



2023-2024 Public Health Science Change of Major Process

Admission is competitive and an application is required to be considered to change your major to Health Science. The application process occurs once a year in the fall semester. Acceptance into Health Science is competitive and not guaranteed.

Timeline:

- **August 23rd:** Application opens at 8AM
- **December 8th:** Application is due at NOON
 - **NOTE: this is NOT the last day of exam week but rather the last day of class per the academic calendar.**
 - All students who apply between August 23rd at 8:00 am and December 8th at noon will be given equal consideration.
- **Winter Break:** All applications are reviewed
- **January 5th 2024:** Application decisions are sent out
- **January 9th 2024:** Required Change of Major meeting for all accepted students

Admission Criteria:

1. Space in program by cohort (graduation year)
 1. Space in the cohort varies year to year.
 1. 22 total change of major students were accepted in the Fall 2022 application cycle.
 2. Note: Students have the best chance of being accepted if they apply during their first semester of college enrollment after graduating from high school. Keep in mind we look at the credit hours completed, so you might be a freshman, but by credit hours you are a sophomore.
2. Cumulative Clemson GPA (by the end of Fall semester: December 20, 2023)
3. Completed Coursework
 - *Only for students with more than 49 credit hours (See below chart)

Note: Students are allowed to **apply once a year up to two times**

Fall 2022 Application Data:

Academic Year (by Credit Hour)	Applied	Accepted	Avg. GPA
Freshmen (0-29cr.)	47	7	4.0
Sophomore (30-59cr.)	73	15	4.0
Juniors (60-89 cr.)	17	0	N/A
Seniors (90+ cr.)	3	0	N/A

GPA Details:

- Decisions are heavily based on Cumulative Clemson GPA
 - A minimum 2.25 (less than 49 hours) or 2.5 (more than 49 hours) is required
 - The application pool is much more competitive than the minimum GPA requirements
- New students can apply without a GPA in the fall term and what is in the system at the end of the term will be used.
- The GPA earned as of December 20, 2023, will be used.



Required Coursework: for students with more than 49 credit hours by the end of the Fall Semester

Concentration	Math Requirement	Statistics Requirement	Science Requirement
Pre-Professional Health	MATH 1020 or MATH 1060*	STAT 2300 or STAT 3090	BIOL 1030 and BIOL 1040**; CH 1010 and CH 1020
Health Promotion and Behavior	MATH 1010 or MATH 1020 or MATH 1060	STAT 2300 or STAT 3090	BIOL 1030/1050
Health Services Administration	MATH 1010 or MATH 1020 or MATH 1060	STAT 2300 or STAT 3090	Any Natural Science w/Lab

- MATH 1040+1070 will be accepted for MATH 1060 credit.
- BIOL 1100 and 1110 will also be accepted for Biology requirement.
- All coursework completed is considered—not based solely on coursework completed at Clemson.
- Students are responsible that all required credit is in DegreeWorks- especially if you are using transfer credit

Identifying a Parallel Plan

- We suggest all students identify a parallel plan that aligns with their career goals
- Choose classes that count for both current (or parallel) major and Health Science
- Be sure to research your parallel plan. Ex: Is it open or closed, curriculum, professional school pre-requisites

Other Recommended Majors

Note: You can major in anything and still be accepted into professional school if you have the necessary pre-requisites. Health Science is not the only major that will get you there!

- Any science based major (B.S.) is a good first step
- Biological Sciences
- Microbiology
- Chemistry/Biochemistry
- Genetics
- Food Science and Human Nutrition
- Psychology or Sociology
- Pre-Business/Specific Business areas (HSA concentration)

Helpful Resources

- [Health Professions Advising](#): An entirely separate office on campus dedicated to helping students (regardless of major) plan for professional school
- [Health Science Certificate Program](#): Add this certificate to any degree plan and you are able to take 3 core Health Science classes to supplement your current major
- For more information, please reach out to Health Science advisor Rylee Bowman (rbowma3@clemsn.edu) or Graduate Assistant Bailey Chariker (bcharik@clemsn.edu) “Explore Health Science” appointments are available on CU Navigate in the Fall and Spring semesters.