

Health Services

Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/publichealth/ (<http://www.ndsu.edu/publichealth/>)
- **Credential Offered:**
B.S.
- **Official Program Curriculum:**
catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/health-services/ (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/program-curriculum/health-services/>)

The Bachelor of Science in Health Services (BSHS) includes a mix of academic and experiential training that meets the needs of public health and healthcare-related employers. The degree is designed to provide an efficient and flexible four-year degree, which allows students to pursue entry-level employment in health-related settings and/or prepare for graduate/advanced professional-level training programs.

The Program

The BSHS program has broad requirements, and allows students flexibility to tailor their plan of study to meet their unique career interests. The core courses provide students an introduction to medical terminology, human disease, public health, the US healthcare system, health services research, and professional ethics. In addition to core courses, BSHS students are required to declare a public health minor, a business administration minor, or be admitted to an accelerated BS-MPH program.

Students are required to meet with their academic advisor to create a plan of study that addresses all program requirements. The plan must be approved by the BSHS Academic Coordinator.

Experiential Training

A core element of the BSHS degree is that students gain hands on learning experiences that prepare them for their own, unique health care career. Students must complete at least 10 credits of approved field experience, although students are highly encouraged to complete additional experiential credits. These experiences may be based in research, clinical work, or general internships. Students may complete field experience credits through NDSU or local health and public health settings.

While students have tremendous flexibility in selecting their field experience, each site may have additional requirements to complete those credits. Students must meet with their academic advisor to ensure that all academic prerequisites and professional requirements necessary to enroll in their intended field experience credits courses are met.

Transferring Credits

View NDSU equivalencies of transfer courses at: www.ndsu.edu/transfer/equivalencies (<http://www.ndsu.edu/transfer/equivalencies/>)

Sample Program Guide

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER: This guide is not an official curriculum. This guide is a sample four-year degree plan of how students might plan this major with other degree requirements to complete their education in four years. Student plans will vary from this sample due to a variety of factors, such as, but not limited to, start year, education goals, transfer credit, and course availability. To ensure proper degree completion, enrolled students should utilize Degree Map (<https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/degreemap/>) and Schedule Planner (<https://www.ndsu.edu/onestop/degree-map-and-planning/>) in Campus Connection and consult regularly with academic advisors to ensure graduation requirements are being met.

First Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
PH 190		3 PH 101	3
ENGL 110		3 PHRM 170	2
Gen Ed Science & Tech w/ Lab		4 ENGL 120	3
Gen Ed Humanities/Fine Arts & Glob Persp		3 Gen Ed Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
Math Placement or Free Elective ¹		3 Gen Ed Science & Tech	3
		Free Elective	3
16		17	

Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
PHIL 111		3 ASCI 125	1
Gen Ed Science & Tech		3 COMM 110	3
Gen Ed Humanities & Fine Arts		3 Gen Ed Social/Behavioral Sci & Cult Div	3
Gen Ed Social & Behavioral Sci		3 Free Elective or Major Option Course	3
Free Elective or Major Option Course		3 Free Elective or Major Option Course	3
		Free Elective or Major Option Course	3
		15	16
Third Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
PH 300		3 PH 301 ²	3
ENGL 325		3 Free Elective or Major Option Course	3
STAT 330 ^{1,2}		3 Free Elective or Major Option Course	3
Free Elective or Major Option Course		3 Free Elective or Major Option Course	3
Free Elective or Major Option Course		3 Free Elective or Major Option Course	3
		15	15
Fourth Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
PH 496		5 PH 489	1
Free Elective or Major Option Course		3 PH 496	5
Free Elective or Major Option Course		3 Free Elective or Major Option Course	3
Free Elective or Major Option Course		3 Free Elective or Major Option Course	3
		14	12
Total Credits: 120			

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STAT 330 requires a math pre-requisite. MATH 103, MATH 104, or MATH 107, OR math placement into MATH 105, MATH 146, or MATH 165.

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PH 301 pre-requisites: STAT 330 with a grade of C or higher, and junior or senior standing.

Degree Note:

- A grade of C or better is required for all major coursework.