

HHP | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH STUDIES (GERONTOLOGY)

The Bachelor of Science in Health Studies degree program is an online, post-professional degree completion program for individuals who possess professional credentials in a clinically-based allied health discipline from a community college or technical program. The course of study is designed to provide career and academic advancement for current practitioners who wish to assume increasing responsibility in their current positions or in a related area of health care.

Program Summary

The Health Studies program may allow transfer of coursework from an allied health credential toward the open electives. Up to 45 hours not normally accepted for transfer credit at FHSU may be accepted toward this program. Students should speak with an advisor to determine if health related credits typically not accepted at FHSU maybe applicable to this program.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education		34
Program (Major) Core		26
Concentration Core		12
Open Electives ¹		48
Total Hours		120

¹ Open electives are the credit hours required to reach a minimum of 120 total hours and 45 upper division hours. The number listed assumes all courses are completed at FHSU as listed. This number may vary if students transfer courses, or have individual substitutions allowed.

Students should speak with their advisor if either situation applies to determine if the number will vary, and to ensure they enroll in a minimum of 45 upper division hours.

Students entering within 1 year of high school graduation will take UNIV 101 Freshman Seminar and may apply that hour in the open elective category.

Program Requirements

General Education

All undergraduate degrees require completion of the Kansas Systemwide General Education (<https://catalog.fhsu.edu/general-education/>).

Courses identified with ^{GE} on this page may satisfy a general education requirement in addition to the identified degree requirement. Students who apply a degree requirement to satisfy a general education requirement will typically add an equal number of hours to the university elective category. This flexibility may allow you to complete a minor or certificate within the 120 hour degree. Transfer students are especially encouraged to select these courses in completing General Education requirements to maximize the likelihood of completing the degree with 120 credit hours.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education		34-35

Effective in Fall 2025 the math pathway course (<https://catalog.fhsu.edu/general-education/gateway-courses/>) identified below is required for this degree.

Math Pathways Course: MATH 101 Contemporary Mathematics

The General Education Math Pathways course identified for this major is **MATH 101 Contemporary Mathematics**. All students pursuing this degree program will be required to complete this course. Students who place into a higher level math course may be able to satisfy this requirement; consult with your Academic Advisor for additional information.

Placement measures for **MATH 101 Contemporary Mathematics** include:

- Math ACT: 19 or higher OR
- Math SAT: 510 or higher OR
- ALEKS PPL: 30 or higher OR
- Accuplacer QAS: 255 or higher OR
- HS GPA and Course Grade: 3.00 cumulative GPA (unweighted) and C- or higher in Second Semester Algebra 2 or Integrated Math 3 OR
- Institutional Measure

Corequisite support course for MATH 101 Contemporary

Mathematics: **MATH 100 Contemporary Mathematics with Review**.

Students who do not meet any of the placement measures listed above will need to register for the corequisite support course.

Code	Title	Hours
Health Studies Core		
BIOL 245	Medical Terminology	2
HHP 220	Responding to Emergencies	3
HHP 230	Principles of Nutrition	3
HHP 310	A Critical Thinking Approach: Consumer Health	3
HHP 473	Undergraduate Culminating Experience	3
HHP 610	Global Health	3
HHP 618	Environmental Health	3
HHP 620	Epidemiology in Public Health	3
HHP 625	Legal Issues in Health Care	3
Total Hours		26

Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Gerontology		
Select at least 12 hours of the following:		
HHP 605	Introduction to Gerontology	
PSY 420	Psychology of Aging	
SOC 644	Sociology of Aging	
HHP 612	Physiology of Aging	
SLP 665	Communication and Aging	
HHP 617	Nutrition and Aging	
HHP 619	Exercise Testing and Prescription for Older Adults	
HHP 480	Leisure Programming for Older Adults	
SOCW 620	Spirituality & Aging: The Empowering Relationship	
Total Hours		12

Credit for professional credential/certification/licensure: 0-30 Credit Hours applied toward the Open Electives if needed. Credits must be noted on an official transcript sent to the FHSU Registrar's Office.

Degree Requirements

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All bachelor degrees require:		
GPA of 2.0 on FHSU courses & 2.0 on all coursework (Higher program requirements prevail over the 2.0 when set)		
A minimum of 30 hours earned from FHSU with a grade of D, C, B, or A		
Successful completion of an upper division Writing and Information Literacy course (Most majors contain a course designated)		
A minimum of 45 hours of recognized upper division credit		
A minimum of 120 hours of recognized college credit		