

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO HEALTHCARE AND MEDICINE

INTRODUCTION

Healthcare is the largest industry in the United States. It is also the largest growing. Current college students can expect to find employment in various healthcare industries including hospitals and clinics, non-profit organizations, government and business and industry. Many careers require advanced degrees at the graduate and professional level. There are many pathways which a student could pursue a career in healthcare or medicine or to achieve advanced degrees at the graduate and professional level. This document is intended to help students find alternative pathways to a career in healthcare and medicine at The Ohio State University.

EXPLORATION PROCESS

When in the process of searching for a new major or area of study, it is important to use a variety of resources available to students who seek those services at Ohio State. Students should consider using some or all of the following resources to aid in their search.

1. The Web at <http://www.osu.edu/academics/a-z.php>
Student can find the “A-Z Academic List” on the Ohio State website which links to each college, school, or program available at Ohio State.
2. Degree Audit Report at http://www.buckeyelink.osu.edu/advising_degree.html.
Use this document to evaluate the courses that one needs to complete to meet all degree requirements for a particular degree or major at Ohio State.
3. Exploration Program at <http://www.exploration.osu.edu/redeciding/definition.cfm>.
Review information available online for Re-Deciding Students. Use resources available to actively review and pursue other majors at Ohio State. Considering schedule an appointment with an advisor in Exploration who specializes in helping students find alternative majors at Ohio State.
4. Meet with an advisor. Use the contact information available on individual websites to schedule an appointment with an academic advisor in an area of study that interests you. An advisor can share information with you about the degree or programs which he or she represents. However, the academic advisor cannot make the final decision for you.
5. Conduct Informational Interviews. One of the best ways to explore career interests is to speak with a professional in the area in which you believe you have an interest. Conducting informational interviews can help you gather additional information to make a career decision. Use the guide for “Conducting an Informational Interview” to help with this process.

COMMON ALTERNATIVE MAJORS AT OHIO STATE

Academic Advisors in SAMP have worked with hundreds of students who have selected majors outside of SAMP and still plan to enter the healthcare industry. Some of those majors are:

1. Sociology, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
<http://www.sociology.ohio-state.edu/>
2. Psychology, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
<http://www.psy.ohio-state.edu/>
3. Consumer Sciences, College of Education and Human Ecology
<http://ehe.osu.edu/cs/>
4. Human Development and Family Science, College of Education and Human Ecology
<http://ehe.osu.edu/hdfs/>
5. Human Nutrition, College of Education and Human Ecology
<http://ehe.osu.edu/hn/>
6. Exercise Science or Health Promotion, College of Education and Human Ecology
<http://ehe.osu.edu/paes/>
7. Sport and Leisure Studies, College of Education and Human Ecology
<http://ehe.osu.edu/paes/>
8. Communications, School of Communication
<http://www.comm.ohio-state.edu/>
9. Biology, College of Biological Sciences
<http://www.biosci.ohio-state.edu/>
10. Speech and Hearing Science, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
<http://sphs.osu.edu/>

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Resources are available to students across campus that can be supportive of students who are considering a major change.

Walter E. Dennis Learning Center

Younkin Success Center, 688-4011
www.dennislearningcenter.osu.edu

Exploration

352 Denney Hall, 292-0646
www.exploration.osu.edu

Career Connection

Younkin Success Center, 688-3898
www.careerconnection.osu.edu

Counseling and Consultation Services

Younkin Success Center, 292-5766
www.ccs.osu.edu

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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