

Health Sciences

The Health Sciences major is designed for students who wish to pursue graduate study in the health professions, which include medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine, or one of the allied health professions, such as physician assistant, pharmacy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, or athletic training. The Health Sciences major provides a coherent program that allows students to develop an understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of the health professions.

Why Guilford College?

Consistently rated nationally by *The Princeton Review* as well as being one of the 40 colleges in *Colleges that Change Lives* by Loren Pope, Guilford College inspires each student to achieve excellence through an engaging community, rooted in Quaker values, which nurtures creativity and social responsibility.

What can a Guilford education offer you?

- An urban setting near other colleges & universities with an area student population of over 27,000 students
- A consortium agreement with University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro College, Bennett College, North Carolina A&T State University, Elon University and High Point University provides students with access to courses free of charge
- A college mission statement & core values based on, and consistent with, Quaker testimonies. Guilford's core values are: Community, Diversity, Equality, Excellence, Integrity, Justice & Stewardship.
- A challenging academic program which emphasizes not only academic tracks and the learning process, but also the interconnection between curricular and co-curricular pursuits
- A diverse student population providing a stimulating peer environment
- Excellent study abroad programs in China, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Scotland, Spain, and Wales

The academic program in Health Sciences

The Bachelor of Science degree is offered in Health Sciences.

Required courses for the Health Sciences major

Health Sciences is an interdisciplinary major, and a second disciplinary major is required. Students majoring in health sciences must have a health sciences adviser as well as an adviser from the second major.

Courses for the Health Sciences major come from disciplines in a variety of areas of study, including Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Sports Studies and Social Sciences. The major consists of at least eight courses (32 credit hours), one of which must be an internship at the 390 level in the student's proposed career field. This internship experience is undertaken in the junior or senior year and is intended to give the student an opportunity to gain the real-world experience necessary for a career in any health care field.

The 1-credit Health Sciences Seminar acts as a capstone to the major along with the internship experience and should be taken in the junior or senior year.

Because Health Sciences is an interdisciplinary major, students must select courses from at least two departments. In addition, at least four of the courses must be at the 200 level or above. Students must work closely with their health sciences adviser to make sure they select the necessary courses to prepare for the graduate program they desire, as well as courses that complement their disciplinary major.

Internship Opportunities

Students must complete an internship under the supervision of a faculty member in the department. Internships give majors the experience in the field that is necessary to gain admission to health professions schools. Recent locations where Health Sciences majors have done internships include:

- Moses Cone Family Practice
- Murphy Wainer Orthopedic Specialists
- Triad Health Project
- Guilford County Public Health Department
- Wake Forest University School of Medicine
- Healthserve Community Health Clinic

Where do graduates go?

- Medical School: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Wake Forest University, East Carolina University, West Virginia University, Nova Southeastern University, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Mercer
- Dental School: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Nova Southeastern University, Howard University
- Veterinary Medical School: Mississippi State University, University of Georgia, The Ohio State University
- Pharmacy School: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Physical Therapy: Elon University
- Physician Assistant: Quinipiac University, Wake Forest University
- Athletic Training: University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Shenandoah University

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