Introduction to Healthcare Careers

Overview

Certificate of Technical Studies

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Program Website

This certificate is offered online, face-to-face, and online with limited onsite.

This program is not a financial aid eligible program. Please talk to your advisor about your options.

This program gives students an introductory look into the wide range of careers in healthcare and helps them discover which path may be right for them. Students learn the foundations of health science, explore different medical and allied health professions, and identify what prerequisites they need for future training programs. Throughout the program, students complete some of these required health science profession classes and build essential skills in professionalism and communication. The program concludes with a capstone experience where students shadow professionals in their chosen field to gain real-world- insight and decide whether they want to pursue that career after completing the program.

Outcomes

Graduates are prepared to:

1. Outline the roles, responsibilities, and educational pathways of diverse healthcare professions to make informed decisions about career options.
2. Describe the role of professionalism in healthcare careers, including proper dress codes, required PPE, and adapting personal appearance to the needs of the audience and workplace.
3. Create a plan to achieve healthcare career goals.

Estimated Cost

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Tuition and Fees	$2,100
Books/Supplies	$400
Total	$2,500

* **Fall 2026 MUS Student Health Insurance Premiums may be changing. Please check the Health Insurance website (https://gfcmsu.edu/home/current-students/studentengagement/wellness/student-insurance/) for confirmed premium rates.**

Program Requirements

I. Students should begin by taking the following: 11-12 credits

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
AHMS 129	Introduction to Health Professions +	2	_____
AHMS 199	Allied Health Capstone *,+	1	_____
PSYX 100	Introduction to Psychology +	3	_____
WRIT 101	College Writing I **,+	3	_____
Select one of the following:			
AHMS 144	Medical Terminology +	3	_____
VET 101	Veterinary Medical Terminology +	2	_____
Total Credits		11-12	_____

II. Health Science Concentration Courses: 5-8 credits +

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
Select two courses in one or more of the following areas depending on your intended career. You will only need to select one course if you choose to take ECP 131 Emergency Medical Technician with Clinical. Other courses may be available for dual credit depending on your plan of study. Please work with the Great Falls College dual enrollment advisor for options.			
AHMS (Allied Health: Medical Support)			
AHPT (Allied Health: Physical Therapy)			
BIOB (Biology: General)			
BIOH (Biology: Human)			
CHMY (Chemistry)			
COMX (Communication)			
ECP (Emergency Care Provider)			
M (Mathematics)			
NUTR (Nutrition and Dietetics)			
SOCI (Sociology)			
STAT (Statistics)			
VET (Veterinary Technology)			

TOTAL CREDITS: 16-20

* Indicates prerequisites needed

** Placement in course(s) is determined by placement assessment

\+ A grade of C- is required for graduation. **Health science programs may require a higher grade for admission into the program.**