

*Baccalaureate Degree Completion
College of Health and Human Sciences (HHS)
Northern Illinois University*

This program is uniquely designed for professionals who hold a professional credential, certificate, or license in health or human services and have completed an applied associate program or an equivalent number of credits. The Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) includes both a required core of courses and electives in health and human sciences to provide a *foundation for leadership and management* within health and human service fields.

Requirements (50 credit hours)

Core Courses ¹(42)

- *AHRS 200, Disability in Society (3)
- *FCNS 280, Human Development, the Family, and Society (3)
- IDSP 465, Issues in Gerontology (3) or FCNS 486, Aging and the Family (3)
- IHHS 350, Critical Thinking for HHS Professions (3)
- IHHS 450, Administration for Professionals in HHS (3) or PHHE 441, Supervision in Health Care Facilities (3)
- *PHHE 295, Ecology of Health¹ or PHHE 206 Contemporary Health Concepts (3)
- *PSYC 102, Introduction to Psychology (3)
- *STAT 208, Basic Statistics (3)
- UHHS 310 Introduction to HHS (3)
- UHHS 410, Legal & Ethical Issues (3) or PHHE 435 Ethical Decision Making for Health Professionals (3)
- UHHS 430, Working with Diverse Populations in HHS (3)
- UHHS 455, Resource Allocation in HHS (3)
- UHHS 460, Introduction to Research in HHS (3)
- UNIV 310, Foundations in Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness (3) or TECH 432, Disaster Preparedness (3)

Electives (8)

Selected in consultation with the BGS advisor and to be applicable to personal goals. May be met through transfer course work

Proficiency Credits (up to 30 credits)

One of the unique features of program is the awarding of NIU proficiency credit for courses taken in the professional field. The number of proficiency hours to be awarded is determined on an individual basis by the College Curriculum Committee at the time of admission to the program and based on the professional credential of the applicant. Based on previous committee reviews, professionals with both the applied science degrees and who hold a current license in the following fields, will be awarded the maximum 30 proficiency credits: Dental Hygiene, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Care, and Physical Therapy Assistant.

University Graduation and General Education Requirements (0-41)

All NIU students must meet university graduation and general education (GE) requirements. Most often students have some or all GE requirements earned at the time of admission to NIU. Students work with the BGS advisor to identify GE deficiencies and monitor progress toward completion of these and other university graduation requirements (i.e. 120 total credit hours with at least 30 hours from NIU.) GE deficiencies can be met through community college transfer work and be completed while concurrently enrolled in the B.G.S. program. (*Note: completion of an Associate of Science (AS) or an Associate of Arts (AA) in addition to the AAS degree, will meet NIU GE requirements per university articulation agreements.*)

Admission to the Baccalaureate Completion Program

- Admission to NIU as a regular degree seeking student
- Current professional credential, certificate, or license in a health or human sciences field and completed applied associates degree program or equivalent number of credits.
- Submit B.G.S. in HHS application, including written professional goals statement and copies of appropriate professional credentials, certificates, or license

For further information, contact Sandi Splansky, Director, Academic Advising & B.G.S. Advisor, College of Health and Human Sciences, Northern Illinois University at 815-753-1891.

¹ Most core courses are offered totally online or in a "blended online" format with one-three face-to-face sessions scheduled at one of the NIU Partnership locations. Core courses designated with an * also meets general education requirements and typically can be completed at a community college