



Associate Degree in Health Science

Prepare for a rewarding career in health care.

Our associate degree in Health Science can be completed in a variety of ways. You have the flexibility to plan a course of study that best suits your educational and professional needs through focusing on one of the following four areas: healthcare career exploration, pre-professional, associate degree completion, and transfer to a baccalaureate degree. You will work closely with an academic advisor to determine goals and develop a plan of study.

Goodwin University offers five available tracks in this field of study:

Associate Degree Completion

This track allows individuals who have already obtained a nationally recognized certification or license the opportunity to gain collegiate credit and work towards the completion of an associate degree.

Billing and Coding/Histologic Science

This track allows students interested in pursuing careers in Histologic Science and Medical Billing and Coding to simultaneously pursue a certificate in these areas, while earning an associate degree in Health Science.

Health Care Career Exploration

This track provides students pursuing a general degree in Health Science the opportunity to explore various careers and aspects of health care.

Pre-professional

This track allows students interested in pursuing professional careers, such as nursing or respiratory care, to complete all of their general education and science prerequisites before transferring to these selective admission programs.

Transfer

This track allows students to complete the degree program with the intention of pursuing a bachelor's degree in Health Science or a related field.

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General Education Core - 21-22 credits		
ENG 101	English Composition	3
ENG 1XX	English Elective	3
CAP 1XX	Computer Literacy (CAP)	3
MATH 1XX	Mathematics (MATH)	3
	Science (BIO, CHEM, SCI)	3-4
	Social Science (PSY or SOC)	3
	Humanities (HIS, PHIL, SPAN, HUM)	3
Health Science Major Core - Minimum of 9 credits		
HSC 101	Introduction to Healthcare	3
HSC 105	Medical Terminology	3
HSC 111	Medical Law and Ethics	3
HSC 120	Health and Wellness	3
HSC 205	Plague, Epidemics and Society	3
HSC 240	Introduction to Alternative and Complementary Medicine	3
Health Science Electives - minimum of 12 credits		
	Twelve (12) credits from the courses offered by the School of Nursing and Health Professions.	12
Open Electives – minimum of 18 credits		
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Total Credits: 60-61

Students interested in pursuing careers in Histologic Science and Medical Billing and Coding can simultaneously pursue a certificate in these areas, while earning an associate degree in Health Science. In addition, students who complete their certificate in Medical Assisting can also apply those credits toward the associate degree in Health Science. Students should meet with their academic advisor for more information.

Students opting for the Healthcare Career Exploration concentration should choose electives based on individual goals and needs. Students opting for the associate degree completion concentration may be awarded credit for licensure, certification, or registry in a healthcare profession. This credit can be applied to the Health Science or open elective credit requirement.

Graduation requirements

Students must complete all general associate graduation requirements as stated in the catalog. In addition, students must complete all Health Science major core requirements with a minimum cumulative grade point average (C.G.P.A.) of 2.0.

Goodwin University is a nonprofit institution of higher education and is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), formerly known as the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).