



Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

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The advisor assists students from initial enrollment until graduation.

This interdisciplinary program prepares graduates for professional careers in health services or to pursue a graduate degree program in fields such as health care administration and health education. Students will gain broad skills in research, healthcare delivery, health promotion, disease prevention and management, and ethical, legal, and cultural issues related to the health field. Graduates have employment opportunities in hospitals, public health agencies, insurance companies, community organizations, research laboratories, wellness centers, and the pharmaceutical industry. The program also provides a pathway to become a *Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)**.

Primary Skills Needed: good communication, effective listening, excellent writing, critical thinking problem solving, strong research interest, professional work ethics and great interpersonal skills

General Program Information

Curriculum Overview

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| Areas A– E | Core Curriculum—general education courses | 42 hours |
| Area F | Program Prerequisites—health care environment, human anatomy and physiology, statistics, elective | 18 hours |
| Major | Interdisciplinary Core—health care management, health science, human services, psychology, health and fitness management, nursing, dental hygiene | 33 hours |
| Electives | Areas of interest—addiction and prevention, health education, public health and policy, gerontology and long-term care (or individualize curriculum) | 21 hours |
| Capstone | Capstone and Internship | 6 hours |
| Total | | 120 Hours |

Course offerings consist of online, hybrid, and seated courses during day, afternoon, and evening hours. Seated classes are held on the main campus (2000 Clayton State Blvd, Morrow, GA 30260).

What Can I Do With A Major inHealth Sciences?

Major Description: The nature of the degree embodies Clayton State's mission of cultivating "an environment of engaged, experienced-based learning, enriched by active community service that prepares students of diverse ages and backgrounds to succeed in their lives and careers." The flexible health sciences program is designed for a diverse audience from students graduating high school to working adults with some college credits but no degree. Students have a variety of course options to tailor the program to career and life goals.

CAREER PATHS

- ◆ Child Development Specialist
- ◆ Community Health Consultant
- ◆ Community Health Education Coordinator
- ◆ Health Benefit Navigator
- ◆ Health Coach
- ◆ Health Educator
- ◆ Health Promotion Specialist
- ◆ Health Services Coordinator
- ◆ Medical Marketing Representative
- ◆ Onsite Health Specialist
- ◆ Patient Advocate
- ◆ Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Aid
- ◆ Public Health Advisor
- ◆ Rehabilitation Aide
- ◆ Researcher

Demand for Health Services Professionals

Employment for health educators, community health workers and other health services professionals is expected to experience significant growth over the next decade. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the health sciences sector is one of the largest major industry sectors, employing nearly 16 million in 2012 and will account for almost a third of projected job growth from 2012 to 2022. In addition, 14 of the 30 fastest growing occupations are health related. The growth is driven by an aging population and recent legislative changes to healthcare. Community health workers of all types will be in demand as healthcare costs rise. Insurance companies, employers and governments will look to community health professionals to teach people how to live healthy lives and avoid costly healthcare treatments (Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2014-15 Edition, Health Educators and Community Health Workers). Health workers help people understand what types of lifestyle changes to make to avoid certain illnesses or how to manage existing conditions. Demand will also rise as federal health reform expands access to medical care, such as preventative screenings. Health workers can assist in directing patients to healthcare services.

*Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) certification may be sought through the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. The CHES can provide and manage health education programs that help individuals, families, and their communities maximize and maintain healthy lifestyles. They collect and analyze data to identify community needs prior to planning, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating programs designed to encourage healthy lifestyles, policies, and environments. They may serve as resource to assist individuals, other health professionals, or the community, and may administer fiscal resources for health education programs.