

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/>)