

COLLEGE OF NATURAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES  
**HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAMS**

**THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF EXCITING AND REWARDING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES.**

The career options in the Health Sciences are all reported to be growth areas for the future, so the prospects look bright. The University of Nebraska at Kearney offers several degree options and a variety of pre-professional programs of study designed to prepare students for entry into a health science area. Each degree option and pre-professional program provides students with a rigorous academic program that focuses primarily on the sciences. The programs adequately prepare students to compete for admission to a clinical program or professional school in their chosen Health Science area.

UNK HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAM	PRE-HEALTH SCIENCE AT UNK	PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL OR CLINICAL TRAINING
<b>Pre-Professional Programs:</b>		
Cardiovascular Perfusion	4 years	2 years
Chiropractic	3-4 years	4 years
Dental Hygiene	2 years	2 years
Dentistry	4 years	4 years
Dietetics	4 years	2 years
Health Information Management	2-3 years	1-2 years
Medical Lab Science	3 years	1 year
Medicine	4 years	4 years
Mortuary Science	2 years	2 years
Nursing	2 years	2 years
Occupational Therapy	4 years	2-3 years
Optometry	3-4 years	4 years
Pharmacy	2-3 years	4 years
Physical Therapy	4 years	3 years
Physician Assistant	4 years	2.5 years
Podiatry	3-4 years	4 years
Radiologic Technology	2 years	2 years
Respiratory Therapy	3 years	1 year
<b>Degree Programs:</b>		
Health Sciences	4 years	-
Applied Health Science 2+2	2 years	2 years

**HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENT SERVICES:**

Health Sciences at UNK provide assistance to students in numerous ways. The primary service offered is academic advising, which assists students in choosing the best course of study to provide the appropriate academic background for their chosen health program. Through advising, students may also receive assistance in selecting the career that best suits the individual’s interest and abilities. Assistance with the application process is available as well. In addition to advising, Health Sciences provides up-to-date information about health professions, professional schools, and clinical programs. The Office sponsors a variety of speakers, workshops, meetings, a Health Science Club, AED: The Health Pre-Professional Honor Society and other activities for students.

## ACCEPTANCE RATES:

The competition for admission to clinical programs and professional schools is intense and admission is never guaranteed. However, the University of Nebraska at Kearney is very proud of the success that our students have enjoyed in gaining admission. The overall acceptance rate of UNK students to all our various health programs has been approximately 75% over the last ten years. Following are the acceptance rates for the individual programs for recent years:

PROGRAM OF STUDY	2018		2019		2020	
	ACCEPTED/ APPLIED	PERCENT ACCEPTED	ACCEPTED/ APPLIED	PERCENT ACCEPTED	ACCEPTED/ APPLIED	PERCENT ACCEPTED
Accelerated Nursing	5/5	100%	4/4	100%	7/7	100%
Cardiovascular Perfusion	0/0	NA	0/0	NA	1/1	100%
Chiropractic	0/0	NA	3/3	100%	1/1	100%
Dental Hygiene	3/4	75%	0/1	0%	4/5	80%
Dentistry	2/3	67%	0/0	NA	0/0	NA
Health Info Management	0/0	NA	0/0	NA	0/0	NA
Medical Lab Science	2/2	100%	0/0	NA	1/1	100%
Medicine	10/13	77%	9/17	53%	8/12	67%
Mortuary Science	1/1	100%	0/0	NA	1/1	100%
Nursing	42/43	98%	63/63	100%	47/47	100%
Occupational Therapy	9/9	100%	8/10	80%	3/5	60%
Optometry	1/1	100%	1/1	100%	2/2	100%
Osteopathy	1/1	100%	NA	NA	1/2	50%
Pharmacy	8/8	100%	6/6	100%	7/7	100%
Physical Therapy	21/23	91%	9/13	69%	12/17	71%
Physician Assistant	4/7	57%	5/9	56%	6/10	60%
Podiatry	0/0	NA	0/0	NA	0/0	NA
Radiologic Technology	15/16	94%	12/13	92%	12/15	80%
Respiratory Therapy	2/3	67%	0/0	NA	1/1	100%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>126/139</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>120/140</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>114/134</b>	<b>85%</b>

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

If you have specific questions or would like to request an information packet on one of our degree options or pre-professional programs, please feel free to contact us:

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