



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

College of Health and Human Sciences

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Health Sciences – Degree Completion Emphasis McHenry County College – AAS Occupational Therapy Assistant¹

The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences program is designed to prepare the student to enter allied health and other health related fields. The health sciences program focuses on providing the student with a strong foundation through general education and health science-based curriculum with a focus on health care leadership skills, financial principles, management strategies, and standards to improve patient care.

The degree completion emphasis is off-campus/online and is designed uniquely for health and human sciences professionals. Applicants must be practicing health or human sciences professionals who hold a current professional credential, certificate, or license in a health or human sciences field and have completed an applied associates degree program or equivalent number of credits. The professional credential, certificate or license must be in the field in which the degree was earned.

AAS OTA: MCC program requirements and applicability toward NIU general education and/or major requirements for the B.S. in Health Sciences	MCC required course	NIU Articulation	NIU Requirement satisfied
(23 credit hours)	ENG 151 (3) SPE 151 (3)	ENGL 103 – Rhetoric & Comp I; COMS 100 – Oral Comm	GE Foundational Studies
	Humanities (3) – select from ENG 252-256, 260, 261, 270, 271, 275-277; SPE 155, JRN 165, 180; ART 150, 151, 155, 157, 165, 171, 172, 174, 175; MUS 101, 151, 153, 154, 171, 172; PHI 151, 155, 160, 261, 262; or THE 151	Creativity & Critical Analysis	GE Creativity & Critical Analysis
	BIOS 263 (4) and 264 (4)	General electives	Credits toward 120
	PSY 151 (3)	PSYC 102– Intro to Psychology	GE Society & Culture & Major
	PSY 250 (3)	HDFS 280 – Human Development	GE Society & Culture & Major
	OTA & HCE 111	N/C	N/C – see information about UHHS proficiency credit

¹ Articulation Plan based on course work required for the AAS Occupational Therapy Assistant at McHenry County College and the B.S. in Health Sciences – Degree Completion emphasis in the 2018-2019 catalog and on the current NIU Articulation Handbook: <http://www.niu.edu/admissions/pdf/articulation-tables/mchenry.pdf>. Curricular changes will necessitate an update in the articulation plan.

Additional MCC courses to meet NIU general education and/or major core requirements: can be completed concurrently while taking NIU courses (15 credit hours)	ENG 152 (3)	ENGL 203 – Rhetoric Comp II	GE Foundational Studies & Major
	Humanities (3) – select from ENG 252-256, 260, 261, 270, 271, 275-277; SPE 155, JRN 165, 180; ART 150, 151, 155, 157, 165, 171, 172, 174, 175; MUS 101, 151, 153, 154, 171, 172; PHI 151, 155, 160, 261, 262; or THE 151	Select course to meet NIU Creativity and Critical Analysis Requirement ¹	GE Creativity & Critical Analysis
	MATH 120 (3)	STAT 208	GE Foundational Studies & Major
	Science (6): choose from BIO 110, 130, 137, 157, 158; CHM 115, 164, 165, 166; EAS 120, 170, 171, 180, 185; GEG 107, 123, 220; GEL105, 110; HRT 103, 105; or PHY 280, 281, 291, 292	Select course to meet NIU Nature & Technology Requirement ¹	GE Nature & Technology
Proficiency Credits (30 credits)	AAS-OTA graduates meeting the B.S. in Health Sciences – degree completion emphasis Admission requirements at noted below.	UHHS 300 (30) – Experiences in HHS I	Hours toward 120 credits required for degree
Major Courses to be taken through NIU (Online) (34 credit hours)	NIU Course Number	NIU Course Title	
	GERO 365 (3)	Overview of Gerontology	
	HSCI 310 (3)	Introduction to HHS	
	*HSCI 318 (3)	Medical Terminology	
	HSCI 350 (3)	Critical Thinking for HHS Professions	
	HSCI 410 (3)	Legal & Ethical Issues	
	HSCI 430 (3)	Working with Diverse Populations in HHS	
	HSCI 450 (3)	Administration for Professionals in HHS	
	HSCI 455 (3)	Resource Allocation in HHS	
	HSCI 460 (3)	Introduction to Research in HHS	
	HSCI 490 (1)	Capstone in Health Sciences	
	**PHHE 295 or approved elective (3)	Introduction to Public Health	
REHB 200 (3)	Disability in Society		
Electives for 120 hours required for graduation: (18 credits)	Electives to meet minimum required hours at NIU can be selected by student. May be taken at MCC or NIU. Student must consult with NIU advisor prior to selecting electives.		

*NIU proficiency exam available

** MCC students are encouraged to consult with NIU Sandi Splansky, Director Academic Advising, CHHS NIU, about possible options for an approved elective to be taken at MCC.

Admission to the Baccalaureate Completion Program

- Admission to NIU as a regular degree seeking student – refer to Office of Admissions for application deadlines for regular university admission: <http://www.niu.edu/apply/index.shtml>
- Completed AAS in OTA and current license
- Submit application for the B.S. in Health Sciences – degree completion emphasis, including written professional goals statement and copies of appropriate professional credentials, certificates, or license

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Academic Advising

All NIU students must meet university graduation and general education (GE) requirements. Degree completion students work with an NIU advisor to identify GE deficiencies and monitor progress toward completion of these and other university graduation requirements (i.e. 120 total credit hours with at least 30 hours from NIU.)

Approved 2/27/17 by Marlene Volt & Laurie Cubit, MCC and Sandi Splansky, CHHS NIU