

DOISY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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Description

The Doisy College of Health Sciences (DCHS) incorporates Saint Louis University's long-standing tradition of excellence in health care education with modern innovations in interprofessional education, research and service.

Whether you plan to be an athletic trainer, physical therapist, nutritionist, occupational therapist, medical laboratory scientist, health information specialist, physician assistant, radiation therapist, magnetic resonance imaging technologist, or speech-language pathologist, assisting others is at the center of everything we do at DCHS. The college offers undergraduate, graduate, professional and certificate programs across numerous departments. Many of the programs are nationally ranked and all of them have a reputation for excellence in professional education.

Students at DCHS get hands-on experience with leading-edge research, partner with diverse clinical sites across the country and regularly exceed national averages on certification exam pass rates. Explore our offerings to see how our service to health care impacts the world. We are compassionate health care professionals providing the highest-quality care to the communities around us.

Understanding the unique contributions of various health care professionals is an important component for meeting the needs of an increasingly complex patient population. Students in the DCHS learn how to work in collaborative health care teams to provide outstanding health care through opportunities to participate in the Interprofessional Education (IPE) program. The IPE program offers both minor and concentration options. Information on both programs may be found on the IPE page. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/academic-affairs/interprofessional-education/#text>)

Accreditation

Doisy College of Health Sciences programs are accredited by the respective accreditation agencies as follows:

Athletic Training

SLU's Master of Athletic Training is accredited through the 2024-25 academic year by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) as a graduate professional program. The Master of Athletic Training program is one of more than 350 CAATE accredited programs nationally.

Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education

2001 K Street NW, 3rd Floor North
Washington, DC 20006
P. 512-733-9700

844-GO-CAATE | 844-462-2283
<http://caate.net> (<https://caate.net/>)

For more information about the SLU athletic training program's outcomes, graduation rates, retention rates, board of certification exam pass rates and job placement rates, please see program outcomes data (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/at-accreditation-011519.pdf>).

View Program Outcomes Data (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/at-accreditation-011519.pdf>)

Communication Sciences and Disorders

For more information about the SLU speech, language, and hearing sciences program's student outcomes data (completion rates, Praxis exam pass rates, and employment rates), CAA complaint policy, and accreditation information, please see the Student Outcome Data and Accreditation Information (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/csd-accreditation-0218.pdf>) below.

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Health Information Management

Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM)

200 E. Randolph Street
Suite 5100
Chicago, IL 60601
<http://www.cahiim.org>

For more information on the SLU Health Information Management program's professional and technical standards and program outcomes, please see Additional Accreditation Information (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/him-accreditation-0618.pdf>).

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Magnetic Resonance Imaging

The magnetic resonance imaging program at Saint Louis University is fully accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), having been awarded an eight-year accreditation. The program's next scheduled accreditation review is in the third quarter of 2027.

Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiological Technology (JRCERT)

20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850
Chicago, Illinois 60606-3182
312-704-5300
<http://www.jrcert.org> (<http://www.jrcert.org/>)

For more information about the SLU magnetic resonance imaging program's goals, program outcomes, certification examination pass rates, job placement rates, technical standards and program-specific costs, please see Additional Accreditation Information. (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/mri-accreditation-1218.pdf>)

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Medical Laboratory Science

National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)
5600 N. River Rd., Suite 720
Rosemont, IL 60018-5119
773-714-8880
<http://naaccls.org>

For more information about the medical laboratory science program's professional performance standards, certification and licensure information and program outcomes, please see Additional Accreditation Information (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/mls-accreditation-1017.pdf>).

View Additional Accreditation Information (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/mls-accreditation-1017.pdf>)

Nuclear Medicine Technology

The Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology
820 W. Danforth Rd. #B1
Edmond, OK 73003
405-285-0546
<http://jrcnmt.org>

Additional Accreditation Information (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/nmt-accreditation-1018.pdf>)

JRCNMT Graduate Outcomes Report (<https://www.jrcnmt.org/students/program-graduate-outcomes/>)

Nutrition and Dietetics

This program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), the accrediting agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)
120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190
Chicago, Illinois 60606-6995
312-899-0040 ext. 5400
<https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend> (<https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/>)

Occupational Therapy

This program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, (ACOTE), an Associated Advisory Council of the Executive Board of the American Occupational Therapy Association, (AOTA).

American Occupational Therapy Association, (AOTA)
6116 Executive Boulevard
Suite 200
North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929
(301) 652-2682
<http://www.aota.org>

For more information about the SLU occupational therapy program outcomes, matriculation rate, graduation rate, certification exam pass rate and employment rate, please see Program Outcomes (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/ot-accreditation-0119.pdf>).

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Physical Therapy

The Program in Physical Therapy at Saint Louis University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy (CAPTE).

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy (CAPTE)
3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100
Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085
703-706-3245
accreditation@apta.org
<http://www.capteonline.org> (<http://www.capteonline.org/home.aspx>)
If you need to contact SLU's program directly, please call 314-977-8505 or email sluptat@health.slu.edu.

