

Pre-School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

Athletic Training

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Communication Science

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Health Information Management

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Students can complete the first 60 credits required for admission to the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS) while enrolled in the College of General Studies (CGS). Transfer and College Level Examination Program credits will be considered upon admission. A grade of C- or higher in each prerequisite course and a minimum overall quality point average of 2.5 (2.8 for the athletic training and clinical dietetics and nutrition programs) are required to apply for admission to SHRS. Application should be made upon the completion of 45 credits.

Students should speak with an academic consultant early during their program of study in CGS for specific SHRS application and course requirements, procedures, and deadlines. The SHRS programs are full-time day programs.

A general description of the six undergraduate programs offered through SHRS is provided on this sheet. More detailed descriptions are available from the CGS academic consultants or on the SHRS Web site: www.shrs.pitt.edu/departments.

Athletic Training

Athletic trainers are clinicians trained in the prevention, recognition, and rehabilitation of injuries incurred by athletes. Under the supervision of a licensed physician, athletic trainers administer immediate emergency care and develop a treatment program based on medical, exercise, and sports science. The athletic training education program leads to a Bachelor of Science degree in rehabilitation science with a specialization in athletic training. Upon graduating, students are prepared for a career in the field of sports medicine.

Clinical Dietetics and Nutrition

The profession of dietetics includes areas of practice that focus on dietary needs in treating existing disease, promoting health and fitness, and preventing illness. The Department of Sports Medicine and Nutrition offers two program options to meet the educational requirements:

- **Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD):** This undergraduate program provides students with the approved Commission of Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE) curriculum. Students who wish to become registered dietitians will need to apply for and complete a supervised practical experience in a CADE-accredited coordinated master's degree program or a dietetic internship program. Upon completion of a minimum of 900 hours of supervised practice, students will be eligible to take the registration examination to become credentialed registered dietitians.
- **Coordinated Master's Degree Program in Dietetics (CMD):** After successful completion of the DPD, students will apply to the CMD, which will provide the supervised practice component and a Master of Science degree.

Communication Science

For students considering a career in speech-language pathology or audiology, this major provides the scientific foundation for subsequent academic or clinical training. A professional career in communication science requires master's study in an accredited program and completion of a clinical fellowship year. The undergraduate major also is appropriate as preparation for graduate work in the neurosciences, health-related professions, special education, deaf education, and speech and hearing sciences.

Emergency Medicine

Paramedics function in the out-of-hospital environment, providing emergency care to people with life-threatening illness or injury. This program is designed to meet the growing need for the advanced skill levels required in the emergency medical services (EMS) profession and to prepare students for the technical, clinical, and administrative challenges of a career in EMS and health care today.

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Health Information Management

The health information manager is responsible for managing the medical records departments of hospitals, mental health agencies, rehabilitation centers, home care, ambulatory care, and long-term care facilities. Health information managers plan, organize, and direct the analysis, design, implementation, and maintenance of health information systems.

Rehabilitation Science

This program recognizes the emerging field of rehabilitation science and is designed to prepare students for graduate education in areas such as occupational therapy, physician assistance, rehabilitation counseling, and rehabilitation technology, as well as for graduate and professional studies in other areas of health care.

College of General Studies

The College of General Studies (CGS) provides adult and continuing education programs that are designed to address changing employer and student needs. The high-quality, flexible programs include degree completion, certificates, and enrichment courses. CGS provides a single point of access to the University's innovative programs and services that both enrich lives and promote the economic health of the region.

Requirements subject to change. Check with an academic advisor before registering.

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