

# TRANSFER STUDENT PATHWAYS TO THE GRADUATE HEALTH PROFESSIONS



2024 Transfer Programs



# **HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

### **Transfer Student Pathways**

Our **pre-health program** helps undergraduate students develop as competitive applicants to graduate schools that match their desired profession and their academic and pre-professional profile. We provide advising tailored to a student's individual progress throughout the program.

**Pre-health students** can pursue one of a variety of careers in the health professions such as athletic training, dentistry, medicine, occupational therapy, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, public health, speechlanguage pathology and veterinary medicine.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the **Pathways to Graduate Health Professions** webpage to learn more at: **su.edu/academics/pre-health-program.** 

Transfer students interested in Shenandoah University Graduate Health Profession programs in Athletic Training, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Public Health and Speech-Language Pathology have various academic options:

- Traditional Pathway
- Articulation Agreement Pathway

#### **Traditional Pathway**

An undergraduate student at Shenandoah completes a bachelor's degree and applies to the graduate program(s) of their choice, typically during the third or fourth year of the undergraduate program. They follow the published graduate admissions guidelines and procedures.

# Shenandoah Articulation Agreement Pathway

Articulation agreements are some of the best pathways for students. Our graduate Health Professions and Pharmacy schools have established articulation agreements with our undergraduate College of Arts & Sciences. These agreements provide a pathway into the graduate admission process by reserving a set number of seats in the graduate programs for students applying from within SU.

#### Articulation Agreement Pathway Programs:\*

- Doctor of Occupational Therapy
- · Doctor of Pharmacy
- Doctor of Physical Therapy
- · Master of Science in Athletic Training
- Master of Science in Occupational Therapy
- Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
- · Master of Public Health
- · Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

\*For students interested in a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree, Shenandoah has an articulation agreement with the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine that guarantees an admissions interview for Shenandoah students who meet certain requirements.

**Students Eligible:** Articulation agreements are designed for applicants who have completed graduate prerequisites and will be obtaining a bachelor's degree from Shenandoah University and plan to move directly into respective graduate programs, and who are not planning a gap year.

**Process:** Any student currently enrolled at SU can apply to the graduate program. The graduate program will evaluate the applications from Shenandoah students individually, and as long as they meet graduate admission requirements and requirements specified in the respective articulation agreement, **students will be invited to interview for the graduate program.** 





# What major should I choose as a pre-health student?

All graduate health professions programs have a list of prerequisite courses that students are required to take in addition to the major courses. Many pre-health students major in biochemistry, biology, chemistry, exercise science, psychology or public health.

#### What minors are recommended for prehealth students?

Students can minor in any area of interest. However, minors in biology, chemistry, health communication, physiology, psychology or public health are beneficial.

#### Can I enroll in a certificate program?

Yes! Students can enroll in a certificate program in addition to major/minor. Recommended certificates include Pre-Health Professional, Health Humanities and Population Health.

## Learn more about SU pre-health programs at:

su.edu.academics/pre-health-programs



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