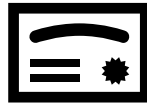# Health Professions Student Development

Academic Certificate

The Health Professions Student Development certificate was designed to support the pre-health student as they prepare for admission to a health professional school. The road to [Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, etc.] school can be tedious and overwhelming at times. This certificate will help pre-health students keep track of their progress and provide small victories along the way!

Healthcare Competency Development	Community Service
Healthcare Experience	Application Awareness & Enhancement

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Health Professions Student Development Certificate Requirements

Healthcare Competency Development

- **5 Competency Areas: Oral Communication, Written Communication, Cultural Awareness, Ethical Responsibility, and Leadership & Business**
- **18 Total Credit Hours**
  - **2 Courses from one competency area; 1 Course from each of the remaining four competency areas.**
  - **9 hours must be advanced credit (3000/4000)**
- **Must earn a B or better in each course**
- **Must have a 3.25 Overall GPA at the time of certificate completion**

Community Service

- **100 hours of healthcare volunteering and/or community service**
- **A log of hours with signatures must be submitted as proof**

Healthcare Experience

- **50 hours of shadowing a professional (or professionals) within the field of interest**
- **A log of hours with signatures must be submitted as proof**

Application Awareness & Enhancement

- **Must attend three health professions workshops or related activities offered through the Office of Health Professions, and submit the appropriate documentation (i.e. proof of attendance).**
  - **Examples include: "What Should I Be Doing Now?" Seminars, Application Seminars, HPAC Seminars, Personal Statement Workshops, Mock Interview with a Health Professions Counselor, Guest Speakers, Health Professions 'Spring Swing' Academic Fair**
- **Must submit a 5000-character essay (includes spaces) addressing what you have learned from all categories of the certificate and how your overall experience will make you a strong healthcare professional.**

To declare the Health Professions Student Development certificate, please see your Major Academic Advisor. To be advised on your progress with the certificate, please schedule an appointment with an Advisor in the Office of Health Professions by visiting (https://unt.navigate.eab.com/)