

Health Sciences

The Health Sciences major is primarily intended for students who intend to pursue the Masters in Nursing, Masters in Physician Assistant, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Masters in Nutrition, Masters in Public Health, etc.

What Type of Work are Related to this Degree?

- Physician's office intake
- Chiropractic office assistant
- Nursing home assistant
- Certified nursing assistant (with additional training)
- Personal care assistant
- Pharmaceutical sales
- Medical technology sales
- Fitness and wellness coaching
- Business functions within healthcare organizations

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Who employs people with this degree?

- Home healthcare agencies
- Nursing homes
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Medical equipment sales and manufacturing
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Chiropractic offices
- Physical and occupational therapy providers
- Health clubs
- Nutritional product retailers and manufacturers

General Strategies for Success:

- Gain an understanding of the rigorous education and training required in the medical professions to ascertain your willingness to complete the required experiences.
- Study the demands required by each of the medical fields. Many physicians and healthcare professionals work very long, irregular hours. Consider your tolerance for such a schedule.
- Many medical fields require licensure that is generally regulated by the state of residency.
- Plan for a lifetime of learning to stay abreast of new trends in the field and to fulfill continuing education requirements for licensure.
- If you are interested in the administrative side of healthcare such as hospital administration, business functions in medical technology, or administration in healthcare companies, consider adding a Business major, minor or electives. It will also be important that you gain experience in the field through internships or volunteering.
- The Northwestern Health Sciences major also prepares students for entry level positions in fields related to research and the biologic sciences.

Professional Associations

American Physical Therapy Association
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Dental Hygienists' Association
American Health Information Management Association
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science - Careers
American Society for Cytotechnology
American Medical Technologists
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

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