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SHRP School of Health Related Professions

BS in Health Sciences
Health Services Management and Education
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Students who choose UMDNJ’s School of Health Related Professions want a University that is exclusively dedicated to health care, with state-of-the-art equipment, rigorous coursework, and faculty who care. All our resources go toward supporting a health care educational environment that attracts and nurtures the very best faculty and students.
The SHRP Bachelor Degree Program in Health Services Management and Education is a unique and flexible program designed specifically for credentialed health care professionals. The program recognizes and builds on previous academic coursework as well as allied health professional experience and provides interdisciplinary course work, health care management and education courses designed to advance and broaden health care professional opportunities.

This program is available to credentialed allied health professionals who have an associate degree or certificate in allied health. Your prior coursework will be evaluated, and up to 80 credits may be applied towards the completion of your bachelor's degree. All core and many of the specialization courses are offered as web courses.

Towards the end of your coursework you will complete a practicum (4 credits) in the area of either health service management or health professions education.

Upon completion of the program, you will receive a Bachelors of Science in Health Sciences degree.
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)?

UMDNJ is the state university of the health sciences. There are eight schools on five campuses across New Jersey. UMDNJ is the largest university of its kind in America and is a leader in health care research, education, and patient care.

What is SHRP?

SHRP stands for the School of Health Related Professions, one of eight schools at UMDNJ. Our specialization is two-fold: (1) Preparing students for entry-level health care careers; (2) Educating health professionals for career advancement.

What types of degrees and programs does SHRP offer?

SHRP has over 35 programs at all academic levels. Many programs, including the Coordinated Dietetic Program, are offered in conjunction with one or more of our twenty-eight affiliate institutions.

What other concentration areas are offered in the BSHS program?

The BSHS program, in addition to the concentration area in Health Services Management and Education, offers BSHS degrees in: Allied Dental Education, Coordinated Dietetics and Imaging Sciences.

What roles within health care will the BSHS in Management and Education prepare me to assume?

The BSHS in Management and Education is designed to permit graduates to assume a variety of leadership roles within the health care industry. To accomplish this, the program is designed to enhance students' understanding of the major issues in health care today and how to effectively
manage organizational resources and optimize outcomes in such an environment. Possible career avenues for graduates include hospital/health organization administration, clinical department management, health care education and governmental health agency administration.

What does it mean that SHRP has affiliations with other institutions?

Affiliations are partnerships that SHRP has formed with other higher education institutions to provide you with the best education possible. These partners are called affiliates. SHRP offers all of the health-related courses and the affiliates offer the general education, basic sciences, and liberal arts courses.

What institutions are affiliated with the Program?

Thomas Edison State College (TESC) and New Jersey City University (NJCU). You must select one of these affiliates when you apply to SHRP. The answers to the questions below will clarify the distinctions between these affiliates to help you select one of them.

Admission/Registration

Where do I apply for admission?

Please submit the completed application and other required documents to UMDNJ, School of Health Related Professions, Office of Enrollment Services, 65 Bergen Street, Room 149, Newark, NJ 07101-1709  (973) 972-5454. Complete the application and select your affiliate.

Do I need licensure and college credits to enter the program?

Yes. You need to be a credentialed health professional to be considered for admission. Examples of such professionals include registered nurses (associate degree), respiratory therapists, radiographers and dental hygienists. Applicants are
required to submit a notarized copy of current registry or licensure. College credits and in some cases health care profession certificate courses, will be reviewed for transfer credit into the program.

**What is the application deadline?**

The application and all supporting documents must be received by March 1 for the fall term. Supporting documents include a notarized copy of your health professional credential as well as official transcripts from all institutions where you earned academic credits.

**What are the other requirements?**

Since SHRP offers Web courses, you are required to be computer literate upon enrollment in the program. You must also have remote (off-campus) access to Internet services, to include at least web browsing capability and e-mail.

