



OFFICE OF ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

School of Pharmacy and Health Professions | Creighton University

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

*a value-added degree for students
in the Creighton School of Pharmacy and Health Professions*

BSHS DEGREE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (BSHS) degree will only be awarded to students who successfully complete all requirements in one of the School's professional programs - Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, or Physical Therapy. The receipt of a BSHS does **not** qualify a student to practice as an Occupational Therapist, Pharmacist or Physical Therapist.

Each candidate must file with the Registrar a formal application for the degree. The deadline for application submission is October 1 for graduation at the end of the first semester, by February 15 for graduation at the end of the second semester* and by June 15 for graduation at the end of the Summer session.

Major areas of specialization will be occupational therapy, pharmacy or physical therapy. Students must earn at least 48 hours in residence (campus or distance web-based) to qualify for the degree.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BSHS DEGREE

In accordance with Creighton University undergraduate degree requirements, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy and Physical Therapy students must complete a minimum of 128 semester hours to obtain a B.S. in Health Sciences degree distributed as follows:

Students must take a minimum of 51 semester hours in fulfillment of the Core Curriculum requirement outlined below. Core courses may be taken either prior to entering the professional program or while enrolled as a professional student if necessary, but requirements in all categories must be met prior to graduation.

(In order to gain admission to the entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, or Physical Therapy program, students must already have completed the pre-professional program of study specified for their program in the School Bulletin. Those programs total at least 60, 63, and 90 semester hours respectively. Courses taken in fulfillment of these pre-professional requirements may also be applied towards the Core Curriculum as appropriate.)

Students will normally earn an additional 68 hours as a result of completing the first two years of the entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, or Physical Therapy programs.

The remaining 9 semester hours required for graduation may be drawn from a student's pre-professional courses or taken as electives.

Core Category A: Theology, Philosophy and Ethics (9 semester hours)

Must take one course in each of the three sub-categories below.

1. Theology* (3)
 - THL 2XX Scripture or THL 3XX Christian Theology
(THL 209 offered as independent study course is acceptable. THL 250 will not satisfy this requirement – see #3 below.)
2. Philosophy* (3)
 - PHL 320 God & Persons: Philosophical Reflections
3. Ethics (3)
 - PHL 250 Philosophical Foundations for Ethical Understanding or THL 250 Theological Foundations for Ethical Understanding. Students may fulfill the ethics requirement with their professional program ethics course (OTD 562, PTD 435 or PHA 456).

*The THL 100 and PHL 107 prerequisites for these courses will not be waived for Creighton undergraduates. HRS 100 fulfills the THL 100 requirement. Students entering the program from other institutions may substitute equivalent prerequisite courses from their parent school.

Core Category B: Cultures, Ideas, Civilizations (9 semester hours)

Must take one course in each of the three sub-categories below.

1. HIS 1XX (3) (HRS 101 or HRS 200 fulfills the HIS 1XX requirement).
2. ENG 120 World Literature I (3) (also offered as an Independent Study Program [ISP] course) **OR**
ENG I21 World Literature II (3) also offered as an Independent Study Program [ISP] course)
3. International and Global Studies (3)
 - a. May include any course approved for International and Global Studies status by the Creighton College of Arts and Sciences. For a current listing, "College of Arts and Sciences Core Listings" on the Registrar's Web site, <http://www.creighton.edu/Registrar/>
 - b. Students may use their professional program Third World experience course (OTD 374, PTD 689 or PHA 528) to fulfill 3 semester hours of credit in the International and Global Studies sub-category.

Core Category C: Natural Sciences (15-18 semester hours)

Must be taken from one or more of the following departments:

Biology/Chemistry/**Biomedical Sciences/Physics/Natural Science/**Medical Microbiology and Immunology

**Biomedical Sciences and Medical Microbiology & Immunology courses taken as a foundational course requirement for the professional program cannot be used to satisfy requirements for Core Category C.

Core Category D: Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 semester hours)

Must take one course in two separate departments.

Anthropology/Psychology/Sociology/Social Work/Political Science//Economics

Core Category E: Skills (12-13 semester hours)

One course must be taken in each of the sub-categories below. The remaining semester hours listed below may be taken in the sub-category of the student's choice.

1. Composition (3)
 - o ENG 150 Rhetoric and Composition (must be taken)
2. Math, Statistics or Quantitative Research (3-4)
 - o May be taken from MTH 135,137,141,201,245,363, PSY 211, 313/315, SOC 212, 214, EXS 407
3. Skills (6)
 - o May be taken from
 - o Fine and Performing Arts
 - o Language – 100 level if new language or 200-level if previous knowledge of language
 - o Communication Studies

TOTAL: 51-55 credit hours (depending on science and math choices)

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

The University will confer the degree of Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences on School of Pharmacy and Health Professions' students who successfully complete all prescribed prerequisite (pre-professional), foundational, and core courses and fulfill the graduation requirements. The degree will be conferred at the same time students will receive their professional degree – Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, or Physical Therapy.

A candidate for a degree must have earned 128 semester hours of credit with a quality grade point average (Q.P.A.) of 2.00 or above for all courses attempted at this University, and a 2.00 average or above for all required courses in the major area of specialization – Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, or Physical therapy.

If students do not complete the professional program, they will not be allowed to take additional classes offered by the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions to obtain this degree. Normally, such students will be referred to University College or the College of Arts and Sciences to pursue a traditional degree.