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**General Policies**

**Admissions Requirements**

You must meet the below admissions requirements in addition to Purdue Global’s general requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/requirements).

**International Students**

If you are an international student, you cannot enroll in a School of Health Sciences program that requires a clinical placement without prior approval of the Dean. In addition, you must have an approved criminal background check on file with the University prior to the first day of your first term. You will also be required to take a second criminal background check prior to placement at a clinical, externship, professional practice experience (PPE), or practicum site. You are responsible for the cost of the criminal background check.

**Programs With a Required Clinical, Externship, Practicum, or Professional Practice Experience (PPE)**

If you are unable to pass a criminal background check, you are not eligible to be fully enrolled in a School of Health Sciences program that requires completion of a clinical, externship, PPE, or practicum experience. Please refer to the Additional Requirements for Undergraduate Programs section under Admissions Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/requirements). You will be required to complete a second criminal background check prior to placement at a clinical, externship, PPE, or practicum site if your initial background check will be more than 1 year old by the date your externship is completed, or if requested by the clinical site.

The University may require you to submit to a drug/chemical substance test at any time during the course of the program if there is evidence of impaired behavior that may pose a risk to patients, other students, or the education program. The requirement to submit to a drug/chemical substance test is based on an assessment of behavior that reflects possible drug use and/or impairment, and you will be required to cover all expenses incurred unless you live in the state of North Dakota, in which case, the University will cover the expenses. If applicable, you must provide a valid, verifiable, current prescription and evidence of appropriate medical supervision for medications that may affect your academic or clinical performance during your educational program.

You will not be allowed to return to the externship site or participate in onsite clinical courses until drug testing results are presented to, reviewed, and approved by the program chair. If you refuse the test, the University will assume you are using drugs/alcohol, which is considered a conduct violation and subject to disciplinary action identified in the Student Conduct (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/student-information-services/conduct) section. A positive drug test for a nonprescribed substance will lead to dismissal from a program that includes a clinical component.

**Progression Requirements**

General progression requirements for programs in the School of Health Sciences are noted below.

1. Transfer credit applied toward major School of Health Sciences courses must have been completed within 10 years of the start of your School of Health Sciences program. This provision may be waived at the discretion of the Dean of the program based on a review of submitted coursework or professional experience.

2. You must achieve a minimum grade of "S" (satisfactory) for the clinical components of courses.

3. You must provide required documentation for the clinical course, practicum, PPE, and externship placement including, but not limited to, health assessments and an application for clinical placement. Specific policies and procedures for submitting required documentation can be found in the appropriate Student Clinical Handbook. Failure to submit appropriate documentation by the deadline may result in a delay in placement for the clinical course, practicum, PPE, or externship and/or dismissal from the University.

**Online Programs With a Required Clinical, Externship, Practicum, or Professional Practice Experience (PPE)**

1. In the event that the University is unable to schedule you into the required externship, PPE, practicum, or clinical experience, there may be a delay between the time you end classes and begin the externship, PPE, practicum, or clinical experience. In this case, the Dean of the School of Health Sciences may grant an administrative leave of absence.

2. At the discretion of the University, externship, PPE, practicum, or clinical sites may be secured outside of your immediate residential area. You will be responsible for costs associated with transportation to the externship, PPE, practicum, or clinical site.

3. You are responsible for submitting any documents requested by clinical sites by the established deadline. Failure to submit documentation will lead to a delay in placement and could lead to a failed attempt with placement.

4. In the event that you have not met preclinical placement requirements, a one-term clinical leave of absence may be granted. The Clinical Placement Team must approve the request for a clinical leave of absence.

5. If you fail to meet the requirements of an arranged clinical placement after two attempts, you will be withdrawn from your academic program at the end of the current term.

**Oregon Health Professions Requirements**

Effective July 1, 2014, students completing certain types of clinical training in the state of Oregon are required to complete a standardized set of administrative requirements prior to beginning the clinical experience. These requirements include, but are not limited to, immunizations, screenings, and trainings listed by the Oregon Health...
Authority. Students are responsible for the costs associated with completion of these requirements. Additional information can be found on the Oregon Health Authority website. Health sciences and nursing students should work with the Clinical Placement Team to determine what requirements will need to be completed.

Accelerated Master’s Degree Options

If you are enrolled in a School of Health Sciences bachelor’s degree program and wish to continue on to pursue a School of Health Sciences master’s degree program, you may be eligible to take up to five graduate-level courses in place of open or major electives.

In order to qualify for an accelerated master’s degree option, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Have completed a minimum of 90 quarter credit hours in a School of Health Sciences bachelor’s degree program, including any credits received for prior learning.
2. Possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
3. Obtain a grade of “B” or better in each of the master’s-level courses and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 while completing the master’s-level courses; failure to meet this requirement will result in removal from the accelerated master’s degree option.

 Upon successful completion of the bachelor’s degree program, you may apply for entry to the relevant Purdue Global master’s degree program. If accepted, you will transfer in the graduate courses completed as part of your undergraduate program and matriculate into a shortened version of the master’s degree program.

