

# School of Interdisciplinary Studies

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies



The Bachelor of Science degree in Healthcare Studies is a well-rounded degree that prepares students for future training as well as employment in the health care industry.

The program provides the academic foundation for pre-health students to prepare for advanced study as well as the essential knowledge components in health care studies. Science coursework includes biology, chemistry and physics. Health care studies include:

- Pre-health professional development
- Healthcare internship
- Medical terminology
- Psychological aspects of health and illness
- Understanding of the U.S. health care system
- Patient education
- Prevention



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## Career Opportunities

Health care is one of the sectors expected to show the fastest job growth between 2014 and 2024, according to projections released in December 2015 by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In the same 10-year period, the bureau projects the health care and social assistance industry to gain 3.8 million jobs representing one in three new jobs.

Graduates are successful applicants to health professional schools including the following:

- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Dentistry
- Optometry
- Physical therapy
- Health care administration
- Occupational therapy
- Physician assisting
- Clinical Dietetics
- Podiatry

Our graduates have been accepted to a variety of professional schools. Review our alumni testimonials at [utdallas.edu/is/academics/bs-healthcare-studies/alumni-testimonials](http://utdallas.edu/is/academics/bs-healthcare-studies/alumni-testimonials).

For a full list of courses and descriptions, visit: [catalog.utdallas.edu](http://catalog.utdallas.edu).

## Marketable Skills

Upon completion of the BS in Healthcare Studies, UT Dallas students will have received the traditional combination of science courses with labs in addition to coursework that approaches healthcare issues from a multidisciplinary perspective. This includes:

- Working knowledge of medical terminology.
- Case management skills including appropriate communication skills for interactions with healthcare professionals.
- Knowledge of payer sources and procedures in healthcare.
- Patient education techniques including communication skills for effective interactions with patients and family members.

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The programs of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) provide students with a broad learning experience. Because of the individualized focus and flexibility, the program is appropriate for both students preparing to enter the workplace and those planning to continue their studies. IS students are encouraged to customize a degree plan using two or more disciplines — a combination of business and the social sciences, for example — or they can tailor degrees in American studies or Healthcare studies around topics of interest.

## Degrees Offered

**Bachelor of Arts:** American studies, interdisciplinary studies

**Bachelor of Science:** Healthcare studies, interdisciplinary studies

**Master of Arts:** Interdisciplinary studies

## Minors Offered

If your academic focus leads you elsewhere at UT Dallas, but you would still like to pursue studies in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, the following minors are available:

- American Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Exercise Sciences
- Gender Studies
- Healthcare Studies

## Internships and Honors

The School of Interdisciplinary Studies internship program at UT Dallas offers students the opportunity for practical experience in their field of interest:

- Experience in a professional work environment
- Academic credit under faculty supervision
- The chance to try a career or industry before committing to a full-time employment

## Additional Facts

The University's Teacher Development Center (TDC) is housed in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and provides rigorous, university-based coursework with extensive field experience, including student teaching or a supervised postbaccalaureate internship for students interested in making teaching or school administration their career. The TDC offers teacher certification options for both undergraduate and postbaccalaureate students.

The University's Academic Bridge Program, for which the school is responsible, assists high-potential students who may not have completed a college-track high school curriculum to transition to the academically rigorous environment of UT Dallas.

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