College of Health Professions

The core mission of the College is to prepare students to become competent, caring, ethical professionals and citizens committed to lifelong learning. The College of Health Professions includes the School of Pharmacy, School of Nursing, Department of Allied Sciences, and Department of Public Health. Since 1901, the College of Health Professions has led the advancement of healthcare for the benefit of society through innovation, growth, and excellence in teaching, research, and practice. Our mission is to educate students and advance research and professional service in pharmacy, nursing, allied science, and public health fields. The College values people; quality; professionalism; ethics; knowledge, teaching, learning; research/ scholarship; patient-focused care; and interdisciplinary education.

The College currently has approximately 165 faculty and staff, a total student enrollment of more than 2000 students including more than 120 graduate students, and offers fully accredited degrees that include: six year entry level Pharm.D; Master of public health (MPH); BS, MS, & Ph.D. in pharmaceutical sciences; BS, MS, & DNP in nursing, and BS degrees in respiratory care, medical laboratory science, and radiologic sciences. The College also provides opportunities for students to earn combined degrees in Pharm.D./MBA, Pharm.D./Ph.D., and Pharm.D./MPH.

Degree Programs

The College of Health Professions offers undergraduate academic programs in Pharmacy, Nursing, Medical Laboratory Science, Respiratory Care, and Radiologic Sciences. Admission requirements, curricula and degree titles differ for the programs.

The Pharmacy curriculum consists of a four-year professional program leading to the Pharm.D. degree. Graduates are qualified to apply for licensure as pharmacists. In addition, Pharm.D./M.B.A., Pharm.D./MPH, and Pharm.D./Ph.D degree options of study are available. Graduate programs leading to Master of Public Health (MPH) and a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences also are available.

The baccalaureate nursing program at NDSU offers three tracks that lead to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The Pre-Licensure BSN track is a four-year course of study. The LPN to BSN track is a two year course of study designed for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) to obtain a BSN degree. Upon successful completion of the Pre-Licensure BSN and LPN to BSN programs, graduates are eligible to take the national licensing examination (NCLEX) to become a registered nurse (RN). The RN to BSN track is designed for Registered Nurses (RNs) to obtain a BSN degree. A graduate program leading to a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree in the specialty area of Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) is also available.

Plants of study leading to a four-year Bachelor of Science degree, major in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS), Respiratory Care (RC) or Radiologic Sciences (RS) include two to three years of academic course work on campus and a professional-level internship in an affiliated, hospital-based program. Required internships are 11-12 months in length for MLS, 15 months for RC, and two years for RS. Graduates are eligible to write national certifying examinations in their respective discipline.

Academic Preparation

All students must complete all required courses with a grade of ‘C’ or above and maintain a semester GPA of 2.00 or above for each semester in the College. A student who fails to meet this standard for two successive or three non-successive semesters may be suspended from enrollment in the College of Health Professions.

The faculty of the college reserves the right to terminate the enrollment of any student at any time if, in the opinion of the faculty, the student demonstrates that he or she is unsuited for a professional health career and its inherent responsibilities and obligations. Circumstances that may lead to student termination will include, but not be limited to, academic misconduct, violation of campus, state or federal statutes or regulations.

Admission

Selection committees will evaluate applicants for admission to the college professional programs and internships. NDSU coursework and transfer credits with grades of ‘D’ are not accepted for program requirements. Please contact the department for specific admission requirements.

Pharmacy

Additional high school preparation for the Pharmacy major is recommended. Prospective Pharmacy majors should present strong preparation in mathematics, physical/biological sciences, and in communication skills.

Admission to the program is competitive. Evaluations will be based on academic achievement, college records, state residency, Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) scores, and other pertinent information. In addition, students must comply with criminal background and student conduct requirements. A personal visit, which includes an interview and test are a part of the evaluation process. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 in college course work is required for evaluation for admission, with completion of virtually all required prerequisite courses by the end of spring term prior to beginning the professional program. (All core pre-pharmacy course work, which is indicated by an asterisk, must be completed by the end of the fall term prior to the December 31 application deadline.) Actual admission GPA is generally much higher than 3.00. Applications for admission to the professional program must be made by December 31 for fall semester admission and can be found on the School of Pharmacy website (https://www.ndsu.edu/pharmacy). All applicants will receive notice of their status in April.
Nursing

Students may apply for admission into the professional nursing program upon satisfactory completion of the prerequisite courses and program requirements. Admission to the program is competitive and based upon academic achievement, performance in an interview process, and other pertinent information. In addition, students must comply with criminal background and student conduct requirements. Please visit the School of Nursing website (https://www.ndsu.edu/nursing) for more information on admissions including deadlines.

Medical Laboratory Science

NDSU maintains affiliation agreements with seven hospital-based medical laboratory science programs that provide the internship. Students who have completed the pre-requisite courses on campus and meet the GPA requirements may be eligible to apply for the internships. Admission into the internship is selective and based upon academic achievement, references, related experience, compliance with essential functions, and an interview. In addition, student applicants must also comply with criminal background and student conduct requirements. Applications for the internship are due to the Department of Allied Sciences by September 30. It is highly recommended that interested students meet with the MLS advisor for internship admission information at least one year prior to anticipated internship application.

Radiologic Sciences

Three specialized internships are available to NDSU RS majors: radiography, diagnostic medical sonography, and echocardiography. NDSU maintains affiliations with hospital-based radiologic technology programs that provide the internships in radiography. The echocardiography and diagnostic medical sonography internships are offered through an affiliation with Sanford Health, Fargo, N.D. Students who have completed the prerequisite course work on campus and meet the GPA requirements established by affiliated hospital programs may be eligible to apply for the two-year internship. Admission into the internship is competitive and based upon academic achievement, references, related experience, ability to meet program-designated technical standards, and an interview. In addition, students must comply with criminal background and student conduct requirements. Applications for the internship are due to the Department of Allied Sciences by December 1. It is highly recommended that interested students meet with their RS adviser for internship admission information at least one year prior to anticipated internship application.

Respiratory Care

The respiratory care internship is offered through an affiliation with Sanford Health, Fargo, N.D. Students eligible for internship application will have completed all prerequisite courses by the start of the internship with a grade of "C" or better, and have a minimum cumulative and "core" course GPA of 2.50. Application deadline is March 1. Admission into the internship is selective and based upon successful completion of all internship prerequisites, GPA, references, interview, related experience, and ability to meet program-designated technical standards. In addition, students must comply with criminal background and student conduct requirements. Applications for the internship are available from the Department of Allied Sciences. It is highly recommended that interested students meet with the RC advisor for internship admissions information at least one year prior to anticipated internship application.

Allied Sciences (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/departments/allied-sciences)
School of Nursing (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/departments/nursing)
School of Pharmacy (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/departments/pharmacy)

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