Consult with your Student Advisor for additional information, to ensure that you are eligible for this option, and to apply for entry. You should also discuss any financial aid implications with the Financial Aid Office.

You may be required to take additional courses to fulfill the requisite 180 credits necessary to complete a Purdue Global bachelor’s degree.

Block Transfer Option for EMS Program Graduates

If you are a graduate of a Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredited emergency medical services (EMS) program, you may receive credit for your credential. Students enrolled in the Medical Assistant Certificate, Medical Billing and Coding Certificate, Medical Office Administration Certificate, and all School of Health Sciences bachelor’s degree programs are eligible to receive credit for the following courses, when required by or applicable to the program:

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To receive credit, by the end of the first term an official transcript must be received from the CAAHEP-accredited granting institution. Transcripts received after the end of the first term may be denied eligibility for an official transfer credit evaluation.

Graduation Requirements

You must meet the below graduation requirements in addition to Purdue Global’s general requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/policy-information).

1. Complete with a passing grade all requirements for your program of study, within the maximum time frame permitted, and attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
2. Comply with all applicable policies and requirements related to the clinical educational experiences.

Programs

Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness

The Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness program is designed to prepare you to pursue a variety of career opportunities in health care and health and wellness-related industries. The program’s curriculum focuses on building content knowledge and skills in the broad areas of health care and health and wellness.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/health-wellness-bs)

Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration

The Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration program is designed to address the growing need for well-prepared, entry-level health care administrators. The objective of the program is to provide you with the foundation to work within the health care industry as well as prepare you to pursue entry-level supervisory roles in health care organizations.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/health-care-administration-bs)

Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management

The Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management supports the development of innovative and adaptive critical thinkers and problem solvers who are capable of using available services and technologies to support operations, management, and decision-making initiatives within the health information field.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/health-information-management-bs)

Bachelor of Science in Health Science

The Bachelor of Science in Health Science program focuses on building content knowledge and skills in the broad areas of health science and health care. Coursework highlights foundational knowledge and skills as well as overall concepts, values, research methods, and applications that could prepare you to pursue a career in health care or health science.

View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/health-science-bs)
Bachelor of Science in Nutrition
The Bachelor of Science in Nutrition program focuses on building content knowledge and skills in the broad areas of nutrition science and health care. The program's curriculum highlights foundational knowledge and skills as well as overall concepts, values, research methods, and applications that could prepare you to pursue a variety of career opportunities in health care and nutrition science-related industries.
View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/nutrition-bs)

Associate of Applied Science in Health Science
If you are a military student who has already received military training for medical and health science occupational specialties, the Associate of Applied Science in Health Science offers you a military-friendly path to achieve advancement in your military or civilian career. The program awards maximum credit for prior military medical and health science training with a focus on speed to degree and military career progression. The degree plan includes general education and discipline-specific health science courses that build upon your military training and experience to best prepare you for advancement in the military or civilian life.
View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/health-science-aas)

Associate of Applied Science in Medical Office Management
(Not Accepting Enrollments, Effective November 11, 2015)
The objective of the Associate of Applied Science in Medical Office Management program is to prepare you with the knowledge, technical skills, and work habits to pursue entry-level positions in medical offices. The program concentrates on helping you develop skills to submit medical claims for reimbursement, process bills, and develop a working knowledge of various insurance plans as well as administrative procedures.
View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/medical-office-management-aas)

Associate of Science in Health Science
If you have received military training for medical and health science occupational specialties and want to earn an associate’s degree and then continue your studies to earn a bachelor’s degree, the Associate of Science in Health Science is a military-friendly path that can help you reach your educational and career goals.
View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/health-science-as)

Health Care Quality and Patient Safety Certificate
The Health Care Quality and Patient Safety Certificate is designed to expand upon the knowledge and skills of pharmacy technicians in the areas of quality improvement and patient safety. Coursework highlights patient safety theory, the scope of medication errors, cultural competence, and ethical decision-making. The program provides a solid overview of emerging trends in a rapidly changing health care system.

Medical Assistant Certificate (Online)
The objective of the Medical Assistant Certificate program is to prepare you with the knowledge, technical skills, and work habits to pursue an entry-level position in the ambulatory medical field. The Medical Assistant Certificate program is designed to prepare competent entry-level medical assistants in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains.
View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/medical-assistant-certificate-online)

Medical Billing/Coding Certificate
The objective of the Medical Billing/Coding Certificate program is to prepare you with the knowledge, technical skills, and work habits to pursue an entry-level position as a billing and insurance specialist in either a physician’s office or institutional setting, or as a patient referral specialist, coder, or medical receptionist. The curriculum concentrates on helping you acquire the basic skills and knowledge necessary to submit medical claims for reimbursement, process bills, operate computerized billing systems, and gain a working knowledge of various insurance plans.
View Program Details (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/medical-billing-coding-certificate)

Medical Office Administration Certificate
The objective of the Medical Office Administration Certificate program is to prepare you with the knowledge, technical skills, and work habits to pursue entry-level positions in medical offices. The program concentrates on helping you develop skills to submit medical claims for reimbursement, process bills, and develop a working knowledge of various insurance plans as well as administrative procedures.
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