

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN HEALTH STUDIES/SCIENCES?

Facts about a Health Studies/Sciences Degree:

- This program provides a solid basis for a career in the health care field
- Prevention, health promotion and advocacy are emphasized
- This program prepares students for further study in the health professions; Drop by the Career Help Centre to discuss options.
- Students will problem solve health issues on individual, community and global levels
- Participation in a health-related practicum is optional
- Qualifications for employment may vary by geographic location.

SKILLS POSSESSED BY HEALTH STUDIES/SCIENCES GRADUATES

Many employers are interested in the skills which Health Studies/Sciences graduates tend to possess. These include:

- An in-depth interdisciplinary understanding of the social determinants of health
- Expertise in health promotion and prevention frameworks
- Experience in problem-solving and the willingness to learn new information and adapt to an ever-changing field
- The ability to gather, analyze, and interpret information in a clear and concise manner

SAMPLE JOB TITLES FOR HEALTH STUDIES/SCIENCES GRADUATES

The following titles are listed to provide a broad representation of *potential* occupational options. Not all graduates will be qualified for all of these positions. Careful course selection is recommended, as is the acquisition of relevant skills through paid/volunteer experiences.

Additional certifications may be required or preferred.

- Health Promotion Program Specialist
- Health Policy Analyst
- Health & Safety Program Coordinator
- Community Health Educator
- Health Care Administrator
- Laboratory Technologist
- Personal Development Counsellor (for persons with disabilities)
- Activities Instructor - Mental Health Care Facility
- Addictions Counsellor
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Abuse Prevention Consultant
- Health Communications Specialist
- Coordinator, Program Planning and Evaluation
- Health Research Coordinator
- Research Associate
- Data Analyst
- Transitional Support Worker (Acquired Brain Injury Unit)
- Specialist, Career/Employment Services (for persons with disabilities)
- Youth Care Worker
- Victim Services Worker
- Fundraiser, Health-related Organization/Foundation
- Client Advocate
- Pharmaceutical/Health Product Sales Representative

Potential Sectors of Employment

- Government Departments (municipal, provincial, federal)
- Non-governmental Organizations (including those involved in international development)
- Community Health Clinics/Centres
- Social Service Agencies
- Multi-cultural Organizations
- Health Charities/Foundations
- Health Promotion Agencies
- Research Institutes
- Regional Health Authorities
- Private Sector Companies
- Biotechnology Laboratories
- Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities (including mental health care centres)
- Employment Agencies (for persons with disabilities)
- Consulting Firms

Want More Information? Check these websites!

Check our website at: www.umanitoba.ca/student/careerservices

- Click on “**Job Postings and Volunteer Opportunities**” and register as a **Student** to view current job postings

National Occupational Classification

www23.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca

University of Manitoba—Faculty of Human Ecology

umanitoba.ca/faculties/human_ecology/

Health Studies Programme Career Opportunities—McMaster University

www.socsci.mcmaster.ca/healthst/

Health Studies (York University)

http://futurestudents.yorku.ca/program/health_studies

Health Services Directory On-line (Winnipeg Regional Health Authority)

www.wrha.mb.ca/healthinfo/directory/index.php

Life Science Association of Manitoba

<http://www.lsam.ca>

For more information on occupational, educational and employment options, please drop by Career Services, 474 University Centre, 474-9456.