COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION

Learn more about the undergraduate degree programs of instruction offered by the College of Health Professions. For specific curriculum guides for bachelor’s degrees, minors and certificates offered through the College, please review the Undergraduate Curriculum Guides (https://www.uakron.edu/academics_majors/curriculum-guides).

Nursing
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Full-time Option
- Part-time Option

R.N. to B.S.N. Program
(This sequence is limited to registered nurse graduates of Associate Degree and Diploma nursing programs.)

The RN to BSN program is designed for the registered nurse with a diploma or associate degree of nursing. It is specifically designed for those who are interested in obtaining the baccalaureate degree in nursing and/or continuing on to a master’s degree in nursing. The RN program consists of 32 hours of upper-division baccalaureate coursework. During the RN-BSN program, students may opt to take up to 3 graduate courses for a total of 8 credits towards their MSN. Continuation in the graduate program is predicated on meeting graduate program requirements and acceptance into the graduate nursing program.

Accelerated Option for the Basic Baccalaureate in Nursing Program
The accelerated option is designed for those students with a baccalaureate degree and prerequisites to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in four semesters - one academic year and two summers.

LPN/BSN Sequence
The sequence is designed for LPNs who completed a practical nursing curriculum, as well as LPNs with bachelor’s degrees in an area other than nursing. The pathway provides learning activities that build on prior knowledge and experience.

Nutrition & Dietetics
Bachelor of Science in Dietetics
To become a registered dietitian (RD), a student must complete the academic requirements, complete a minimum of 1,200 hours of supervised experience in dietetic practice, obtain appropriate verification, and pass the dietetic registration examination. Only accredited programs like those at The University of Akron are recognized by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

This Coordinated Program (CP) allows students to complete 1,200 hours of supervised experience along with regular coursework during their junior and senior years. Students must have successfully completed their coursework and clinical experience before they are eligible to take the registration examination.

The University of Akron students apply through the College of Health Professions Dean’s Office to be considered for admission into the dietetics major. Students must meet the minimum criteria listed below:

- 3.0 overall GPA
- Completion of prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or better

Students who desire to be admitted to the CP may apply to the program when program prerequisites have been completed. Seats are limited and entry is competitive.

Bachelor of Science in Food and Environmental Nutrition
Students obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Food and Environmental Nutrition will qualify for the food industry in food marketing, entrepreneurship, quality control, quality assurance, and food product design. This major creates professionals to provide the expertise to meet the challenges of the food industry. Employment is generally with food manufacturers and related businesses with an emphasis on marketing and the consumer.

Students must meet the requirements to be admitted to the College of Health Professions, the School of Nutrition & Dietetics, and the Food and Environmental Nutrition program.

Social Work
7750: Social Work
Consistent with the mission of The University of Akron and the College of Health Professions, the mission of the undergraduate social work program is to prepare students for competent and effective generalist practice. The goals of the undergraduate social work program are to: 1) prepare students to integrate the knowledge, values and skills of the social work profession for competent and effective generalist practice with diverse client systems in various practice settings; 2) prepare students to identify the strengths and abilities of diverse client systems to foster empowerment toward social justice and systematic well-being; and 3) prepare students to utilize theoretically-based social work research, knowledge and critical thinking skills for effective and ethical social work practice. The social work major is an accredited undergraduate professional program preparing students for entry-level practice positions in social service agencies employing Social Workers.

Elective courses are available in such areas as health, child welfare, mental health, grant writing, family service, corrections, etc. Certificate programs in Pan-American Studies, Addiction Services, Gerontology (Aging) and Victim Studies can be scheduled within the elective framework of the curriculum.

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in social work requires completion of 14 credits of a foreign language (Spanish is recommended; sign language as well as other foreign languages are accepted). The Bachelor of Arts in Social Work degree does not require a second language. Both degrees require 120 hours. Students who complete an associate degree program with a social services emphasis can complete either the B.A. or B.A./S.W. curriculum in social work by completing the required courses.

The Social Work Program at The University of Akron is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Students wishing to major in social work must request an intercollege transfer to the College of Health Professions, School of Social Work from
their current college. A 2.75 grade point average and 30 credit hours is required for admission to the School. Once admitted to the School, a separate admissions packet must be completed with the School in order to be admitted as a social work major in good standing.

**Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology**

**7700: Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology**

The program in Speech-Language Pathology of The University of Akron is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The Doctor of Audiology program at the University of Akron, in association with the Northeast Ohio Audiology Consortium, is also accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

The School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology offers an undergraduate (preprofessional) program of academic training in speech-language pathology and audiology. Audiologists are hearing care specialists for evaluation and treatment of individuals with hearing and balance disorders. Scope of practice includes conducting hearing assessments, selecting and fitting hearing aids/assistive listening devices, programming cochlear implants, testing balance, and counseling regarding hearing loss. Speech-language pathologists work with children and adults with language, voice, fluency, articulatory and phonologic, cognitive and swallowing disorders. They provide assessment and treatment for these disorders as well as working in prevention of them.

Course work focuses on the evaluation and treatment of the many disordered communication processes. Students who qualify academically may also take the elective course: 7700:446 Observation and Clinical Techniques. This course includes accumulation of a minimum of 25 hours of supervised observation, as required for graduate study by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The preprofessional undergraduate program prepares students to pursue a master’s degree, which is required for employment and licensure as a speech-language pathologist. A doctoral degree (Au.D.) is required for licensure as an audiologist.

Typical work settings for speech-language pathologists and audiologists include: schools, hospitals, clinics, private practice, physicians’ offices, industry and universities.

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**Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy**

This Bachelor of Science program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care, 1248 Harwood Road, Bedford Texas, 76021, 817-283-2835; www.coarc.com (https://www.coarc.com).

The program prepares graduates to perform respiratory therapy procedures, under the direction of a physician. This program emphasizes critical thinking and assessment of patients with cardiopulmonary disorders. Admission is selective due to space availability in the clinical component of the program.

**Sport Science & Wellness Education**

**5550: Physical Education**

The Department of Sport Science and Wellness Education offers the following undergraduate programs:

- Exercise Science
- Sport Studies
- Licensure in Dance (Pre-K-12)

Students must earn a "C" or better in all Physical Education courses to be recommended for licensure.

**5560: Outdoor Education**

Admission Suspended

**5570: Health Education**

- Health Education with Licensure

**5570: Community Health and Wellness Education**

- Community Health (Admission Suspended)

Students must earn a "C" or better in all Physical Education courses to be recommended for licensure.