For more information about the SLU physical therapy program's outcomes, matriculation rate, graduate rate, employment rate, NPTE pass rates and technical standards, please see Additional Accreditation Information (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/pt-accreditation-1218.pdf>).

View Additional Accreditation Information (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/pt-accreditation-1218.pdf>)

Technical Standards (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/pt-technical-standards-7-12-12.pdf>)

Complaint Policy and Instructions (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/complaint-policy-pt.pdf>)

Physician Assistant

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant has granted "Accreditation-Continued" to the physician assistant program sponsored by Saint Louis University. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA standards.

Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be March 2023. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.

The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website (<http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-saint-louis-university/>).

Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)
12000 Findley Road, Suite 150
Johns Creek, GA 30097
770-476-1224
<http://www.arc-pa.org>

Radiation Therapy

Saint Louis University's radiation therapy program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiological Technology (JRCERT).

Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiological Technology (JRCERT)
20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850
Chicago, Illinois 60606-3182
312-704-5300
<http://www.jrcert.org>

For more information about the Saint Louis University radiation therapy program's goals, program outcomes, credentialing exam pass rates, job placement rates, technical standards, clinical site and program-specific requirements and fees, please see Additional Program Information and Fees (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/rt-accreditation-0918.pdf>).

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Undergraduate

- Health Information Management, Minor
- Health Sciences, B.S.
- Health Sciences, B.S. to Pharmacy, Pharm.D. Accelerated Program
- Health Sciences, Health Information Management, B.S. to Health Administration, M.H.A. Accelerated Program
- Health Sciences, Health Information Management, B.S. to Health Data Science, M.S. Accelerated Program
- Health Sciences, Health Information Management, B.S. to Law, J.D. Accelerated Program
- Investigative and Medical Sciences, B.S.
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging, B.S.
- Medical Laboratory Science, B.S.
- Medical Laboratory Science, Certificate
- Nuclear Medicine Technology, B.S.
- Nutrition and Dietetics, B.S.
- Nutrition, Health and Wellness, Minor
- Radiation Therapy, B.S.
- Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, B.S.
- Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, Minor

Freshmen Direct Entry Programs

- Exercise Science, B.S. - Athletic Training Concentration
- Exercise Science, B.S. - Physical Therapy Concentration
- Occupational Science, B.S. - Occupational Therapy

Graduate

- Athletic Training Program
- Didactic Program in Dietetics, Certificate
- Nutrition and Dietetics, M.S.
- Nutrition and Dietetics, M.S. & Public Health, M.P.H. Dual Degree
- Occupational Therapy Program
- Occupational Therapy, M.O.T.
- Occupational Therapy, O.T.D.
- Physical Therapy Program
- Physician Assistant, M.M.S.
- Physician Assistant, M.M.S. & Public Health, M.P.H. Dual Degree
- Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, M.S.

Policies

General Admission Requirements

Admission requirements and procedures for the programs vary, and prospective students should contact the recruitment specialist

(dchs@health.slu.edu (dchs@slu.edu) or 314-977-2570) for the Doisy College of Health Sciences, with specific questions.

Saint Louis University's Office of Admission, housed under the Division of Enrollment and Retention Management begins reviewing freshman applications for admission and scholarship for the following year on a rolling basis beginning September 1. Students may also complete the Common Application. Students who apply using the Common Application will be considered for admission on the same terms and within the same timeframe as those who use the general freshman application.

To receive priority consideration for University merit-based scholarships, admission applications must be submitted by **December 1**. Students who meet this deadline will be automatically considered for a range of Saint Louis University's merit-based scholarships. Applications submitted after December 1 will be given scholarship consideration based on the availability of funds.

To be considered for Medical Scholars Program, Physician Assistant Scholars, Pharm.D. Scholars and/or the Honors Program students are encouraged to visit <http://www.slu.edu> and/or contact the specific office(s) directly. Each program has a separate application and application procedures.

Clinical Internship Experience

Clinical internship experiences in clinical practice settings (i.e. hospitals, clinics, schools, etc.) are a required component of select Doisy College of Health Sciences programs. Regulations require all students in programs with one or more clinical internships to complete a criminal background check and a drug test at least once during the program, either or both of these may be repeated as clinical placement sites requirements demand. Positive results from the criminal background check or drug tests may result in ineligibility to graduate from the program. A felony conviction will affect a graduate's eligibility for professional licensure, certification and professional practice. Additional and program-specific information about the requirements may be obtained directly from the program.

All students who participate in clinical learning experiences are required to complete a criminal background check prior to the first clinical practicum. Additional criminal background checks may be required based on the contractual agreements with the College's clinical affiliate facilities. Further, drug screening is required for clinical practicum work. Prior to submitting an application, prospective applicants are encouraged to consult with the chosen profession's governing or licensing organization for more detailed information.