

# B.S. HEALTH SCIENCE DEGREE COMPLETION

Do you hold a certificate, diploma, or associate degree in an allied health field but always wanted your bachelor's degree? West Chester University's bachelor of science in health science degree completion program will give you that opportunity.

## Our Program

The University's B.S. in health science is designed for students who have completed an A.S. degree, certificate, or diploma in an allied health field. Admission into this degree program requires a completed certificate, diploma, or associate degree in an allied health field. These may include, but are not limited to, nursing, paramedic, X-ray technology, dental hygiene, and complementary and alternative modalities such as acupuncture, botanical medicine, and massage therapy.

## Benefits of Our Program

As a student in our program, you will have the following advantages:

- Credits you can apply that are already paid for and earned
- Affordable tuition
- Numerous credit and transfer options
- Dedicated and caring faculty with a wide variety of expertise in their field
- Individualized academic advising
- Career enhancement opportunities
- Exceptional career placement rate

## Distributive Requirements

You will be required to have a total of 120 credits to graduate, and 30 credits must be from West Chester University.

### Required Core Courses (9 credits)

As a student, you will need to complete the following courses:

HEA 242 Introduction to Public and Community Health

HEA 341 Chronic and Communicable Diseases

HEA 419 Research Methods in Health

### Degree Electives

Students have the opportunity to select an elective area from three exciting choices:

- Wellness

- Multicultural health issues

- Integrative health

All 15 credits must be taken within a declared elective area

## Transfer Credits from Previous Education

Students who enter this degree program will have a varied number of transfer health credits from their allied health programs. Credits accepted for transfer will be determined by the Office of the Registrar and the chairperson of the Department of Health (e.g., 42 credits for paramedics). Additional general education courses will also be evaluated for transfer in this same fashion.

## CLEP Opportunities

Credit for Life Experience (CLEP) exams are available for many of the courses offered at West Chester. Successful completion of the exam earns University credits toward the degree. Credit by Exam is also available for select courses.

## Philosophy

The Department of Health emphasizes an educational process that is multidisciplinary, interactive, and participatory while facilitating the development of critical thinkers and lifelong learners. We strive to produce graduates who are competent, marketable, and well-rounded practitioners in the allied health field.

## For More Information

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## About West Chester University

A comprehensive, public institution, West Chester University offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 subject areas, as well as certification programs. As the second largest member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth's newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to include liberal arts and graduate degrees and, as a result, dropped "Teachers" from its name. In 1983, West Chester State College became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.

Today, more than 15,000 graduate and undergraduate students, along with 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks.

Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C., West Chester is just 35 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington.

## Information on Admission

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