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The Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work offers programs of study leading to a Bachelor's degrees in Dietetics and Nutrition, Health Services Administration, and Social Work. The Dietetics and Nutrition Department also offers an accredited pre-professional practice program. The college offers a minor in Nutrition, Health Services Administration, Public Health, and Social Welfare. A Master's degree in Public Health (with specializations in biostatistics, environmental and occupational health, epidemiology, health promotion and disease prevention, and health policy and management, and community nutrition); a Ph.D. in Public Health (with specializations in community nutrition, environmental and occupational health, epidemiology, and health promotion and disease prevention); Master's degrees in Dietetics and Nutrition, Health Services Administration (MHSA), and Social Work (MSW), and Ph.D. degrees in Dietetics and Nutrition; and Social Welfare are also offered. Each program is committed to preparing students for the pursuit of excellence in professional and scholarly endeavors as well as life-long learning processes in the era of globalization, scientific and technological advances, and demographic changes. We clearly recognize that the health and well-being of any community is affected by interaction among multiple determinants. Hence, the curriculum offered by all programs within the college is interdisciplinary. Our emphasis on involving practitioners, academic researchers, and the community to improve and promote public-health, nutrition and social work is ideal for enhancing student learning.

Accreditation

The Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health. The Didactic and Coordinated Program (DPD and

CP) in Dietetics and Nutrition are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetic Education. The BSW and MSW programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Office of Student and Alumni Affairs

The Office of Student and Alumni Affairs serves as a liaison between the Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work and university-wide student support services. The office works with department chairs and the school director to coordinate admissions and advising services, and provides students with information on scholarships, assistantships, stipends, internships, and graduation application deadlines. The office also coordinates alumni services and communication.

The college has a dynamic, professional staff dedicated to promoting the college and assisting and supporting our students while they pursue their academic goals.

For additional and updated information about degrees offered, entrance requirements, and services, please visit our website at www.cphsw.fiu.edu.

Bachelor of Health Services Administration (120 credits)

Admissions Requirements

Students seeking admission into the bachelor's program must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Completed 60 hours of course work or have completed the Associate in Arts degree or its equivalent, at an accredited college or university.
2. Satisfied the general University requirements for admission, including the University's Core Curriculum requirements.
3. Met the University's lower division requirements, including CLAS.
4. Completed the State University System Common Prerequisites for Health Services Administration programs:
 - ACG 2021 Accounting for Decisions
 - ACG 2071 Managerial Accounting
 - CGS 2060 Introduction to Microcomputers
 - ECO 2023 Principles of Microeconomics
 - STA 2023 Stat Bus and Eco
5. Have achieved a minimum grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

Courses which form part of the statewide articulation between the State University System and the Community College System will fulfill the Lower Division Common Prerequisites.

For generic course substitutions/equivalencies for Common Program Prerequisites offered at community colleges, state colleges, or state universities, visit: <http://facts.org>, See Common Prerequisite Manual.

Admissions

Students who have met the Core or the General Education lower division requirements including the State University System Common Prerequisites for Health Services Administration, achieve the competencies of the CLAS requirement, and have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or above will qualify for admission to the program. Meeting

these requirements will not guarantee admission to the program.

Program Requirements

All program students completing the BHSA are also subject to undergraduate student regulations and degree requirements governed by the policies of Florida International University and the State University System. Undergraduate HSA majors must receive a grade of 'C' or higher in all courses.

Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Nutrition

Didactic Program (120 credits)

The Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) is currently granted continuing accreditation by The Commission on Accreditation of Dietetics Education of The American Dietetic Association, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, Illinois, 60606, (312) 899-0040, ext. 5400. Upon completion of this program, all students are eligible to receive a Didactic Program Verification Statement and may apply to an accredited dietetic internship program to obtain the supervised practice experience required to become eligible to sit for the National Registration Examination for Dietitians.

To be admitted into the program, FIU undergraduates must have met all lower division requirements including CLAS, completed 60 semester hours, and have a GPA of 2.3 or higher to declare Dietetics and Nutrition as the declared major.

Students must receive a grade of "C" or higher in all courses in the department.

