

# HEALTHCARE SKILLS (CERT)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

## Certificate in Healthcare Skills

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<https://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/home/>)

Department: Biology (<https://louisville.edu/biology/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): HCSKCUG

Healthcare professions are among the fastest growing sector of the job market in our region. Most, if not all, health care professions require that successful job applicants have some clinical/laboratory/work experience.

The 9-credit undergraduate Certificate in Healthcare Skills provides early exposure to real-world clinical/work experiences and can typically be completed in 3 terms. The program focuses on developing laboratory skills and experience that will prepare students for the healthcare workforce marketplace. Courses emphasize understanding the healthcare marketplace, practicing basic lab skills needed for many healthcare laboratory jobs, and providing experience in healthcare arenas.

Participating students can be from any major and may include non-degree-seeking students who meet pre-requisites.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants must have completed 30 credits of college coursework. To remain in the certificate program, students must successfully complete prerequisites and course requirements for all required courses and meet university requirements for continuing enrollment. To earn the certificate, all required courses must be passed with a grade of D or better with a cumulative GPA of 2.0. To apply to the certificate program, students will need to have completed an introductory biology and an introductory chemistry course because these are prerequisites for BIOL 321, a required course for the certificate.

## Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
PHPH 250	Special Topics in Public Health Sciences	1-3
BIOL 321	Introduction to Health Professions Skills Laboratory - SL ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	1
BIOL 322	Healthcare Workforce Internship I	3
BIOL 323	Healthcare Workforce Internship II	3
<b>Minimum Hours Required</b>		<b>9</b>

At least three (3) semester hours of the requirements for a certificate must be successfully completed while enrolled in the University of Louisville.