Health Professions
Advisement Program for Students Pursuing Health Professions

What is available at Seton Hall if I want to pursue Health Professions?

The Health Professions Program located in the Ruth Sharkey Academic Resource Center at Seton Hall University is an academic resource to assist students in developing the necessary credentials to gain entrance into post-baccalaureate programs, including medicine, dentistry, physical therapy, physician assistant, optometry, podiatry, veterinary medicine, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and athletic training. One-to-one mentoring between the student and the health professions adviser will ensure the proper selection of courses, enrollment into enrichment programs and assistance in the application process.

The Curriculum:

Most candidates for the health professions at Seton Hall major in biology, biochemistry or psychology. However, these pre-health professions students may select any major that matches their interests and ability. Regardless of the specific major, these undergraduate studies must include one year of biology, two years of chemistry, one year of mathematics, one year of physics and one year of English.

What Does It Take to Graduate?

To attain a bachelor’s degree from Seton Hall, students must earn 130 credits and have a minimum GPA of 2.0. Realistically, a high GPA of at least 3.3 is necessary for pre-health professions students to be competitive. Students are encouraged to participate in the Honors Program or incorporate a minor to enhance their bachelor’s degree. Participation in student societies sponsored by the Health Professions Program will enrich students’ academic activities on campus.

Career Opportunities:

To gain clinical experience, pre-health professions students can participate in summer internships or rotations at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Medical School or Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Representative schools that have accepted Seton Hall students into health professions include the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (New Jersey Medical School, School of Osteopathic Medicine and Robert Wood Johnson Medical School), Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York University School of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and School of Veterinary Medicine, and Tufts University School of Medicine.

How Do I Apply for Admission?

Complete your application to Seton Hall University and include the $55 non-refundable application fee ($45 if applying online). Freshman applicants must submit official high school transcripts and any college or university transcripts where credit was attempted, plus the results of the SAT I or ACT assessments. Transfer students must submit transcripts from each college or university where credit was attempted. Those with fewer than 24 earned credits must complete the freshman requirements. Applications are available at admissions.shu.edu.

Can I Get Financial Aid?

Almost 90 percent of the students who entered Seton Hall last year received some form of financial aid, and 75 percent of these students received money directly from the University. The four types of financial aid include scholarships, grants and discounts, loans, and part-time jobs on campus. For further information, visit admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm or call (973) 761-9532.
Health Professions Requirements:

Core Curriculum Requirements*

A. English Language (6 credits)
B. Communication (3 credits)
C. Mathematics (3 credits and prerequisites)
D. Natural Sciences (6 credits) and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
E. Western Civilization (6 credits), Foreign Language (6 credits) and American Civilization/African, Asian and Latino Civilizations/Foreign Literature/Advanced Language (6 credits)
F. Ethical Questions (3 credits)
G. Philosophy and Religious Studies (9 credits)

* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue

Major Program:

Please see the Undergraduate Catalogue or contact the department chair for more details about a specific major.

As part of their curriculum, all pre-health professions student must complete:

- BIOL 1201 General Biology Organisms
- BIOL 1202 General Biology Cells
- CHEM 1123/1125 General Chemistry I and Lab
- CHEM 1124/1126 General Chemistry II and Lab
- CHEM 2321/2325 Organic Chemistry I and Lab
- CHEM 2322/2325 Organic Chemistry II and Lab
- PHYS 1701 Physics I
- PHYS 1702 Physics II
- PHYS 1811 Physics Lab I
- PHYS 1812 Physics Lab II
- MATH 1401 Calculus I
  or MATH 1411 Calculus II
  or MATH 2111 Statistics

Degree Requirements: 130 total credit hours

Students can minor or double major in any of the College of Arts and Sciences disciplines.

For more information, call an admissions counselor at 1-800-THE-HALL or visit admissions.shu.edu.

To talk to a faculty adviser, please contact Roberta Moldow, Ph.D., director of the Health Professions Program, at moldowro@shu.edu or (973) 761-9487. Web site: artsci.shu.edu/biology/healthprofessions/index.html