**What is the admission selection process?**

Selection is a competitive process that is the responsibility of the faculty. Decisions are based on a composite of the applicant's overall academic ability, including aptitude and abilities in professional and science courses; both oral and written self-expression; personal characteristics such as leadership potential; and life and work experiences including Internet experience. The School does not discriminate against qualified individuals on the basis of race, creed, national origin or disability. The University recognizes the value of diversity and is committed to providing appropriate support to its student body. The Disability Compliance Coordinator may be reached at 973-972-8594.
**Where do I register?**

Students who select Thomas Edison State College register for all Thomas Edison State College and SHRP courses through SHRP only. Students who choose New Jersey City University register for all NJCU and SHRP courses through NJCU only.

**Who will advise me during the program?**

An advisor will be assigned to you upon acceptance. You are required to schedule an appointment with your advisor before each semester and are encouraged to have ongoing communication with your advisor. If you select Thomas Edison State College, you will be advised through SHRP only. If you choose New Jersey City University there is dual advisement, and you must make an appointment each semester with both your SHRP and your NJCU advisor.

**Where do I take classes if I select Thomas Edison State College?**

You must take all health-related courses at SHRP (15 credits of core and 25 credits of Health Services Management and Education courses). All courses are offered on the Web, the concentration courses are web or web enhanced. You are required to take a minimum of 12 liberal arts or elective credits through Thomas Edison State College. Please note that although you will take these courses through Thomas Edison State College, you will register with SHRP. You may also take any remaining required courses at Thomas Edison State College or at any accredited college near your home with prior approval from your SHRP advisor.

**Where do I take classes if I select New Jersey City University (NJCU)?**

You must take all health-related courses at SHRP (15 credits of core and 25 credits of Health Services Management and Education courses). All core courses are offered on the Web,
the concentration courses are web or web enhanced. You are required to take your Health Science courses (24 credits) and General Education required courses on the NJCU campus in Jersey City.

Can I pursue course work on a full-time or part-time basis?

You can pursue this program on either a full-time or part-time basis. In general, this program is designed for working health care professionals who are pursuing the BSHS on a part-time basis. You have eight years to complete the program.

What is portfolio assessment?

Through portfolio assessment, you may be granted credit for significant non-collegiate learning experiences. After providing the required documentation, your learning experiences will be evaluated by the appropriate faculty. More information about portfolio assessment can be found on the SHRP website at: http://shrp.umdnj.edu/admissions/index.html. Click on the Portfolio Assessment link.

What degree will I receive from this program?

You will receive a joint Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree from SHRP and Thomas Edison State College or New Jersey City University.

How many credits will I need to graduate if I choose TESC?

You will need a minimum of 121 credits and fulfillment of the program requirements to graduate from the program if you choose Thomas Edison State College. The total of 121 credits includes: Liberal Arts 48 credits, Specialization 24 credits, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Core 15 credits, Concentration 25 credits, and Electives 9 credits.
How many credits will I need to graduate if I chose NJCU?

You will need a minimum of 128 credits to graduate from the program if you choose NJCU. The 128 credits includes: General Studies 36 credits, Professional Sequence 40 credits, Health Sciences 24 credits, Health Professions Transfer Credits 22 credits, and Electives 9 credits. Some of your Professional Sequence credits may also count towards the 36-credit General Studies requirement.

How do I receive transfer credit?

The affiliate will complete a transfer evaluation. If you select TESC, you are required to pay a credit assessment fee. You will then meet with your advisor to develop a program plan to meet your needs and the degree requirements.

How much transfer credit will I receive?

You may receive a maximum of 80 credits approved by Thomas Edison State College. A New Jersey City University student may receive a maximum of 64 approved credits.
What is the typical coursework?

You are required to take the following core and concentration courses:

**Core Courses (15 Credits)**
- IDST3400 Applications of Computers in Health Care
- IDST3510 Principles of Scientific Inquiry
- IDST4115 Health Care Organizations
- IDST4150 Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care
- IDST4200 Cultural Issues in Health Care

**Concentration Courses (25 Credits)**
- IDST4116 Health Care Finance and Budgeting
- IDST4117 Health Services Management
- IDST 4140 Educational Methodology for the Allied Health Profession
- IDST 4220 Designing and Planning Research Projects
- IDST4300 Human Resource Management in Health Care
- IDST4409 Health Services Practicum
- IDST4650 Quality and Leadership in Health Care

Course descriptions are available at [http://coursecatalog.umdnj.edu/shrp](http://coursecatalog.umdnj.edu/shrp).

