South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Science
Major: Health Studies
Specialization: Innovative Healthcare Leadership
Focus Area: Health Sciences Minor
2025-2026 Sample 4-Year Plan
Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

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Advisor _____ **Minimum GPA** _____ **Minor/Career Interest(s)** _____

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FIRST YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CHEM 106 or CHEM 112	Chemistry Survey or General Chemistry I (SGR #6)	p. for CHEM 106: MATH 101 or higher or placement based on standardized test, c. for CHEM 106: CHEM 106L, p. for CHEM 112: MATH 114 or higher, c. for CHEM 112: CHEM 112L	3		
CHEM 106L or CHEM 112L	Chemistry Survey Lab or General Chemistry I Lab (SGR #6)	c. CHEM 106 or c. CHEM 112	1		
NURS 119	First Yeat Seminar		2		
PSYC 101	General Psychology (SGR #3)		3		
SGR #1	Written Communication (1 of 2; 6 cr total)		3		
SGR #5	Mathematics (1 of 1; 3 cr total)		3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

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HLTH 220	Social Determinants of Health		3		
MCOM 151	Intro. To Mass Comm. (SGR #4)		3		
NURS 201	Medical Terminology		1		
SGR #1	Written Communication (2 of 2; 6 cr total)		3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication (1 of 1; 3 cr total)		3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences (2 of 2; 6 cr total)		3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
BIOL 221	Human Anatomy		3		
BIOL 221L	Human Anatomy Lab		1		
CHRD 353	Ethics in the Helping Professions		3		
LDR 210 or LDR 310	Foundations of Leadership or Leadership in Context		3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences; Must fulfill civics requirement (2 of 2; 6 cr total)		3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities (2 of 2; 6 cr total)		3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Spring

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BIOL 325	Physiology	p. (BIOL 151 or BIOL 153 or BIOL 221) and (CHEM 106 or CHEM 112)	3		
BIOL 325L	Physiology Lab		1		
HDFS 210	Lifespan Development		3		
HSC 212	Contemporary Health Problems		2		
	Elective		3		
	Elective		3		

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		Total Credit Hours	15		

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
HIM 150	Introduction to Digital Health Informatics/Information Management	Online through Dakota State University	4		
HLTH/BLAW 451	Public Health Law	Fall only course	3		
HSC 443	Public Health Science		3		
	Elective		3		
	Elective		3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
HSC 301	Theory of Innovative Healthcare Leadership	Spring only course	3		
HSC 452	Interprofessional Issues in Healthcare	Spring only course	3		
HSC 445	Epidemiology		3		
	Elective		3		
	Elective		3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
HSC 401	Application of Innovative Healthcare Leadership	Fall only course	2		
HSC 401L	Application of Innovative Healthcare Leadership Practicum	Fall only course	1		
HSC 480	Telehealth for the Interprofessional Team	Fall only course	3		
	HSC Elective	3 credits from HSC Minor elective list	3		
	Elective		3		
	Elective		3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
HSC 451	Innovative Healthcare Leadership Capstone	Spring only course	1		
HSC 451L	Innovative Healthcare Leadership Capstone Practicum	Spring only course	2		
LDR 435	Organizational Leadership and Team Development	Junior or senior standing	3		
	HSC Elective	3 credits from HSC Minor elective list	3		
	Elective		3		
		Total Credit Hours	12		

COMMENTS/NOTES

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Academic Requirements

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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

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2025-2026 Sample 4-Year Plan
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CHEM 106L or CHEM 112L	Chemistry Survey Lab or General Chemistry I Lab (SGR #6)	c. CHEM 106 or c. CHEM 112	1		
NURS 119	First Yeat Seminar		2		
PSYC 101	General Psychology (SGR #3)		3		
SGR #1	Written Communication (1 of 2; 6 cr total)		3		
SGR #5	Mathematics (1 of 1; 3 cr total)		3		
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HLTH 220	Social Determinants of Health		3		
MCOM 151	Intro. To Mass Comm. (SGR #4)		3		
NURS 201	Medical Terminology		1		
SGR #1	Written Communication (2 of 2; 6 cr total)		3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication (1 of 1; 3 cr total)		3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences (2 of 2; 6 cr total)		3		
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SECOND YEAR

Fall

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BIOL 221	Human Anatomy		3		
BIOL 221L	Human Anatomy Lab		1		
CHRD 353	Ethics in the Helping Professions		3		
LDR 210 or LDR 310	Foundations of Leadership or Leadership in Context		3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences; Must fulfill civics requirement (2 of 2; 6 cr total)		3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities (2 of 2; 6 cr total)		3		
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BIOL 325	Physiology	p. (BIOL 151 or BIOL 153 or BIOL 221) and (CHEM 106 or CHEM 112)	3		
BIOL 325L	Physiology Lab		1		
CMST 201	Interpersonal Communication		3		

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HDFS 210 or HCS 212 or HSC/WMST 260 or HSC 402 or NUTR 221/NUTR 315 or SPAN 308	Lifespan Development or Contemporary Health Problems or Women's Health Issues or Rural Health Care Matters or Survey of Nutrition or Human Nutrition or Spanish for the Health Professions	Needs 6 credits total	3		
	Elective		3		
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THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CMST 440	Health Communication		3		
HDFS 210 or HCS 212 or HSC/WMST 260 or HSC 402 or NUTR 221/NUTR 315 or SPAN 308	Lifespan Development or Contemporary Health Problems or Women's Health Issues or Rural Health Care Matters or Survey of Nutrition or Human Nutrition or Spanish for the Health Professions	Needs 6 credits total	3		
HIM 150	Introduction to Digital Health Informatics/Information Management	Online through Dakota State University	4		
HLTH/BLAW 451	Public Health Law	Fall only course	3		
	Elective		2		
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Spring

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CMST 441	Current Issues in Health Communication		3		
HSC 301	Theory of Innovative Healthcare Leadership	Spring only course	3		
HSC 452	Interprofessional Issues in Healthcare	Spring only course	3		
	Elective		3		
	Elective		3		
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FOURTH YEAR

Fall

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HSC 401	Application of Innovative Healthcare Leadership	Fall only course	2		
HSC 401L	Application of Innovative Healthcare Leadership Practicum	Fall only course	1		
HSC 480	Telehealth for the Interprofessional Team	Fall only course	3		
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HSC 451	Innovative Healthcare Leadership Capstone	Spring only course	1		
HSC 451L	Innovative Healthcare Leadership Capstone Practicum	Spring only course	2		
LDR 435	Organizational Leadership and Team Development	Junior or senior standing	3		
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HIM 130	Basic Medical Terminology	Online through Dakota State University	3		
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HSC 452	Interprofessional Issues in Healthcare	Spring only course	3		
HIM 225	Digital Health Information Systems	Online through Dakota State University	3		
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HIM 444	Digital Health Technology	Online through Dakota State University	3		
HIM 265 or HIM 364 or HIM 380 or HIM 440 or HIM 450	Health Data Quality and Outcomes or Healthcare Standards and Interoperability or Digital Health Data Analytics or Healthcare Information Governance or Digital Health Informatics and Information Management Research	Need 6 credits total; Online through Dakota State University	3		
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