

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

**Elgin Community College – AAS Histotechnology**

The Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) 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. It 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.

**AAS Histotechnology & Prerequisites (2009-2010 catalog) - transfer credit (45-48)**

<u>ECC course</u>	<u>NIU Articulation</u>	<u>Requirement satisfied</u>
BIOS 110 (4)	BIOS 104 – General Biology	GE Sci/Math
BIO 265 (4)	BIOS 213 or 313 - Microbiology	elective
BIOS 240 (or 245 + 246) (5/8)	BIOS 357 – Anatomy & Physiology	elective
CHM 112 (5)	CHEM 110/111 – Chemistry & Lab	GE Sci/Math
CHM 170 (5)	CHEM 230/231 – Organic Chem & Lab	elective
ENG 101 (3)	ENGL 103 – Rhetoric and Composition I	GE core
ENG 102 (3)	ENGL 104 – Rhetoric and Composition II	GE core
HPE 112 (3)	AHCD 318 - Medical Terminology	BGS elective
MTH 112 (4)	MATH 110 – College Algebra	elective
SPH 110 (3)	elective	elective
Social/Behavior Science Elective	recommend PSY 100	GE SS
Liberal Education Elective	recommend any IAI HUM or NIU GE HUM	GE HUM

**BGS – HHS Core Requirements (beyond Histotechnology requirements & other general education still needed)**

**NIU course work for Core Requirements (33 credits)**

*(Note: NIU HHS-BGS courses are offered online or in a blended online format)*

- AHRS 200, Disability in Society (3)
- IDSP 465, Issues in Gerontology (3)
- IHHS 350, Critical Thinking for HHS Professions (3)
- IHHS 450, Administration for Professionals in HHS (3)
- PHHE 295, Ecology of Health or PHHE 206 Contemporary Health Concepts (3)
- UHHS 310 Introduction to HHS (3)
- UHHS 410, Legal & Ethical Issues (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)

**ECC course work for Core Requirements (6 credits)**

- FCNS 280, Human Development, the Family, and Society (3) – ECC Equivalent: PSYC 218, Human Growth & Development
- STAT 208, Basic Statistics (3) – ECC Equivalent: MTH 102 or MTH 120 – Statistics I

**BGS Electives – NIU or ECC course work (6 credits)**

Students must consult with the BGS advisor to insure upper division course work requirement for the university is met through the BGS elective courses. Any NIU course work in AHCD, AHLS, AHPT, AHRS, COMD, FCNS, NURS or PHHE will also meet BGS electives. Others can be considered in consultation with the BGS advisor if applicable to personal goals.)

<b>ECC course</b>	<b>NIU Equivalent</b>
BIO 101 NUTRITION FOR TODAY	FCNS 201; GE SCI MATH
ECE 174 CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	FCNS 230
PSY 212 CHILD PSYCHOLOGY	FCNS 230; GE SS S6 903
HUS or SUB 215 BASIC SUBSTANCE ABUSE & TREATMENT	PHHE 201; GE IDP

### **General Education Courses still needed to be completed -outside of courses required for BGS (9 credits)**

GE deficiencies can be met through ECC 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.)

#### **EEC Course**

SPH 101  
IAI Hum – Fine arts or GE HUM  
IAI HUM or GE HUM

#### **NIU Equivalent**

COMS 100 – Oral Communications  
Humanities  
Humanities

### **Proficiency Credits – UHHS 30 ( 22)**

One of the unique features of program is the awarding of NIU proficiency credit for courses taken in the professional field. Based on the degree requirements for the AAS in Histotechnology, the College of Health and Human Sciences, College Curriculum Committee has determined that 22 proficiency credits will be awarded in UHHS 30. These credits will be posted to the NIU record upon completion of the 50 hours required for the B.G.S. in HHS.

### **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

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### **Academic Advising**

All NIU students must meet university graduation and general education (GE) requirements. BGS 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.)