



BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE

Healthcare Studies



COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS Medical University of South Carolina

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies

The Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies (BSHS) Program is a new online undergraduate program in the College of Health Professions. Students who earn an Associate of Science degree are eligible to apply to the program. Courses will be completed in two years over five semesters. Courses will focus on the core functions of the U.S. healthcare system and strategies to promote population health.

The primary objectives of the BSHS program are to be able to develop an understanding of the determinants of health and healthcare delivery; develop creative and innovative health interventions for diverse populations; understand the strengths and limitations of research to interpret health data; and apply ethical and professional standards and values to health professions practice. These objectives are based on the necessary skills to obtain employment in a health promotion field (concentration 1) or provide students who apply to graduate programs with a broader perspective of the social determinants of health (concentration 2).

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Admissions

Now Accepting Applications for Fall semester

Students will be admitted once per year starting in the Fall semester.



Profession

The healthcare industry is one of the fastest growing industries in South Carolina and has a projected growth rate of 26% from 2012 to 2022 [1]. The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce anticipates over 2,000 annual job openings in health-related fields through 2022, with an additional 1,000 annual openings for healthcare support occupations [1].

The BSHS program offers two concentrations: (1) health promotion and (2) pre-health professions. With these concentrations, there are several options for graduates. With a concentration in health promotion, possible careers for our graduates include: Community Health Worker or Community Advocate; Health Educator, Health Coach, or Worksite Wellness Coordinator; and Patient Advocate.

A concentration in pre-health professions will provide graduates with the option to apply to one of our well-established health professions programs, as well as others throughout the state. This includes Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, and Cardiovascular Perfusion. 95-100% of graduates of MUSC's health professions programs are employed within 6 months of graduating and these occupations have a positive job outlook in South Carolina.

Curriculum

BSHS students will take 12-credit hours per semester over five semesters (total: 60 credit hours). Courses include:

- Introduction to Health Behavior and Education
- Etiology and Pathophysiology of Chronic Diseases
- Applied Research and Statistics in the Health Sciences
- Health and Disease across the Lifespan
- Introduction to Health Policy
- Delivering Culturally Sensitive Care
- Leadership in the Health Professions

Please note that students with the health promotion concentration and the pre-health professions concentration will enroll in different courses in the fall and spring semesters of year two.

Please note that while courses will be taken online, students will be required to spend four days on MUSC's campus each semester.

Reference:

1. SC Dept. Employment & Workforce (2015). Community Profile: South Carolina.



Requirements

- An Associate of Science degree
- Preferred cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Course prerequisite: Probability and Statistics (taken within the last 5 years)
- Two reference forms
- Résumé
- An essay as outlined in the university application
- Complete university application

Note: There are laptop hardware and software requirements for this program.

Information Sessions

- Admissions webinar
www.musc.edu/chp/prospective-students/webinars_chats.htm