The Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) is uniquely designed for practicing health or human sciences professionals who hold a current professional credential, certificate, or license in a health or human services field and have completed an applied associate degree program or an equivalent number of credits. The professional credential, certificate or license must be in the field in which the applicant is working or attempting to work.

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.

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(43-47 Hours)

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### Additional ECC courses to meet NIU general education and/or BGS core requirements:

- **CMS 101 (3)**
  - **COMS 100 – Oral Communication**
  - GE-Foundational Studies
- **Liberal Education (3)**
  - Select course to meet NIU Creativity and Critical Analysis Requirement
  - GE-Creativity and Critical Analysis
- **MATH 102 (3)**
  - **STAT 208 – Basic Statistics**
  - GE-Foundational Studies/BGS Core
- **PSY 218 (3)**
  - **FCNS 280 – Human Development**
  - GE-Society and Culture/BGS Core

(12 credit hours)

### Proficiency Credits

- **AAS CLT graduates with current license & eligible to practice maximum proficiency credit allowed**
- **UHHS 300 – Experiences in HHS II**
- BGS

(30 credits)

### BGS Core Courses to be taken through NIU

- **NIU Course Number**
- **NIU Course Title**
  - AHRS 200 (3)
    - Disability in Society
  - PHHE 295 or 206 (3)
    - Introduction to Public Health or Contemporary Health Concepts
  - UHHS 310 (3)
    - Introduction to HHS
  - UHHS 350 (3)
    - Critical Thinking for HHS Professions
  - UHHS 410 (3)
    - Legal & Ethical Issues
  - UHHS 430 (3)
    - Working with Diverse Populations in HHS
  - UHHS 450 (3)
    - Administration for Professionals in HHS
  - UHHS 455 (3)
    - Resource Allocation in HHS
  - UHHS 460 (3)
    - Introduction to Research in HHS
  - UHHS 465 (3)
    - Issues in Gerontology
  - UNIV 310 or TECH 432 (3)
    - Foundations in Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness or Disaster Preparedness

(33 credit hours)

### BGS Required Electives:

- Required BGS electives are selected in consultation with NIU BGS advisor. Course work will be selected from NIU course work in AHCD, AHLS, AHPT, AHRS, COMD, FCNS, NURS, PHHE. Others can be considered in consultation with the BGS advisor if applicable to personal goals.

### Admission to the Baccalaureate Completion Program

- Completed AAS in Clinical Laboratory Technology, current license, and practicing (or eligible to practice) as a CLT.
- 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.)

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