

2021-2022 Public Health Science Change of Major Process **Acceptance is not guaranteed.**

Application link for change of major will be made available on the first day of classes in fall 2021 (August 18, 2021).

- Student applications are reviewed for acceptance once a year.
- The application is available on the first day of classes in the fall term (August 18th) and will close on the last day of class in the fall term (December 3rd) at NOON. **NOTE: this is NOT the last day of exam week but rather the last day of class per the academic calendar.**
- Applications will be reviewed over the holiday break between the fall and spring terms.
- Decision notifications will go out no later than January 4, 2021.
- Accepted students must attend a change of major meeting on January 11, 2022.

Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements as stated in the Undergraduate Catalog are NOT considered: http://catalog.clemson.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=21&poiid=5110&returnto=639

*All coursework completed is considered—not based solely on coursework completed at Clemson.

Students are admitted based on the following criteria:

- Space in program by cohort (graduation year).
- Students have the best chance of being accepted if they apply during their first semester of college enrollment after graduating from high school (freshmen).

Fall 2020 applicant data:

- Freshmen (completed first semester at Clemson): 46 students applied. Of that: 19 students were denied admissions; and 27 students were accepted. The minimum GPA admitted across all concentrations was a 3.50 Clemson GPA.
- Upperclass (just completed 3 semesters at Clemson or 2+ semesters at Clemson and elsewhere total): 43 students applied. Of that: 37 students were denied; and 5 students were accepted. The minimum GPA across all concentrations admitted was a 3.90 Clemson GPA. No students were accepted who would be “graduating early” based on sophomore standing.

GPA

- Once available space is determined, decisions are based on the Clemson cumulative earned GPA.
- Applicants must earn a Clemson GPA by the time of review (holiday break between fall and spring terms) to apply.
- The GPA earned as of December 16, 2021 will be used.
- New students can apply without a GPA in the fall term and what is in the system at the end of the term will be used.
- GPA's will be verified by the advising center on December 16, 2021.

Completed Credit Hours

Students with 49 or more credit hours earned must have also taken and passed the math requirement (Pre-Professional Health and Health Services Administration: MATH 1020 or MATH 1060; Health Promotion and Behavior: MATH 1010, MATH 1020 or MATH 1060); statistics requirement (STAT 2300, STAT 3090 is used for Health Services Administration only); and the freshmen science requirement(s) for specified concentration (see advisor if there are questions about what is required). MATH 1040 + MATH 1070 may be used for the MATH 1060 requirement; both courses must be completed with a final grade at the time of application.

Students who do not have enough credits to maintain full time enrollment to requested graduation date may be denied admission. Our program cannot guarantee accelerated graduation date due to limited space in introductory and pre-internship and internship courses (capstone experience).

Other Information

- If a student is eligible to apply at time of application by drop below the minimum eligibility by the time of review, the most recent (newest) academic information is used.
- If a student is not eligible at the time of review but raises their GPA after review of applicants by the department, they will not be considered for entry to the major.
- Students will be responsible for verifying that the math, science and statistic courses are in Degree Works (iROAR system) prior to the date of review (December 19, 2020). This is primarily a concern if you are anticipating using transfer credit to complete one of these required courses.
- Students are not allowed to hold over their application. If a student is not admitted or is ineligible, they will need to fill out an application during the next review period.
- Students are allowed to apply once a year up to two times. Application through the freshmen or transfer admissions applications process does not count toward this total.
- If a student is denied for the second time, you are advised to find another major path which will lead to an on-time graduation.

All Students

- ALL students should identify a back-up plan/major that can still lead to career goals.
- Students should pursue (as much as possible) the requirements for both your current or back-up major and Health Science. If a student runs out of courses to take for both, you should plan to take courses to stay on track with the current or back-up plan/major.
- Students interested in graduate or professional schools such as medical, dental, OT, PT, Physician's Assistant, pharmacy, etc. can meet the pre-requisites with ANY undergraduate major as long as you take the appropriate pre-requisite courses.
- For additional health professions advising, please visit the Health Professions Advising page here: <https://www.clemson.edu/science/departments/pre-health/>

Other recommended majors

- Any science based major if pursuing medical, dental, pharmacy, Physical Therapy or Physician's Assistant programs.
- Psychology: any of the above majors plus a good fit for Occupational Therapy and/or Physical Therapy.
- For students pursuing Health Services Administration: pre-business or any specific business area. Can apply to pursue a Masters degree for Public Health Administration with any degree.
- Degrees that can be compatible with planning: Sociology, Secondary Education Teaching in Science or Math.
- Students wishing to pursue Registered Dietician should major in Food Science.

If students would like more information regarding the process or chances for admission, please login to CU Navigate and choose the "Explore: Health Science" reason for academic advising to connect with an advisor. Advisor for Health Science is Kristin Goodenow kristig@clemson.edu or Emily Navarro enavarr@clemson.edu