

HEALTH STUDIES – Bachelor of Science

BSHS Mission

The Bachelor of Science Health Studies Program offers students the opportunity to obtain an advanced degree that includes courses designed to maximize interdisciplinary interaction among students who represent various health care disciplines including **Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Care, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, and Surgical Technology.**

Description

The BSHS is an on-line degree completion program for allied health practitioners. In the workforce, the baccalaureate degree is widely recognized as a stepping stone to professional advancement in administration, education and research. The synergy of the curriculum provides a leading edge focus of what a competitive person in the health professions workforce values and understands. The successful graduate will excel in their professional discipline and be compelled to challenge assumptions, engage in critical thinking, be an effective communicator and ultimately become a change agent on key issues in health care.

Valued Skills that will be further developed include:

- Use of technology for accessing, retrieving, and using information
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Leadership and Management skills
- Problem solving, reasoning, and critical thinking
- Critical analysis of assumptions and systems
- Validation of sources
- Advocacy for self and client

Program Goals and Objectives

The graduate will be able to:

- Employ problem-solving, critical –thinking and decision-making skills in a variety of settings and situations
- Identify and evaluate effective operational, organizational, and management strategies common in health care delivery systems and environments.
- Articulate best practices on the basis of evaluation of relevant literature
- Identify ways to demonstrate personal accountability for ethical, legal, political, and environmental, concerns within the realm of health care.
- Integrate communication skills (written, oral, visual) into professional roles, including educator, leader, and practitioner.
- Apply fundamental economic principles that affect health and health care delivery
- Demonstrate information literacy through the acquisition, synthesis and utilization of a variety of types and formats of information.
- Explore the historical and contemporary social determinants of health that shape health status, health behavior and health inequalities.
- Explain how ethical and moral reasoning can be used to illuminate important questions of choice and to guide ones conduct in health care settings.
- Identify specific roles in an emergency environment, both as a citizen and health professional.

Admission Criteria/ Prerequisites

Refer to the program details in the major area of study of interest on the college website

(www.methodistcollege.edu): Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Care, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, and Surgical Technology

Curriculum

To earn the Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Studies, students must earn *120-128 credits in three areas including general education, health studies requisites, and the declared major of study (which determines the primary emphasis of the degree).

- General Education Courses: 45-49 credits (some variation by program; refer to the major area of study on the college website for details)
- Health Study Requisites: 18 credits
 - HS 350 Environmental Health
 - HS 370 Principles of Adult Learning
 - HS 465 Survey of U.S. Health Care Systems
 - HS 440 Biomedical and Healthcare Ethics
 - HS 430 Academic and Professional Writing
 - HS 438 Strategic Managerial Concepts for the Health Professional

Major Area of Study: 50-64 credits** (may include professional/technical courses and relevant general education courses.)

* Note- the minimum residency requirement at Nebraska Methodist College is 30 credit hours.

**Licensed/ certified professionals in the health care disciplines of Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiography, Respiratory Care, Sonography, or Surgical Technology may be given credit for experience. Please consult program details in the major area of study of interest.