administration
- behavioral sciences (health education)
- environmental health sciences
Creative Arts in Therapy
- art therapy
- music therapy
- dance/movement therapy
Biomedical Science Graduate Programs
- clinical microbiology
- microbiology & immunology
- molecular & cellular biology
- pharmacology
- radiation sciences
- toxicology

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Doctoral Programs
(4 years at Ship, then 3-4 years at another institution)

Most of these programs will require either scores from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or from standardized exams specific to their discipline [e.g., Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT); Optometry Admissions Test (OAT); Dental Admissions Test (DAT); Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT)]

- 3 year professional programs -
  - Physical Therapy
  - Occupational Therapy (entry-level doctoral programs)
  - Chiropractic
  - Naturopathic Medicine

- 4 year professional programs -
  - Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)
  - Allopathic Medicine (M.D.)
  - Veterinary Medicine
  - Optometry
  - Podiatric Medicine (aka: Podiatry)
  - Dentistry
  - Audiology
  - Pharmacy

Ph.D. Biomedical Sciences Graduate Programs
- cardiovascular biology
- microbiology & immunology
- molecular & cellular biology
- molecular pathology
- neuroscience
- pharmacology
- physiology
- radiation sciences
- and other disciplines…

ARTICULATION PROGRAMS
Articulation agreements that Shippensburg University has established with the following health professional programs enable students with strong academic credentials who schedule the proper course sequence to apply one year early to the specific affiliate professional school, thereby reducing the time they are in undergraduate school by one year.

The B.S. in Biology is conferred to the student after successful completion of their first professional year. Specific coursework is required during the three years at Shippensburg University, so early planning with your advisor is essential if you are interested in these opportunities.

New York Chiropractic College (3+3)
Logan University - College of Chiropractic (3+3)
Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine (3+4)
Salus University - College of Optometry (3+4)

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