

B.S. Healthcare Studies

With substantial input from executives and human resource professionals from hospitals and other healthcare settings, this unique bachelor of science degree program was designed to meet the current and emerging needs of the healthcare sector. This flexible and customizable program provides coursework to pursue employment opportunities including, but not limited to patient services and support, healthcare administration, health research, pharmaceutical sales, and digital health. The program also prepares students interested in applying to Southern's nursing program by including the necessary prerequisite coursework and specialized advisement. Students may also choose to use this degree as a foundation for their application to graduate degree programs.

Program Features:

- **Addresses workforce demands** by equipping students to be highly trained professionals in the healthcare sector
- **Consists of 40 program specific credits** that provide a broad knowledge in all aspects of healthcare
- **Offers flexibility** with 34 elective credits to pursue coursework that is tailored to specific workforce needs or to prepare for graduate degree programs
- **Is the ideal program for students interested in applying to Southern's nursing program** by including the 38 nursing prerequisite credits in the overall Healthcare Studies degree requirements. Professional advisement specializing in the nursing requirements is provided within this program to best prepare students for their nursing application. Students who decide to continue to graduate with the B.S. Healthcare Studies degree will be employable within the field upon graduation while possibly pursuing an Accelerated Nursing Bachelor's Degree (application eligibility requirements still apply) or graduate degree
- **Prepares students to positively impact the lives of others through jobs** such as patient navigators, health or wellness coach, patient service coordinators, health communications and social media coordinators, healthcare administrators, health research assistants and a variety of positions in the pharmaceutical and medical device sectors. Starting salaries range from \$35,000 - \$55,000
- **No application, prerequisite courses, or minimum GPA required to declare the major.** Students may declare the B.S. Healthcare Studies degree program at any point in their academic career

40 Program Specific Credits Required

BIO 201 - Human Anatomy & Physiology II

HLS 200 - Healthcare Professions and Medical Terminology

HLS 210 - Principles of Patient Centered Healthcare

PCH 265 – Illness and Disease or EXS 411 General Medical Perspectives

MGT 300 - Management and Organization (Sophomore prereq) or PCH 362 - Public Health Management
(PCH 202 prereq)

PSY 219 - Lifespan Development (may have online sections)

PSY 366 - Health Psychology

REC 307 - Disabilities in Society (may have online sections)

RSP 330 - Case Studies in Medical Ethics (may have online sections)

HLS 415 - Healthcare Systems, Policy and Billing

RSP 440 - Evidence Based Practice & Research (may have online sections)

HLS 400 - Health Informatics

HLS 490 - Service Learning in Healthcare

Nursing Prerequisite Courses (Where they fall in the Healthcare Studies Degree Program)

MAT 107 – Elementary Statistics (LEP Tier 1: Quantitative Reasoning)

PHY 103 – Physics and Tech: Health Professions (LEP Tier 1: Technological Fluency)

ENG 112 – Writing Arguments (LEP Tier 1: Written Communication)

CHE 120 – General Chemistry I (LEP Tier 2: Natural World I)

BIO 200 – Human and Anatomy & Physiology I (LEP Tier 2: Natural World II)

PSY 100 – Introduction to Psychology (LEP Tier 2: Mind & Body)

BIO 201 - Human Anatomy & Physiology II (Healthcare Studies Major Requirement)

PSY 219 – Lifespan Development (Healthcare Studies Major Requirement)

BIO 120 – Microbiology (Healthcare Studies Elective – 4 credits)

CHE 125 – General, Organic, and Biochem (Healthcare Studies Elective – 4 credits)

MAT 108 – Math for the Natural Sciences (Healthcare Studies Elective – 3 credits)