



What can I do with a major in... 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 types 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

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

More information online at ONETonline.org

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.

Select 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

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with Career Development or check out our online resources on our website or on theROCK, Career Development tab.