

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, medical 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 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 as well as visiting <http://ipe.slu.edu/>

Accreditation

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

Athletic Training

The program 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

6850 Austin Center Blvd., Suite 100
Austin, TX 78731-3184
(844) GO-CAATE | (844) 462-2283
<http://caate.net>

For more information about the SLU Athletic Training program outcomes, graduation rates, retention rates, board of certification exam pass rates and job placement rates, please see Program Outcomes Data.

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

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
2200 Research Boulevard #310,
Rockville, Maryland 20850
800-498-2071 or 301-296-5700
<http://caa.asha.org>

For more information about the SLU Communication Sciences and Disorders program completion rates, Praxis exam pass rates and employment rates, please see Additional Accreditation Information.

Additional Accreditation Information (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/csd-accreditation-0218.pdf>)

Health Information Management

Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM)
233 N. Michigan Avenue
21st Floor
Chicago, IL 60601-5800
<http://www.cahiim.org>

For more information on the SLU Health Information Management program professional and technical standards and program outcomes, please see Additional Accreditation Information.

Additional Accreditation Information (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/him-accreditation-0618.pdf>)

Magnetic Resonance Imaging

The Magnetic Resonance Imaging program is accredited by the **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 SLU Magnetic Resonance Imaging program goals, program outcomes, certification examination pass rates, job placement rates, technical standards and program-specific costs, please see Additional Accreditation information.

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

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 SLU Medical Laboratory Science program professional performance standards, certification and licensure

information and program outcomes, please see Additional Accreditation Information.

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

The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) the accrediting agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190
Chicago, Illinois 60606-6995
(312) 899-0040 ext. 5400
<https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend>

Occupational Therapy

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, (ACOTE), American Occupational Therapy Association, (AOTA)

4720 Montgomery Lane
Suite 200
Bethesda, MD 20814-3449
(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.

Program Outcomes (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/ot-accreditation-0119.pdf>)

Physical Therapy

The Program in Physical Therapy at Saint Louis University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy (CAPTE), 1111 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 314-977-8505 or email sluaptat@health.slu.edu.

For more information about the SLU Physical Therapy program outcomes, matriculation rate, graduate rate, employment rate, NPTE pass rates and technical standards, please see Additional Accreditation Information.

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

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>

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.

Radiation Therapy

The Radiation Therapy program is accredited by the 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 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.

Additional Program Information and Fees (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/rt-accreditation-0918.pdf>)

Additional Accreditation Information (<https://www.slu.edu/doisy/degrees/program-pdfs/rt-accreditation-0918.pdf>)

Undergraduate

- Communication Sciences and Disorders, B.S. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/communication-sciences-disorders/communication-sciences-disorders-bs>)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders, Minor (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/communication-sciences-disorders/communication-science-disorders-minor>)
- Health Information Management, B.S. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/health-information-management-bs>)
- Health Information Management, B.S. to Law, J.D. Accelerated Program (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/him-jd-accelerated>)
- Health Information Management, Minor (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/health-information-management-minor>)

- Health Sciences, B.S. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/health-sciences-bs>)
- Health Sciences, B.S. to Pharmacy, Pharm.D. Accelerated Program (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/health-sciences-pharmd>)
- Investigative and Medical Sciences, B.S. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/investigative-medical-sciences-bs>)
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging, B.S. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/magnetic-resonance-imaging-bs>)
- Medical Laboratory Science, B.S. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/medical-laboratory-science-bs>)
- Medical Laboratory Science, Certificate (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/biomedical-laboratory-science-certificate>)
- Nuclear Medicine Technology, B.S. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/nuclear-medicine-technology-bs>)
- Nutrition and Dietetics, B.S. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/nutrition-dietetics/nutrition-dietetics-bs>)
- Occupational Science, B.S. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/occupational-science-therapy/occupational-science-bs>)
- Radiation Therapy, B.S. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/radiation-therapy-bs>)

Freshmen Direct Entry Programs

- Exercise Science, B.S. - Athletic Training Concentration (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/physical-therapy-athletic-training/athletic-training-program>)
- Exercise Science, B.S. - Physical Therapy Concentration (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/physical-therapy-athletic-training/physical-therapy-program>)

Graduate

- Athletic Training Program (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/physical-therapy-athletic-training/athletic-training-program>)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders, M.A. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/communication-sciences-disorders/communication-science-disorders-ma>)
- Didactic Program in Dietetics, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/nutrition-dietetics/didactic-program-dietetics>)
- Molecular Imaging and Therapeutics, M.S. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/clinical-health-sciences/molecular-imaging-therapeutics-ms>)
- Nutrition and Dietetics, M.S. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/nutrition-dietetics/nutrition-dietetics-ms>)
- Nutrition and Dietetics, M.S. & Public Health, M.P.H. Dual Degree (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/nutrition-dietetics/nutrition-dietetics-ms-dual-mph>)
- Occupational Therapy, M.O.T. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/occupational-science-therapy/occupational-therapy-mot>)

- Occupational Therapy, O.T.D. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/occupational-science-therapy/occupational-therapy-otd>)
- Physical Therapy Program (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/physical-therapy-athletic-training/physical-therapy-program>)
- Physician Assistant, M.M.S. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/health-sciences/physician-assistant-education/medical-sciences-mms>)

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. If a student applies using the Common Application, students 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 availability of funds.

To be considered for Medical Scholars Program, PA Scholars, PharmD 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.

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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 that 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.