The College of Health Sciences is one of the six health professions colleges which, with the University Hospital, constitute the health science campus of the University of Kentucky.

The College of Health Sciences is comprised of the Department of Clinical Sciences and the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences.

Today health science professionals are assuming greatly expanded and increasingly complex duties and responsibilities as essential members of the health care team. They work in a variety of delivery settings and have key responsibilities for the care and health of patients, clients, and communities. The UK College of Health Sciences, established in 1966, was among the first colleges to offer programs for students interested in these rapidly developing health professions. The college strives continually to revise its offerings in keeping with society's evolving expectations and health care needs.

Undergraduate Programs in Health Sciences

The University of Kentucky grants the following degree in the College of Health Sciences:

- Bachelor of Health Sciences

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Health Sciences may select from these majors: clinical laboratory sciences, clinical leadership and management, and communication disorders.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

Baccalaureate Programs

Baccalaureate programs in the College of Health Sciences are divided into preprofessional and professional programs. A preprofessional program is comprised of courses prerequisite to professional program content as well as University Studies requirements. Freshman and transfer students who have initially not completed prerequisites for entrance into a professional program complete only the first step of the application process – application to the University of Kentucky. Freshman applicants to the college will be admitted if they meet University entrance requirements.

A professional program is comprised of all courses and clinical experiences required for students who have applied for and have been accepted into professional programs. Consideration for admission to the college’s professional programs requires completion of prerequisite course work and completion of the professional application procedure.

Therefore, the admissions procedure for all undergraduate programs within the College of Health Sciences is a two-step process. Applicants must first be accepted by the University of Kentucky and second must apply for admission to a professional program approximately two semesters prior to completing prerequisites.

This selection procedure is necessary because of the limited space in the professional years of the health sciences programs.

Requirements for the first several years (preprofessional program) may be completed at the University of Kentucky, a community college, or another fully accredited college or university.

At the time of application to the professional program, the student should have completed the prerequisites required for application to the program he or she plans to enter, and have plans to complete all prerequisites before actual enrollment in the professional program as directed by each program.

It is essential that complete, accurate information be furnished on the application. Individuals seeking entry into the professional programs or those admitted to the programs through falsified or misleading information may be dropped from consideration or dismissed from the programs.

Persons not enrolled at the University of Kentucky must complete applications to both the University of Kentucky and the professional program. Application materials are available from:

- Clinical Laboratory Sciences
  www.mc.uky.edu/cls/

- Clinical Leadership and Management
  www.mc.uky.edu/clm/

- Communication Disorders
  www.mc.uky.edu/commdisorders/

Deadlines and specific application instructions are listed for each program in the descriptions which follow. Additional information for each program is available on their respective Web sites.

Graduate Programs

Students who want to earn advanced degrees in health sciences fields must be admitted to the University of Kentucky Graduate School. For complete information, students should refer to The Graduate School Bulletin or contact:

Graduate School Admissions
201 Gillis Building
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506-0033
(859) 257-4613
fax: (859) 323-5986
www.research.uky.edu/gs/

The College of Health Sciences offers graduate programs in the following areas: athletic training, clinical nutrition, communication disorders, health physics, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, radiological medical physics, and rehabilitation sciences.

APPENDIX

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS IN HEALTH SCIENCES

Professional Program Applicants (Students who have completed prerequisites at UK, community colleges, or other accredited colleges or universities)

Applications are available on the program Web site (see below):

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PROBATION AND SUSPENSION

The probation and suspension rules for professional students in the College of Health Sciences appear under Academic Requirements in the front section of this Bulletin.

NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS

Some courses will require a period of training off campus in community facilities outside of Lexington.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Academic advising is available from the College of Health Sciences. Students should report to the Office of Student Affairs to be assigned an advisor. Detailed information on each program is detailed on each program’s Web site.

For academic advising, contact:

Corrie Scott
Academic Advisor
(859) 323-1100 ext. 8-0546
cyscot1@uky.edu

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

College Graduation Requirements

To graduate with a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree from the College of Health Sciences, a student must (1) satisfy University Studies requirements and (2) complete a minimum of 120 semester hours, including required courses in both the preprofessional and professional programs.

DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL SCIENCES

B.H.S. with a major in CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

The mission of the Division of Clinical and Reproductive Sciences is to help the College of Health Sciences achieve its mission through creative leadership and productivity in clinical laboratory science education, research, and service.

The undergraduate Clinical Laboratory Sciences (CLS) program at the University of Kentucky prepares Clinical Laboratory Scientists who perform laboratory tests that aid in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease. CLS graduates receive training in four major disciplines of the clinical laboratory: immunohematology (blood-banking), clinical chemistry, hematology, and microbiology. Additional course work includes phlebotomy, CLS education or clinical education, and laboratory management.

CLS graduates are employed in a variety of health care settings including hospital and private laboratories, clinics, pharmaceutical companies, research institutions, the armed forces, public health centers, and veterinary clinics. In addition to performing clinical laboratory tests, CLS graduates also serve as consultants, managers, sales and technical representatives, and educators.

Admission

Admission into the Clinical Laboratory Sciences professional program requires:

• minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.75 for all courses taken at institutions of higher education;
• three professional letters of recommendation;
• personal interview scores based on interviews with two CLS faculty members. The interview will focus on identifying the applicant’s strengths, commitment to, and knowledge of the profession;
• completion of the preprofessional requirements.

The application deadline for the 3 + 1 Program is April 1.

Preprofessional Requirements

The preprofessional program consists of (1) courses that fulfill the University Studies Program and (2) prerequisite courses required by the CLS professional program. The University Studies Program (USP) is a program of required subjects that all students enrolled at the University of Kentucky must complete in order to receive a baccalaureate degree. See “University Studies Program” on pages 84-88 for the complete University Studies requirements.

Prerequisite Course Requirements

2 semesters of general chemistry with laboratory
1 semester general microbiology with laboratory
1 semester of human physiology (or combined course in physiology and anatomy)
1 semester of statistical methods
1 semester of biochemistry (may take CLS 822 to fulfill this requirement)
1 semester of immunology (may take CLS 835 to fulfill this requirement)

Professional Course Requirements

CLS 832 Basic Clinical Chemistry ................................. 1
CLS 833 Basic Hematology ......................................... 1
CLS 836 Laboratory Organization and Management .... 3
CLS 838 Basic Immunohematology ............................ 1
CLS 843 Advanced Clinical Hematology and Body Fluid Analysis ................................................. 3
CLS 844 Advanced Clinical Chemistry ....................... 3
CLS 848 Molecular Techniques and Advanced Immunohematology ................................. 3
CLS 851 Basic Clinical Microbiology .......................... 1
CLS 856 Advanced Clinical Microbiology ................. 3
CLS 860 Blood Collection ........................................... 1
CLS 881 Immunohematology Practicum .................... 5
CLS 882 Practicum in Clinical Chemistry ................. 5
CLS 883 Practicum in Clinical Hematology .............. 5
CLS 884 Practicum in Clinical Microbiology .......... 5
CLS 890 Laboratory Investigation ............................. 3
CSC 528 Laboratory Techniques for Clinical Sciences Students ........................................... 2

Subtotal: Professional Course Hours ....... 45

3 + 1 Program

The 10-month CLS professional program is offered on the Lexington campus of the University of Kentucky and encompasses the fourth year of study in the baccalaureate degree program. The program provides sequential instruction in laboratory medicine for the student who has been well prepared in science and mathematics during the first three years of university study. Through lecture, laboratory, demonstrations and clinical practice, students are prepared for clinical practice in the modern, automated laboratory. Graduates are eligible to take national certification examinations as Medical Laboratory Scientists/Medical Technology.

Students can choose summer or winter entry to the CLS program depending on when they complete the prerequisites. During the summer session, students are introduced to the clinical laboratory, and practice basic level clinical laboratory techniques in student laboratories. Students complete intense courses in the principles and practices of basic hematology and clinical chemistry. Students then complete practice in clinical chemistry and hematology laboratories while supported by faculty lectures and demonstrations in advanced topics in these disciplines. Clinical practica are structured to sequentially present increasingly complex tasks. Students take a management course in the fall that introduces them to laboratory structure and regulations.

