The mission of the College of Health Sciences is to provide leadership in healthcare by offering excellent educational experiences in a quality learning environment to facilitate the development of competent, caring health professionals, by generating knowledge through inquiry and discovery, and by engaging in lifelong learning, and professional and community service. The college vision is to be a nationally ranked and internationally recognized leader in advancing health care by educating competent health professionals, generating practically significant scientific knowledge and innovative technologies, fostering scholarly collaborations and promoting positive public health policies. The college values integrity, inclusiveness, excellence and partnership. The degree programs are competitive, fully accredited, and nationally recognized for quality graduates.

The college consists of the School of Community and Environmental Health, the Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene, the School of Medical Diagnostic and Translational Sciences, the School of Nursing, and the School of Rehabilitation Sciences. These schools offer a variety of baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees, undergraduate, graduate, and non-degree certificate programs, accelerated and degree completion programs, minors, and professional continuing education programs. In addition, many of these programs are offered off-campus and in a variety of distance learning formats. See individual program information or the Graduate Catalog for details.

**Program Application, Acceptance, and Continuance**

**Intended Health Sciences students - Health Sciences Advising Center**

Students who qualify for regular admission to the University and who intend to apply for admission to a health sciences major program are considered Intended Health Sciences students until admitted to their intended major. They will be assigned an advisor in the Health Sciences Advising Center while completing general education and prerequisite requirements needed to apply to their intended major. Intended health sciences students receive individualized advising support designed to prepare them for success in their chosen health sciences major.

Contact:

Health Sciences Advising Center  
3113 Health Sciences Building  
757-683-5137  
HSAdvising@odu.edu

**Regulations for Continuance as an Intended Health Sciences Major**

Students are eligible to continue as Intended Health Sciences majors as long as they meet both of the following:

1. Meet the continuance regulations of the University.
2. Make reasonable progress toward matriculation into a College of Health Sciences major program.

At the end of each semester (fall, spring, and summer), the Health Sciences Advising Center reviews the records of all students who do not meet minimum admissions requirements for their intended major (see admissions information in the specific program sections of the Catalog and on the web site.) A student who has ceased reasonable progress toward admission into a Health Sciences degree program will be notified in writing via the student's Old Dominion University e-mail address, in accordance with the Electronic Messaging Policy for Official University Communication.

Students identified as not making reasonable progress toward their intended Health Sciences degree program will be referred to an advisor in the Student Success Center and/or the Center for Major Exploration for assistance in selecting a new intended major.

**Program Admission**

A separate application must be submitted to be considered for acceptance into the health science majors. Application information, qualifications, deadlines, and advisors are listed in the specific program sections of the Catalog and on the web site.

**Acceptance to the University does not constitute or guarantee acceptance into a health science major.** Students are notified by the program director of their acceptance and any other program specific requirements such as physicals, immunizations, technical standards, etc.

Continuance in the health science majors requires strong academic achievement, including successful demonstration of knowledge and use of practical and critical thinking skills in laboratory and in clinical rotations. Criminal background checks may be required as specified in course syllabi. Any student deemed unacceptable for clinical rotation due to results from a criminal background check will not be allowed to complete the program of study.

**Advanced Placement**

Advanced placement credit may be earned for courses offered by the College of Health Sciences upon validation of mastery of the subject matter and skills covered in the respective course(s). A fee may be charged for the assessment of competency. Please check with the school offering the course for further information.