Coordinated Program (132)

The Coordinated Program (CP) is currently granted continuing accreditation status by The Commission on Accreditation of Dietetics Education of The American Dietetic Association, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 899-0040, ext. 5400. The program combines didactic requirements with supervised practicum experience. Graduates from the CP are eligible to sit for the National Registration Examination for Dietitians.

Admissions Requirements

The student must make formal application to the program by March 1 before Fall admission. This special application form can be obtained from the department. Criteria for admission include grades in prerequisite course work, work experience and letter of application. Students accepted into the CP will undergo a background screening and drug profile. Practicum courses are completed at the end of coursework and take a minimum of two semesters full time work to complete. Part-time completion of the program can be arranged. Supervised practice experiences are available in several hospitals and other health agencies. Students must satisfactorily complete a written comprehensive exam prior to supervised practice placement to graduate from the program.

Costs of the program to students in addition to tuition and fees (including a \$50/credit practicum fee) include: providing transportation to practicum sites, lab coats and

professional attire, annual laboratory tests at the student health services clinic.

Students must receive a grade of "C" or higher in all courses in the department.

Bachelor of Science in Social Work

Degree Program Hours: 120

The program offers an integrated educational experience that combines the theoretical and the practical. It is designed to prepare the student for generalist practice as a beginning professional social worker, for entrance into a graduate school of social work, and for participation in society as an informed citizen. The curriculum applies a bio-psychosocial model within the context of a social systems framework to understand client systems, address problems and develop intervention.

The four semester program includes a sequence of academic courses as well as field instruction under qualified supervision in social agencies in South Florida.

The program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

<u>FIU Course(s)</u>	<u>Equivalent Course(s)</u>
POS 2042	POSX041 or POSX042 or PUPX099
BSC 2023 or PCB 2700	BSCX005 or BSCX085 or BSCX010 or PCBX099
ECO 2013 or ECO 2023	ECOX000 or ECOX023
DEP 2000 or PSY 2012	PSYX012 or PSYX020
SYG 2000 or SYG 2010	SYGX000 or SYGX010
STA 1013	

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For generic course substitutions/equivalencies for Common Program Prerequisites offered at community colleges, state colleges, or state universities, visit: <http://facts.org>, See Common Prerequisite Manual.

Common Prerequisites

POS 2042	American Government
BSC 2023	Human Biology
	or
PCB 2700	Foundations of Human Physiology
ECO 2013	Macroprinciples
	or
ECO 2023	Microprinciples
DEP 2000	Human Growth and Development
	or
PSY 2012	Introduction to Psychology
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology
	or
SYG 2010	Social Problems
STA 1013	Statistics for Social Services

Lower Division Preparation

The student desiring to major in Social Work must have completed the Associate in Arts degree at a Florida public community college, or the lower division core requirements of the university.

Before admission to the Social Work program, the student must complete college-level courses in biology

(including coverage of Human Biology) and statistics, 12 semester hours in the social and behavioral sciences, which must include one course each in sociology, psychology, economics and American government and eight to ten hours in a foreign language.

To qualify for admission to the program, FIU undergraduates must have met all the lower division requirements including CLAS, completed 60 semester hours, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and must be otherwise acceptable into the program.

For additional information regarding the undergraduate social work program of study and degree program requirements, contact the School directly.

Minor in Nutrition

A twelve-credit nutrition course sequence at the undergraduate level affords students the opportunity to study food and nutrients, their physiological functions, normal nutritional requirements, socioeconomic influences on food choices and other aspects of food technology. The required science foundation courses provide the necessary background of chemistry and biological sciences to understand the physiological and biochemical basis of nutrition, as a multi-disciplinary science with relevance to health. Students minoring in nutrition learn to interpret nutrition research and contemporary claims and theories as a basis for improving food habits. Students interested in entering health professional fields of physical or occupational therapy, schools of medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine find the nutrition minor relevant to their future careers because of diet and health relationships.

This nutrition minor will not meet licensure requirements for qualifications as a nutritionist in the State of Florida. A license is required to provide nutritional counseling to individuals.