What is the practicum requirement?

The practicum is a flexible four-credit, 160 hour directed field experience that is individually planned for each student. It is designed to provide teaching, administrative or clinical experiences in educational, governmental or health care agencies. A faculty member will be assigned to oversee your practicum. You may choose either a practicum in health services management or health professions education. The type of practicum and the facility in which the practicum takes place depends on your background and career goals.
Special Opportunities For Students

What if I want to enroll in the Masters of Science in Health Sciences or the Master of Science in Health Systems at SHRP when I graduate?

If you earned a B average or better in the SHRP BSHS Program, you may be accepted into the SHRP Master of Science in Health Sciences or Health Systems Programs.

Can I take course work before I have been accepted for admission?

Yes. You may begin to take courses as a nonmatriculant while waiting for an admission decision. A nonmatriculant is a student who has not been accepted into a degree program. You may take up to 12 credits as a nonmatriculated student through the Center for Advanced and Continuing Education (CACE). For more information about nonmatriculated status, please call the CACE office at 908-889-2560 or check the web site at: http://shrp.umdnj.edu/admissions/admissions9_non_matric.html.

Tuition/Financial Aid

How much will I pay for tuition and fees?

Students who select Thomas Edison State College pay the UMDNJ tuition rate. For current UMDNJ tuition and fees, go to http://shrp.umdnj.edu/admissions/index.html. Click on the tuition and fees link. Students in clinical rotations or attending full time are required to pay UMDNJ for health insurance or prove that they have comparable insurance. For information about health insurance, go to http://shrp.umdnj.edu/admissions/index.html. Click on the Health Insurance link. Students who select NJCU pay NJCU rates. Please check their web site at http://www.njcu.edu for more information.
How much will I pay for other program costs?

Books, lab coats, supplies, Internet access, and commencement fees will vary but average around $2000 for our programs. Food and housing costs vary depending on accommodations. UMDNJ does not provide housing. If you need to purchase computer hardware, software and/or a printer, your costs will increase.

Where do I pay tuition?

Students who select Thomas Edison State College pay tuition to UMDNJ and students who choose NJCU pay tuition to New Jersey City University.

Is financial aid available?

Yes. For students paying UMDNJ, contact the Financial Aid Office at (973) 972-4376 or visit their web site at http://www.umdnj.edu/studentfinancialaid/index_new_brow.htm. For students paying NJCU, contact the Financial Aid Office at (201) 200-3173. Scholarship assistance may also be available through your health profession organization.
Mission and Program Philosophy Statements

What is the mission of UMDNJ?

The University’s mission is to promote professional standards of excellence among students and health care professionals by meeting the health needs of New Jersey citizens through the coordination of education, research and community service.

What is the philosophy of the BSHS Program for Health Related Professionals?

The shared goals of this program are to advance and broaden the skills of health related professionals who are prepared at the associate degree/certificate level. The program offers advanced level interdisciplinary courses, and a practicum designed to meet the diverse, flexible and professional needs of practicing health care professionals. The program offers students courses in a variety of traditional learning settings as well as distance education formats. Students are prepared to advance within their allied health profession, as well as work collaboratively with other health care professionals to promote health and help address many of the health problems of today.
Accreditation

Is the program accredited?

UMDNJ is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. All educational programs of the University have been approved by the academic, governmental and professional agencies with responsibilities in the specific areas of specialization. The primary and affiliated teaching hospitals are accredited by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JACHO).

To Learn More

To learn more about the Program, contact the Program Director, Cheryl Bellamy, at 973-972-8576 or by e-mail at BSHS-SHRP@umdnj.edu. You may also want to visit our web site at http://www.shrp.umdnj.edu and click on catalog and Educational/undergraduate programs.