

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES

The Associate of Science in Health Sciences program is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in the field of health care. This online health science degree program provides a comprehensive foundation for those seeking a career in health care, health promotion, disease prevention, and service in various settings. With a strong emphasis on professional skills and ethical decision-making, this associate degree in health science prepares graduates to make a meaningful impact in the healthcare industry.

One of the program's unique strengths is its integration of a Christian worldview, fostering a holistic approach to healthcare. This distinctive perspective ensures that graduates are not only well-prepared academically but also grounded in values that promote compassionate patient care. Furthermore, the AS in Health Sciences serves as an excellent stepping stone for further studies in nursing or advanced degrees in health-related fields. Whether students aspire to become a healthcare professional or want to continue their education, this associate degree program opens doors to a range of exciting opportunities, making it an ideal choice for anyone seeking a versatile and enriching educational experience in the health sciences.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) for Associate of Science in Health Sciences Degree

Graduates of the Associate of Science degree program will be able to:

- **PLO 1:** Relate a Christian worldview to personal values and the health sciences.
- **PLO 2:** Demonstrate the fundamentals of oral communication skills.
- **PLO 3:** Demonstrate the fundamentals of written communication skills.
- **PLO 4:** Incorporate current research into health science problem-solving.
- **PLO 5:** Apply quantitative reasoning to health science concepts.
- **PLO 6:** Identify how the diverse experiences and backgrounds of individuals influence interactions in the health sciences.
- **PLO 7:** Demonstrate fundamental lab skills in the areas of anatomy, physiology, microbiology, and chemistry.

Core

The Los Angeles Pacific University Core comprises the General Education requirements and the LAPU Distinctives. Students are encouraged to complete the Core before beginning their major requirements. General Education requirements may be met by transfer work. The LAPU Distinctives are required for all undergraduate degrees at LAPU.

Requirement	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		25
LAPU Distinctives		9
Total Credits		34

Requirement	Title	Credits
English Communication		
COMM 105	Public Communication	3
ENGL 105	Introduction to Academic Research and Writing	3
Arts		
ARTS 110	Introduction to Art	3
Humanities		
PHIL 210	Introduction to Ethics	3
Quantitative Reasoning		
STAT 280	Applied Statistics	3
Behavioral Sciences		
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology	3
Social Sciences		
HIST 202	World Civilizations	3
or HIST 204	U.S. History from 1865	
or HIST 420	United States History and the Constitution	
Physical and Biological Sciences		
CHEM 115	Chemistry for Health Sciences/Lab	4
Total Credits		25

LAPU Distinctives

Requirement	Title	Credits
BIBL 100	Introduction to Biblical Literature: Exodus/Deuteronomy	3
BIBL 230	Introduction to Biblical Literature: Luke/Acts	3
ISTU 101	Success in the University ¹	3
Total Credits		9

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Must be taken at LAPU.

Program Requirements

Requirements for the A. S. in Health Sciences

Requirement	Title	Credits
LAPU Core		
Core Requirement		34
Health Sciences (A.S., 26 credits) ¹		
BIOL 225	Microbiology/Lab	4
BIOL 230	Anatomy and Physiology I/Lab	4
BIOL 240	Anatomy and Physiology II/Lab	4
PSYC 295	Human Growth and Development	3
Select three of the following:		9
BIOL 105	General Biology/Lab (4 credits)	
ENGL 115	Introduction to Literature (3 credits)	
HSCI 100	Introduction to Health and Disease (3 credits)	
HSCI 105	Nutrition and Wellness (3 credits)	
HSCI 110	U.S. Healthcare Systems (3 credits)	
<i>Electives ²</i>		2
Total Credits		60

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Additional courses may be required by some nursing or other health science programs. It is the student's responsibility to determine which specific courses are required for future academic goals.

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If BIOL 105 is one of the three courses selected above, only one elective credit is required. Elective credits offer students the opportunity to explore an area of interest beyond the required coursework.