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Professionals enrolled in the B.G.S. in Health and Human Sciences Program will enjoy these benefits:

- Credit for up to 30 hours of coursework in the professional credential area of study
- Local and online classes that give busy adults the flexibility to choose when and where to take classes
- An individualized degree program developed with the help of an adviser
- A core of required courses focusing on the business and legal aspects of health and human sciences organizations and cross cultural perspectives
- A wide variety of practical elective courses in Allied Health Professions; Family, Consumer, & Nutrition Sciences; Gerontology; Communicative Disorders; Nursing; and interdisciplinary areas
- A rich learning experience with students from a variety of disciplines and academic backgrounds

COURSE LOCATIONS

Courses are offered at the Rock Valley College Stenstrom Center, NIU Rockford, and online. For maps to each of the locations, visit www.rvc.niu.edu.

COST

Tuition and fees are the same as courses held at any of the NIU Outreach Centers and vary by year. Visit www.rvc.niu.edu for current rates.

Financial aid packages are available to eligible students. Consult the NIU Student Financial Aid Office at (815) 753-1395 for details.

CONTACT

Interested in learning more? Visit www.chhs.niu.edu for course titles, descriptions and additional information.

Have a specific question? Visit www.rvc.niu.edu and ask a virtual adviser. You can also contact Sandi Splansky, Director, Academic Advising, College of Health and Human Sciences at (815) 753-1891 or via e-mail at ssplansky@niu.edu.



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For additional information:
NIU admissions (800) 892-3050
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ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate students must successfully complete NIU graduation requirements. The requirements of the B.G.S. major replaces the requirements of a regular departmental major.

The requirements for the B.G.S. in Health and Human Sciences degree program are presented below.

- A written professional goals statement
- Core and elective courses on the following topics:
 - Introduction to Health and Human Sciences
 - Ecology of Health
 - Administration for Professionals in Health and Human Sciences
 - Legal and Ethical Issues
 - Disability in Society
 - Lifespan Human Development
 - Issues in Gerontology
 - Critical Thinking for Health and Human Services Professionals
 - Research in Health and Human Sciences
 - Risk and Disaster Management
 - Cross Cultural Perspectives
 - Resource Allocation
- A minimum of 30 semester hours in elective, upper division courses from the College of Health and Human Sciences with no more than 24 semester hours from a single department, chosen with the adviser
- Students must fulfill NIU general education degree requirements, which can be done at a community college
- Upon completion of all other required coursework, students holding a professional credential, license, certificate, or associate's degree in a health and human sciences field may receive up to 30 semester hours of credit for courses taken in the professional field. These 30 semester hours will be included in the 120 total credit hours needed for graduation.

ADMISSION

If you've completed, or are in the process of completing, an associate's degree or certificate program, you can easily continue your education through the RVC-NIU Partnership. Your credits from selected programs at RVC will transfer to similar NIU programs offered through the partnership. Simply apply to NIU and send all official transcripts. You will receive an official evaluation so you can see how your courses transfer to NIU.

You can also request dual enrollment at NIU and RVC so that you can take coursework simultaneously at the two schools. This seamless transfer process lets you automatically receive NIU credit for certain RVC courses. You will receive updates on your academic progress and understand which RVC courses will transfer for credit to NIU. Your admissions counselor can fill you in on the details.

Admission to the B.G.S. in Health and Human Sciences is restricted. Applicants must hold a professional credential, license, certificate or associate's degree in the health and human sciences field. Once you are admitted to NIU, obtain the application form online at www.rvc.niu.edu and www.chhs.niu.edu. After you are accepted into the B.G.S. program, a Health and Human Sciences adviser will meet with you to review your previous course work, discuss appropriate courses to meet your goals, and plan the most efficient way to finish your B.G.S. in Health and Human Sciences degree.

Advance your career in health and human sciences

by earning a quality bachelor's degree from the region's premier public university. With convenient, local and online classes held in the evenings and on weekends, you can finish your degree on a part-time basis. Graduates with a B.G.S. in Health and Human Sciences will gain a competitive edge in pursuit of leadership or administrative opportunities.

Individuals holding a B.G.S. in Health and Human Sciences combined with their previous credentials will be prepared for leadership, administrative and teaching roles in these important areas:

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| ■ Dental Hygiene | ■ Mental Health |
| ■ Human Services | ■ Psychiatric Rehabilitation |
| ■ Respiratory Care | ■ Substance Abuse |
| ■ Surgical Technology | ■ Counseling/ Prevention |
| ■ Emergency Medical Services | ■ Clinical Laboratory Technology |
| ■ Phlebotomy | ■ Fire Science & Safety |
| ■ Health Education | ■ Criminal justice |
| ■ Child Development | ■ Nursing |

