College of Health Sciences

College Connect
Summer 2019

The world needs more cowboys.
The Mission of the College of Health Sciences

To promote excellence in health and human services through teaching, research, and service with special emphasis on Wyoming’s frontier and rural populations. Health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity (World Health Organization).
College of Health Sciences Academic Programs

- Pharmacy
- Nursing – BSN, ReNew, and BRAND
- Social Work
- Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
- Kinesiology and Health Promotion
  - includes Physical Education Teacher Education
- Dental Hygiene (in partnership with and completed at Sheridan College)
- Medical Laboratory Science through UW-Casper
- Two possible minors: Disability Studies and Aging Studies
- Pre-Health Advising (medicine, dentistry, optometry, podiatry, occupational or physical therapy, physician assistant, chiropractic, public health, etc.)
Schedule

● Navigating Your Health Science Degree
  ● Course sequencing
  ● Admissions to clinical programs

● Advising
  ● Now and in the future
  ● Using your advisor

● Non-academic issues
  ● Getting involved and committing to college
  ● Background checks and life choices

● Questions?
How Degrees in Health Sciences work:

- Complete prerequisites
  - 1.5 to 4 years
  - Bachelor’s degree required for most masters or doctoral degrees
- Develop a competitive resume
  - Start this your first semester (better yet – this summer!)
- Apply to program
- Pass background check
Entrance Requirements

- Specific prerequisite coursework
- Academic standards – entrance exams and high GPAs (especially in science courses)
- Communication skills - interviews and personal statements
- Observation and/or work experience in health field
- Code of ethics
- Background checks
AlcoholEDU and Sexual Assault Prevention Programs

- Two online programs to empower you to make better decisions.
- SAPU provides information about healthy relationships, the importance of consent, how to help a friend, and creating a safe, positive campus.
- Courses open July 22, 2019. Deadline to complete Part 1 of both programs is August 30 and for Part 2 is October 25.
  - You will not be able to register for spring courses until these are completed.
- Questions? Visit the AWARE table at the resource fair.
- Parents will learn more about the program tomorrow morning.
Entrance Expectations – higher than entry requirements

- Academic excellence: The published minimums (e.g., 2.75 GPA) are rarely adequate. An applicant often needs a much higher GPA for consideration.
- Demonstrated ability to work with diverse populations – age, education level, race/ethnicity, gender identity, disability status, religion, etc.
- Leadership skills
- Service orientation
- Excellence in something – community service and involvement, research, leadership, art, music....
What sort of classes will I take?

- Departments will provide curriculum tomorrow during the advising session
- Various sets of requirements:
  - University Studies Program
  - Major requirements
    - Focus on program prerequisites
    - Observe course prerequisites and sequencing
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- Additional Considerations for some students:
  - Minors?
  - Program Prerequisites?
    - Your degree here?
    - Graduate professional program?
  - Second Major?
  - Honors?
  - ROTC?
  - Study Abroad?
  - Plan ahead to accommodate your interests!
University Studies Program

● Our general education program, with various requirements known as USPs.

● These are not set classes, but categories that can be fulfilled in a variety of ways. But some majors do require courses that fulfill USP requirements.

● Most first-semester courses fulfill USPs.
A Chance to Explore

- Since most introductory classes fulfill USPs, students can explore various subjects “risk free”.
- Don’t be afraid to come in to UW as undeclared or to change your major – most students do!
Major, Minor, Honors, ROTC Requirements

- You will receive information regarding your major tomorrow during advising.
- For additional information about possible minors, the Honors College, or ROTC, find the appropriate departments at the resource fair.
Prerequisites

- Many courses will have prerequisites.
- Admissions to most health care fields will have prerequisites.
- Sometimes there are chains of prerequisites.
- Start work on prerequisites first, so you don’t get stuck later.
Prerequisites: an example

- Pharmacy school requires Biochemistry.
  - To take Biochemistry, you must first complete Chem I, Chem II, and O-Chem I in order. It would be best to take O-Chem II before biochemistry, as well.
- Also, students need to complete College Algebra to begin Chemistry I.
- Delay on this sequence means that academic progress towards the pharmacy program is also delayed!
Resources for planning your schedule

- University Catalog
  - Prerequisites
  - Course Descriptions
  - Policies and regulations
- WyoWeb (online student information system): You will learn how to use it tomorrow
- Academic and career advisors
- Department websites
This sounds like a lot!

It is! But a lot of help is also available.

- Tutoring
- Professor’s Office Hours
- Academic Advisors
- Clubs and Organizations
- Student Support Offices
Use what you pay for!

- Tutoring and other academic resources are provided by your tuition and fees.
- You don’t pay when you go, because you’ve already paid!
Who are these advisors?

- Don’t wait until it’s time to sign up for classes to get to know your advisor(s)!
  - Professional staff advisors
  - Faculty advisors
A+ Advising
You and your advisor(s)

- Decision-making process involving a partnership
  - Privacy laws limit our ability to communicate with others about you (FERPA)
- Make regular appointments
- Be informed. Ask questions!
- Receive new PERC number each semester
What you can expect from advisors:

- Assistance in selecting classes
- Help in understanding requirements and your situation
- Information about campus opportunities
- Information concerning resources for assistance
- Reasonably prompt answers to questions and concerns
How does Advising Work?

- Tomorrow, you will go to a group advising session.
- We encourage you to meet with your advisor when you come to campus in late August or early September.
- In the future, you will have individual advising.
  - October/November for spring registration
  - March/April for fall registration
Orientation Advising (Tomorrow)

- Come prepared!
  - List of college courses taken while in high school (dual enrollment) - VITAL
  - AP/CLEP/IB courses and tests
  - Minor/Honors/ROTC information
  - Will you take the language or math placement tests in the near future?
  - **Bring advising packet** - VITAL
Future Advising

● Meet with your advisor early to learn about opportunities and make sure you are going in the right direction.

● Must meet with advisor to get PERC (registration code) to register.

● Student is responsible to bring a proposed schedule to their advising appointment.

● This meeting offers a chance to discuss plans and challenges.
Commit to College!

- Most health sciences degrees require *several* natural science and math courses (Social Work is the exception).
- Successful Health Sciences students take 2 or 3 math/science courses *every* semester.
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- Check your UW e-mail!
  - It’s how we communicate with you.
  - *Students are responsible for messages sent to their UW e-mail address.*
  - Disable “clutter” to see messages.

- Check your grades via WyoWeb
  - Midterms and Early Alert – alerts us to struggles and
  - Final Grades
Note – Admitted with support

- If you are admitted with support, you will initially be advised by the Advising, Career, and Exploratory Studies (ACES) Center. You will go with them tomorrow for advising.

- Be sure to talk to your intended major in the fall to learn more about your program!
Questions?