

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES WITH A MAJOR IN CLINICAL HEALTH SCIENCES

The bachelor of science in health sciences (BSHS) with a major in clinical health sciences degree program is available only to active-duty Navy Independent Duty Corpsmen (IDC), Army Special Forces Medical Sergeants (18D), and Air Force Independent Medical Technicians (IDMT). Coast Guardsmen who completed a Navy IDC School may be eligible, depending on their current duty assignment.

This distance learning program offers active-duty Navy IDCs, Army 18Ds, and Air Force IDMTs a way to formalize their specialized military training with a GW degree. All courses are offered online in a flexible, asynchronous format, allowing students to pursue their degree, regardless of time zone, station, or overseas assignment. The clinical rotations are arranged by students in their current duty station or location and must be completed while on active duty.

Visit the program website (<https://smhs.gwu.edu/bulletin/smhs/undergraduate-programs/bshs-clinical-health-services/>) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines: Fall - July 20

Spring - December 1

Summer - March 20

The application and all supporting documentation (statement of purpose, letters of recommendation, transcripts) must be received by the deadline in order for the application to be reviewed.

Standardized not required

Test Scores:

Recommendations: 1 letter of recommendation. Recommendation should be from an academic instructor who can strongly attest to your academic ability and/or someone who has served in a supervisory capacity for you and can strongly attest to your work ethic. Recommendations from family and friends are not accepted.

Prior academic records: Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Transcripts must be forwarded in their original sealed envelopes. Official transcript may also be sent electronically directly from the institution.

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Official military transcripts (e.g., JST, CCAF)

If academic records are in a language other than English, a certified English language translation must be provided in addition to the original transcripts; translations alone will not be accepted. Official transcripts from institutions outside the U.S. must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grades, U.S. degree equivalency, grade-point averages (GPA), and date of degree conferral. For a list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services, please click here (<https://www.naces.org/members.php>).

Statement of purpose: In an essay of approximately 250-500 words, describe your interest in undertaking study at The George Washington University. What are some of your academic objectives or career goals? Please highlight any of your related qualifications and achievements-- including academic, community, professional, or extra-curricular activities relevant to your program of interest. Include any substantial accomplishments not already mentioned within the application.

Degree and GPA Requirement: Minimum 2.5 GPA in prior college coursework from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning. Applicants are advised to enter the program with all prerequisite coursework completed but may be considered for admission if not completed in full.

Students are awarded 60 credits of advanced standing based on military certification.

Additional requirements: Students must be active-duty Army 18Ds, Navy IDCs, or Air Force IDMTs to be eligible for consideration. Students must have at least a year left on their contract in order to complete the preceptored clinical rotations. Applicants must submit (a) Copy of current Enlistment Contract AND (b) Statement of Service from the Personnel Section (e.g. S-1 Army, N-1 Navy) stating employment and end date of their enlistment contract.

Proof of current certification (e.g. Page 13 for Navy IDC, ATP Card for Army 18Ds, Certificate of Completion Diploma for Airforce IDMTs, etc.)

This fully online program is only available for transfer students. A minimum acceptable grade of C is required for coursework to be applied toward an undergraduate degree (grades of C- and below do not transfer to GW SMHS programs).

### Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

George Washington University

ATTN: Transcript Processing Center  
1415 W 22<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Suite 220

Oak Brook, IL 60523

Documents may be submitted electronically  
to: transcripts@hsprograms.gwu.edu.

**Contact for questions:**

hsphora@gwu.edu  
202-994-0384 (phone)  
Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 120 credits distributed over three degree components.

Code	Title	Credits
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**Advanced standing and electives**

During the first semester the student is enrolled in the program, advanced standing for eligible military courses will be noted on the student's record and applied towards the bachelor's degree.

**General education**

24 total credits:

3 credits of English composition

4 credits of natural or physical science with lab

8 credits of mathematics, science, or statistics

6 credits of social sciences

3 credits of humanities

If a student still needs general education coursework, GW offers online coursework for some of these requirements.

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Recommended coursework to be taken at GW by those missing General Education requirements.

**General education**

English composition

HSCI 2100	Writing and Composition in the Health Sciences	
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Humanities

HSCI 2107	Healthcare in Literature	
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Social sciences

HSCI 3113	Health Policy and the Health Care System	
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HSCI 2111	Development of the Health Care Professions	
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HSCI 4103	Healthcare Law and Regulation	
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Science or statistics

HSCI 2117	Introduction to Statistics for Health Sciences <sup>1</sup>	
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HSCI 3106	Microbiology for Health Sciences	
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HSCI 3117	Principles of Biostatistics for Health Sciences <sup>1</sup>	
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MLS 2000	Biology for Health Sciences	
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MLS 2001	Chemistry for Health Sciences	
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**At least 36 credits in courses taken at GW**

Foundation courses

EHS 2109	Infectious Diseases and Bioterrorism	
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HSCI 2050	Foundations of Health Equity	
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HSCI 2101	Psychosocial Aspects of Health and Illness	
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HSCI 2105	Current Issues in Bioethics	
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HSCI 2110	Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Concepts <sup>2</sup>	
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or HSCI 4114 Healthcare in Developing Nations

HSCI 2112W	Writing in the Health Sciences	
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HSCI 2117	Introduction to Statistics for Health Sciences	
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or HSCI 3117 Principles of Biostatistics for Health Sciences

HSCI 2130	Primary Care Skills Practicum <sup>3</sup>	
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HSCI 2131	Adult Primary Care Practicum <sup>3</sup>	
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HSCI 2133	Specialized Clinical Experience <sup>3</sup>	
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HSCI 4102	Human Physiology in Extreme Environments	
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HSCI 4112W	Research and Writing in Health Sciences	
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Elective

One course selected from the following in consultation with the advisor:

EHS 2160	Disaster Response Planning and Management	
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EHS 2161	Principles of Hazardous Materials and CBRNE Incident Management
EHS 2211	Introduction to Telemedicine
EHS 3101	Leadership Concepts
EHS 3105	Integrated Response to High Impact Violent Incidents
HSCI 4114	Healthcare in Developing Nations <sup>3</sup>
HSCI 4106	Introduction to Epidemiology for Health Sciences

<sup>1</sup>Students who complete HSCI 2117 to meet the general education requirement in science or statistics must subsequently take HSCI 3117 to meet the major requirement.

<sup>2</sup>Students can select either HSCI 2110 or HSCI 4114 to meet a major requirement. The course that is not taken can be counted toward the elective requirement. Neither course may be counted toward both requirements.

<sup>3</sup>HSCI 2130, HSCI 2131, and HSCI 2133 must be completed while on active-duty. Students arrange rotations at their current duty stations. All rotations require an MD or PA preceptor.

#### **Transferable coursework (84 credits maximum)**

For an assessment on the transferability of their previous coursework, students should contact the program office. To be eligible for transfer credit, prior coursework must be:

- College-level
- Academic in nature
- Completed at a regionally accredited institution
- Earned with a C or above (grades of C- do not transfer)