ABOUT THE MAJOR

The Department of Health Sciences offers a variety of academic programs for students, both those seeking employment directly out of the undergraduate program, and those intending to pursue graduate and professional study. Students pursuing the major in Health Sciences will have the opportunity to pursue specialty certificates in Gerontology, Global Health and Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation and Disability Studies, and Nutrition.

Skills and abilities this major develops include: communication skills, active listening skills, attention to detail, knowledge of business and legal considerations in healthcare, and a foundation in social sciences.

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

Career Opportunities

The career outlook for Health Sciences majors varies depending on the field a student decides to pursue. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of Health Services Managers is expected to grow by 17% between 2014 and 2024, which is much faster than average for all occupations. Hiring of Social Service Assistants will grow by 11% during that time, and hiring of professional health practitioners, like Occupational Therapists and Physician assistants, is expected to grow by 20% to 30%.

Salary Information

The average starting salary for an IUPUI Health Sciences graduate in 2016 was $44,000. This accounts for students who pursued employment after graduation, and not those who pursued graduate or professional study.

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths

Health Sciences majors might pursue advanced degrees in the following areas: Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant, Social Work, Public Health, Health Administration, Nursing, and Medicine.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

IUPUI School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
shrs.iupui.edu

Indiana Department of Health
www.state.in.us/isdh

Health and Life Sciences Advising Center
hls.iupui.edu

Sample Coursework:

• Legal and regulatory Aspects in rehab
• Ethical issues in rehab services
• Health promotion/disease prevention
• Diversity issues in health and rehab
• Program evaluation methods in rehab
• Aging and the older person

Possible Careers:

• Disability advocate
• Wellness program director
• Non-profit program coordinator
• Physical therapist *
• Physician assistant *
• Rehabilitation counselor *

* Career option requires additional training or education

Where Could I Work?

• Hospitals
• Healthcare Services
• Nursing/Residential Care Facilities
• Health Clinics
• Pharmaceutical Companies
• Insurance Companies

Complementing Interests:

Investigative Social Conventional

Get your interest code at go.iupui.edu/interests

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