Succeed in the workplace

What employers want

The Canadian Council of Chief Executives list the top 6 skills sought by employers as:

1. People skills
2. Communication skills
3. Problem-solving skills
4. Analytical abilities
5. Leadership skills
6. Industry-specific knowledge

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen’s, starting with the skills list here for ideas. Explaining your strengths with compelling examples will be important for applications to employers and further education. For help, check out the Career Services skills workshop.

What can I learn studying HEALTH SCIENCES?

- Knowledge of cellular structures, organic systems, organic chemistry, and the functions of the human body
- Understanding of statistical research methods, the scientific method, and experimental design
- Research skills – ability to draw relevant information out of a large amount of data
- Attention to detail – analyze and interpret scientific data
- Problem solving – adopt a systematic approach to problems
- Oral and written communication – produce laboratory reports and present a report to a group
- Resource and time management
- Advocacy on behalf of different stakeholders/populations with the ability to craft messages based on the audience
- Collaborating with peers to achieve common goals
- Optional: Gain experience working in a laboratory setting and operating equipment

How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

A balanced approach leads to long-term success. While you will learn a lot from your studies, taking time to get relevant experience outside of the classroom, build your network, and gain international experience, will position you to be more competitive in your job search or grad school applications.

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen’s provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen’s, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally, and Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

Get to know HEALTH SCIENCES

The Bachelor of Health Sciences Program is an online program purposefully designed with flexibility at its core. Students can complete courses on a timetable that best suits their lifestyle. The degree may be completed on either a full-time or part-time basis, there are different entry points throughout the year, and students can choose from a General or Honours degree.

Unlike many other traditional science programs, a significant amount of customization is possible through the Bachelor of Health Sciences Program. Optional courses comprise almost a third of the degree program, meaning that students can select courses that interest them the most. These courses may be selected from a wide range of Arts and Science courses, further enhancing the multidisciplinary nature of the degree.

Students who develop a particular interest in a specific area of the health sciences may choose to take one of six specially-designed learning tracks. These provide a more specialized focus within a particular field, ranging from Immunity and Inflammation to Global and Population Health.

This program offers students access to courses that will prepare them for admission to a wide variety of Health Professional programs such as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, rehabilitation therapy, and nursing. These programs are increasingly competency-based, meaning that their graduates must achieve and demonstrate competency in specific health-related roles. This concept has been built into the Bachelor of Health Sciences curriculum, enabling our graduates to provide evidence of their achievements in these roles, potentially strengthening their applications to health professional programs.

Degree OPTIONS

Bachelor of Health Sciences (General) 3 Years, 90 credits
Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) 4 Years, 120 credits

Queen’s ADMISSIONS

Applicants who have, or will successfully complete, a diploma from a Canadian or International high school will be considered through the traditional admission stream. Candidates must apply through Queen’s Undergraduate Admission using the webapp. Course prerequisites include English 4U, Biology 4U, Chemistry 4U and any 4U Mathematics. Check online for courses required for students outside of Ontario.

Students who lack the traditional admission requirements have the opportunity to enter the program by starting out as a Non-Degree Interest Student. Students accepted as this type of student can bridge into the program once completing three specific first-year courses within two semesters and achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

The online ADVANTAGE

Online learning is becoming increasingly popular and the benefits are numerous. Perhaps the biggest advantage of online learning is the flexibility it provides. Students can work at their own pace and are not restricted by the traditional format and hours of a classroom experience. Learning can happen anytime, anywhere online, and this gives students the flexibility to customize learning to their own unique lifestyles. This individual pace also encourages students to become more motivated and engaged as the learning happens at a time and place of each student’s choosing.

Course HIGHLIGHTS

The Bachelor of Health Sciences program has been purpose-built to expose learners to a wide range of knowledge in the field. Innovative courses have been developed such as:

- Developmental Origins of Health and Disease
- Health Ethics, Law, and Policy
- Evolutionary Biology of Cancer

The courses also align with the educational frameworks of professional health schools. The curriculum highlights a number of traditional fields within the health sciences, while also incorporating important topics such as Global and Population Health and Social Contexts of Health and Disease.
Where could I go after graduation?

- Animal research
- Audiology
- Biochemistry
- Biotechnology
- Dentistry
- Drug development
- Education
- Environmental management
- Epidemiology
- Ergonomics
- Ethics
- Forensics
- Genetics
- Graduate studies
- Health administration and public health
- Kinesiology
- Law
- Medical and clinical research
- Medical illustration
- Medicine
- Microbiology
- Neuroscience
- Nursing
- Nutrition & dietetics
- Occupational therapy
- Occupational health and safety
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Physical therapy
- Public and private research laboratories
- Public health
- Teaching
- Toxicology
- Veterinary medicine

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