Following winter break, students complete intense courses in the principles and practices of immunohematology and clinical microbiology. After completing lectures which cover basic practice in immunohematology and clinical microbiology, students complete practica in microbiology and immunohematology laboratories while supported by CLS faculty lectures and demonstrations. Concurrent with presentation of didactic materials and skills instruction, students integrate the knowledge that has been gained throughout the professional year by participating in an exploration of critical pathways and evidenced-based decision-making in the clinical laboratory.

Clinical practica may be completed at the University of Kentucky Hospital clinical laboratories and/or clinical laboratories throughout the state that have a current clinical affiliation agreement with the CRS Division in the College of Health Sciences. Throughout the year, students must attend classes on the Lexington campus, including all basic level instruction. Web courses for advanced level didactic courses that coincide with the clinical practica may also include some on-campus meetings.

Students holding baccalaureate degrees in a health-related science including biology, chemistry, biochemistry, medical biology, immunology, anatomy, physiology, nutritional sciences or health sciences education may enroll in the CLS professional program and earn a CHS certifi-
College of Health Sciences

Graduate Degrees in Clinical Sciences

The Clinical Sciences graduate programs offer a unique multidisciplinary masters and doctorate programs that address the rapidly changing health care environment and selected evolving clinical science disciplines. This program of study provides the opportunity for advanced education and career enhancement for health professionals in the clinical sciences. The master’s degree provides a foundation in advanced clinical sciences. Students may specialize in Reproductive Laboratory Sciences.

For additional information, refer to: www.mc.uky.edu/clms. Or contact:

Linda S. Gorman, Ph.D.
CLS Program Director
900 S. Limestone Street
126G CTW Building
Lexington, KY 40536-0200
(859) 323-1100 ext. 8-0855
lsgorm0@uky.edu

B.H.S. with a major in
CLINICAL LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Graduates of the Clinical Leadership and Management program earn a Bachelor of Health Sciences (B.H.S.) degree. The purpose of the program is to provide health care professionals with formal academic education and skills training needed to prepare them for leadership and management roles and responsibilities. The program offers a career ladder for professional advancement in the health sciences. Program graduates will be prepared to assume greater responsibilities at their current jobs, be better qualified for job promotions, and be positioned for graduate studies.

This program is intended for health care professionals who have an associate degree in a health-related discipline.

Historically, there have been limited educational options for associate degree trained health professionals who are interested in pursuing a baccalaureate degree in Kentucky. This degree completion program accommodates transfer students for many allied health disciplines including, but not limited to: radiological technology, respiratory therapy, dental hygiene, clinical laboratory technicians, and nursing. The program provides accessible course offerings for non-traditional students who may require evening and part-time classes. It is anticipated that graduates of the B.H.S. program in Clinical Leadership and Management will benefit from advanced knowledge and skills which will enhance their job/career, work environment and quality of life. Program graduates may also benefit their employers, health care facility, and patients.

For additional information, go to: www.mc.uky.edu/clm/.

Application Process and Requirements

The admissions process begins with an application to the University of Kentucky by December 1 for spring enrollment and August 1 for fall enrollment. Application must also be made directly to the CLM program. The CLM program uses rolling admissions once applicants are accepted by the University as a degree seeking student. Criteria for admission to the program includes: an Associate Degree, 2.0 GPA, and one year of work experience in a health related area. Academic advising and information about admissions is available from:

Corrie Scott
Office of Student Affairs
College of Health Sciences
University of Kentucky
111 Charles T. Wethington Building
Lexington, KY 40536-0200
cyscott1@uky.edu

All transfer credits to meet CLM program core courses and electives must receive prior approval by the CLM Program Director. For additional information about program content, e-mail: elizabethschulman@uky.edu.

The Curriculum

A total of 120 credits (including 39 program credits as listed below, University Studies Program and graduation requirements) are required to receive the Bachelor of Health Sciences degree from the University of Kentucky. The core curriculum of 39 credits includes:

CLM 241 Health and Medical Care Delivery Systems ... 3
CLM 405 Epidemiology and Biostatistics .................. 3
CLM 350 Health Policy and Politics .......................... 3
CLM 351 Health Services Administration .................. 3
CLM 354 Health Law .............................................. 3
CLM 355 Financial Management of Health Care Institutions .............. 3
CLM 452 Community and Institutional Planning for Health Services Delivery ........................................ 3
CLM 840 Ethics in Health Practice ............................ 2
CLM 444 Leadership and Human Resource Management ........................................... 3
CLM 445 Quality and Productivity Improvement and Evaluation ........................................... 3
*CLM 595 Directed Studies .............................. 4
Upper Division Electives ............................................... 6

*Capstone Project

For More Information

For additional information, visit: www.mc.uky.edu/clm/.

DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SCIENCES

B.H.S. with a major in
COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

In keeping with the standards of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the undergraduate program in communication disorders is considered to be a preprofessional degree program. In order to meet Kentucky licensure and American Speech-Language-Hearing Association certification requirements, it is necessary to complete the master’s degree. Students pursuing this program should plan on six years to complete both the Bachelor of Health Science and Master of Science programs.

Admission to the Professional Program

The Communication Disorders program has selective admissions. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 42 credit hours at the time of application. Students are admitted to the professional program on a competitive basis. Admission is based on cumulative grade-point average, ACT or SAT scores, and relevant experiences. Applicants must submit a letter of application and three references. New students are admitted only for the fall semester. The application deadline is February 1.

University Studies Requirements Hours

See “University Studies Program” on pages 84-88 for the complete University Studies requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill University Studies areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the University Studies Program requirements.

Social Sciences

PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology .................. 4
plus one other course from University Studies social sciences listing ........................................... 3

Premajor Requirements Hours

PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology .................. 4
plus completion of 42 credit hours or more at time of application

Subtotal: Premajor Hours ..... minimum of 46

Related Studies Requirement Hours

Choose one of the following:
LIN 211 Introduction to Linguistics I
LIN 212 Introduction to Linguistics II
LIN 310 American English
LIN 317 Language and Society (Subtitle required)
LIN 318 Semantics and Pragmatics
LIN 319 Historical Linguistics

Subtotal: Related Studies Hours ............... 3
Major Requirements & Hours

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<td>CD 571</td>
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Certification and the Master’s Degree

The Master of Science degree program in Communication Disorders is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. Upon completion of the undergraduate degree and with admission to the master’s program, students complete the following courses for certification and the master’s degree.

Course Requirements & Hours

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Total Credit Hours: 30

The M.S. in Communication Disorders consists of 30 didactic hours plus optional thesis or comprehensive examinations.

ASHA Certification

Applicants wishing to meet American Speech-Language-Hearing Association certification requirements must also complete the following additional clinical orientation, clinical practicum and clinical rotation experiences plus 2 hours of graduate-level electives, and optional 1-6 hours in the thesis or comprehensive exams:

- CD 564 | Clinical Orientation in Communication Disorders | 3 |
- CD 657 | Clinical Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology | 6 |
- CD 659 | Clinical Rotation in Speech-Language Pathology | 21-30 |

Students completing the thesis option also complete the following:

- CD 748 | Master’s Thesis Research | 0 |
- CD 768 | Residence Credit for the Master’s Degree | 1-6 |

Physical Therapy – Doctor of Physical Therapy

The Physical Therapy Program at the University of Kentucky offers the professional (entry level) Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. The program is conducted at the Lexington campus and at the Center for Excellence in Rural Health campus in Hazard, Kentucky. Once accepted, the PT Program requires three successful years to completion (121 course credits) and results in the awarding of the DPT.

The PT Program has selective admissions. To be eligible for application, the student must complete a bachelor’s degree prior to the start of the PT program, or complete (by no later than the end of the spring semester of application) the junior year requirements in a declared major and meet the University of Kentucky’s University Scholars Program criteria which include:

- Ninety semester hours working toward a degree;
- An overall GPA of ≥3.2;
- A science GPA and major course GPA of ≥3.5;
- A combined verbal and quantitative GRE score of 1000 is recommended by the Physical Therapy Division.

For additional requirements for application, including the application form, go to: www.mc.uky.edu/PT/

For more information about the Physical Therapy Program at the Lexington campus, contact:

Physical Therapy Program
900 South Limestone Street Room 204
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40536-0200
(859) 218-0494
www.mc.uky.edu/PT/

The Center for Excellence in Rural Health, Doctor of Physical Therapy

In 1992, the College of Health Sciences initiated an expansion program in physical therapy based at the Center for Excellence in Rural Health in Hazard, Kentucky. This professional program is conducted in parallel with the Lexington campus program.

