



The Bachelor of Arts Health Science degree is designed for students interested in pursuing careers in healthcare-related professions. This degree provides broad-based interdisciplinary training with a core in the basic sciences, and concentration in the following areas:

- 1) healthy aging studies,
- 2) women's health,
- 3) public/global/environmental health,
- 4) pre-clinical practice; science, and
- 5) behavioral/mental health.

The program structure enables students to take relevant coursework in various colleges and departments across FAU, to broaden their understanding of factors that both positively and negatively impact the health care system, patients, and practitioners. In addition, through the *Health Science* course sequence, students will learn how professionals from various fields of practice (medicine, pharmacy, social work, nursing, etc.) interact in a collaborative manner. Students will also have access to clinical *observation* opportunities and other extracurricular activities (lab experiences, internships, research).

The Student Learning Outcomes for the BA Health Science degree program are:

CONTENT/DISCIPLINE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

1. Develop/enhance understanding of the US health care system and the various employment opportunities within.
2. Develop/enhance professional behavior appropriate for health care careers.
3. Develop/enhance understanding of the various factors that shape systems (social, economic, political)
4. Develop/enhance skills, knowledge and abilities to gain employment upon completion of the Bachelor's degree or to pursue graduate level training.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Develop/enhance communication skills essential for health care professionals in all employment settings.

CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

Develop/enhance collaborative skills to improve health outcomes through research, inquiry and problem solving.