Minor in Health Services Administration

A five course minor in Health Services Administration is available to baccalaureate degree seeking students who have a minimum GPA of 2.5, have completed 60 lower division hours, achieve the competencies of the CLAS requirement, are interested in careers in health services administration or who wish to examine the administrative aspects of health services delivery.

Fifteen hours in Health Services Administration are required: Six required credit hours and nine credit hours of electives.

Required Courses: (6 credits)

HSA 3111	Health and Social Service Delivery Systems	3
HSA 3180	Management for Health Professions	3

To be taken in first semester of minor matriculation. These courses are prerequisites for electives and no substitutions or waivers will be granted.

Elective Courses: (9 credits)

The other nine hours may be selected from the following, providing all prerequisites have been met:

HSA 4700	Fundamentals of Health Services Research	3
HSA 4110	Health Care Organizational Behavior	3
HSA 4150	People, Power and Politics in Health Care	3

HSA 4170	Health Care Financial Management	3
HSA 4184	Human Resources Management	3
HSA 4421	Legal Aspects and Legislation in Health Care	3

It is the student's responsibility to contact the department from which the student wishes to receive the minor when they apply for graduation. This will ensure that the minor will be posted on their transcript.

Minor in Public Health

A five course minor in public health is available to baccalaureate degree seeking students who are interested in careers in public health or who wish to examine the field of public health.

Students cannot use core courses from their degree program towards the minor in Public Health. Students should select their courses for the minor from the Elective Course list.

Fifteen hours in Public Health are required: Nine required credit hours and six to be selected from the following list.

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in all courses. Note: All courses listed are 3 credit hours.

Required Courses: (9 credit hours)

PHC 3101	Introduction to Public Health	3
PHC 4024	Principles of Applied Epidemiology	3
PHC 4360	Statistical Applications	3

Elective Courses: (6 credit hours)

The other six hours may be selected from the following, providing all prerequisites have been met:

HSA 3111	Health and Social Service Delivery Systems	3
HUN 3122	Applied Nutrition	3
PHC 4509	Introduction to Health Promotion in Public Health	3
PHC 4302	Introduction to Environmental Public Health	3
PHC 4318	Introduction to Biological Basis of Environmental Public Health	3

It is the student's responsibility to contact the department from which the student wishes to receive the minor when they apply for graduation. This will ensure that the minor will be posted on their transcript.

Minor in Social Welfare

A five-course minor in social welfare is available to baccalaureate degree-seeking students who are interested in careers in the human services field or who wish to study how common human needs are addressed within social welfare programs. The courses that comprise the minor will provide students with the opportunity to relate to the special concerns of our region, including poverty, crime and delinquency, child abuse and neglect, and family instability. The minor is available at Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

SOW 3113	The Social Environment and Human Behavior I	3
SOW 3100	The Social Environment and Human Behavior II	3
SOW 3232	Social Welfare Policy and Services I	3
SOW 3233	Social Welfare Policy and Services II	3
SOW 3203	Introduction to Social Work ¹	3
SOW 3350	Interviewing Techniques Lab	3
SOW 3313	Social Work Practice with Families and Individuals	3

SOW 3801	Self-Awareness and Self-Modification for Practice	3
SOW 4272	Comparative Social Welfare Policy	3
SOW 4341	Behavioral Approaches to Social Work Practice	3
SOW 4654	Child Welfare: Policy and Practice	3
SOW 4658	Interventions in Child Maltreatments	3
SOW 4684	Professional Values in the Human Services	3
SOW 5109	Crises in the Lives of Women	3
SOW 5605	Medical Social Work	3
SOW 5641	Understanding the Processes of Aging	3
SOW 5672	Animal Assisted Treatment for Social Work	3
SOW 5155	Social Work Practice with Sexual Problems	3
SOW 5710	Current Issues in Addiction Practices	3
SOW 5932	Seminar in Social Work Practice	3
URS 3005	Service Learning: Social Change and Contemporary Social Issues	3

¹This course is required for the minor in social welfare. The remaining 12 semester hours are to be selected from the social work courses listed above.