For more information about the Physical Therapy program at the Hazard location, contact:

Pamela Bates, M.S.W.
Student Services Coordinator
UK Center for Excellence in Rural Health
Office B 480
750 Morton Blvd.
Hazard, KY 41701
(606) 439-3557 ext. 8-3508
1-800-851-7512 ext. 8-3508
psbank0@email.uky.edu

GRADUATE DEGREES IN HEALTH SCIENCES

Master of Science in Athletic Training

The Master of Science in Athletic Training (AT) is designed to accommodate both NATA certified athletic trainers and NATA “certification eligible” athletic trainers. Course work and clinical experiences are designed to develop skills necessary to conduct research and increase proficiency in sports injury prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation. It is a goal that graduates become: critical consumers of research and accepted clinical practices, advanced health care providers, and leaders in the clinical, educational, and research endeavors of the profession.

For more information, contact:
College of Health Sciences

Carl Mattacola, Ph.D., ATC, Director
Division of Athletic Training
900 S. Limestone St., Room 206
210E CTW Building
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40536-0200
(859) 323-1100 ext. 8-0860
e-mail: carlmat@uky.edu
www.mc.uky.edu/Athletic_training

Graduate Certificate in Reproductive Laboratory Science
The College offers a Graduate Certificate in Reproductive Laboratory Science. For more information, contact:
Doris J. Baker, Ph.D., Director
Reproductive Laboratories
900 S. Limestone St., Room 126E
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40536-0200
(859) 323-1100 ext. 8-0854
e-mail: dbake0@uky.edu
www.mc.uky.edu/cls/rfs/certificate.html

Master of Science in Communication Disorders
The Master of Science in Communication Disorders is designed for students seeking entry-level professional preparation in speech-language pathology. Any student without an undergraduate major or equivalent in Communication Disorders should apply as a prerequisite student to complete the prerequisite course work. The curriculum incorporates course work and intensive clinical practicum experiences designed to prepare students to meet state licensure and national certification requirements. For further information, contact:
Director of Graduate Studies
Division of Communication Disorders
900 S. Limestone St., Room 120
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40536-0200
(859) 323-1100 ext. 8-0557

Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences
The program is designed to develop nutrition specialists, knowledgeable in the metabolic changes that occur in normal exercise and various pathophysiological states. Opportunities for specialization are available in the areas of clinical nutrition/medical nutrition therapy, wellness and sports nutrition, and community nutrition. Continued graduate study in Clinical Nutrition is possible through the Graduate Center for Nutritional Sciences.
The courses provide the student with in-depth knowledge of the role of nutrition in metabolism, the physiology of organ systems, and the pathophysiology of specific disease states. Elective course selections provide program focus while allowing maximum flexibility to meet individual needs. A minimum of 30 credit hours of course work is required for graduation.
For further information, contact:
Clinical Nutrition
900 S. Limestone St., Room 209
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40536-0200
(859) 323-1100 ext. 8-0859

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
Criteria for Admission
All applicants must have taken the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within the last five years. Official scores of the verbal, quantitative and analytical portions of the GRE must be submitted with application.
All applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0 from an accredited college or university. Applicants must have earned a C grade or better in the following prerequisite courses:

Prerequisite Courses
1 semester of general chemistry with laboratory
1 semester of organic chemistry with laboratory
1 semester of general psychology
1 semester of developmental psychology
1 semester of biology/zooology with laboratory
1 semester of microbiology (lab recommended)
1 semester of sociology/anthropology
1 semester of human anatomy
1 semester of human physiology
1 semester of medical terminology

Letters of Recommendation
Three (3) letters of recommendation (from academic and/or health care professionals) must be submitted from persons familiar with the applicant (for at least one year) and his/her professional goals.

Commitment
Applicants must demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to the role and responsibilities of a physician assistant.

Admission Essays
Applicants must submit an Admissions Essay according to the directions of the application for admission. The writing sample must be of graduate level quality and reflect the applicant’s commitment to primary care.

Basic Life Support
Proof of current American Heart Association certification of basic life support must be submitted at the time of interview and certification must be maintained throughout the program.

Technical Standards
All applicants must comply with the Technical Standards of the Physician Assistant Studies Program as established by the College of Health Sciences.