DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCE

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PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT

The field of health science bridges the gap between scientific discoveries and the application of this knowledge to improve the quality of health and life. The Department of Health Science offers a bachelor’s degree (B.S./B.A.) in Health Science, a Combined Major in Family Science and Health Science, a post-baccalaureate teacher certification in health education, a minor in Health Science, and a Master of Science (M.S.) in Health Science.

Undergraduates majors in health science must select from the following concentrations:

- Community Health
- School Health
- School and Community Health (Dual Concentration)

Combined Major in Family Science and Health Science

A major in Family Science and Health Science with a Community Health Concentration combines the study of the family with the study of health. Students learn how the family is impacted by health and how health care and related issues influence and are influenced by family systems. Students may pursue either the combined major or one discipline as the major focus of study and the other as a minor.

Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification in Health Education

The Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification is for individuals who have a bachelor’s degree but wish to be certified to teach in Maryland. This can apply to individuals with a degree in a non-health related major and/or those with a degree who have concentrated in art, community health, dance or physical education with a desire to teach Health Education. For more information, visit: http://www.towson.edu/healthscience/certification.asp

Minor in Health Science

Students who are in other majors, but have an interest in health, may also minor in Health Science. Students interested in Health Education should contact the Department of Health Science at 410-704-2637 to receive information about these programs.

The Department also offers a Master of Science in Health Science. For more information, see the Graduate Catalog: http://www.towson.edu/main/academics/coursesandcatalogs/graduatecatalog.asp

HONORARY SOCIETY

Eta Sigma Gamma, the national professional honorary society in health education, has established the Beta Zeta Chapter in the Department of Health Science. The purpose of the organization is to elevate standards, ideals and ethics of the profession. For information concerning Beta Zeta, contact the Department of Health Science at 410-704-2637.

- Major in Health Science
- Combined Major in Family Science and Health Science (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/family-studies-community-development/combined-family-science-health-science)

Major in Health Science

Health science is an applied science that incorporates an interdisciplinary approach to understanding the complexities of human behavior with the expressed purpose of promoting healthy behaviors. In order to develop the competencies necessary to be an effective professional, students need a foundation built on principles derived from behavioral, biomedical and social sciences.

The Department of Health Science offers three concentrations in the Health Science major: School Health Concentration, Community Health Concentration, and a School and Community Health (Dual) Concentration. Each concentration requires 12 units of internship to be completed in the student’s final term, pending completion of all other Core and major requirements. Placements for completing the internship will be approved and assigned by program coordinators, pending student completion of stipulated requirements for the respective concentration.

- Major in Health Science with concentrations in:
  - Community Health (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/health-professions/health-science/community-health)
  - School Health (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/health-professions/health-science/school-health-teacher-education)
  - School and Community Health (Dual Concentration (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/health-professions/health-science/dual-concentration))

MINOR IN HEALTH SCIENCE

- Health Science (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/health-professions/health-science/health-science-minor)