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Disclaimer - Program information contained in this booklet is subject to change. Please consult the College of Health Professions website and current catalog for detailed and most current program and prerequisite course information.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



This is truly an exciting time in health care, as treatment innovations and technical advances change the landscape of allied health practice. At the same time, the opportunities for those in allied health fields seem limitless, as the scope of practice and the need for health care practitioners continually expand. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment opportunities in health care occupations are projected to grow 18 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations, adding about 2.3 million new jobs. Indeed, the future for allied health professions is very bright.

The College of Health Professions is a nationally recognized leader in the education of health providers whose graduates are leaders in their fields, using their knowledge and skill to deliver quality patient care. Our faculty are experts in their disciplines, leading the way in educational advances, leadership of the professions and scholarly endeavors. All of which position them as important contributors to the future of health care delivery in Arkansas and across the nation.

If you are looking for an educational experience to prepare you for an exciting and rewarding career in health care in a wonderfully supportive yet progressive environment, the UAMS College of Health Professions is looking for you. I invite you to browse through this booklet and then visit our website to explore the many opportunities that exist in our college. We look forward to working with you as you consider an exciting future as a health care professional.

ABOUT OUR COLLEGE

Most comprehensive allied health college in Arkansas

- Programs representing 16 allied health professions
- Seven bachelor's degree programs; four master's degree programs; four doctoral degree programs; one post-doctoral certificate program

Clinical Operations that provide valuable services to members of our community and also provide training for our students

- Speech and Hearing Clinic
- Dental Hygiene Clinic

Excellent Program Outcomes

- Student graduation rates
- Credentialing/board exam pass rates
- Employment rates after graduation

Why UAMS?

- Comprehensive education at the state's only academic medical center and Level 1 trauma center
- Interprofessional education training alongside students from all UAMS colleges: Health Professions, Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Public Health and Graduate School
- State-of-the-art facilities

Accreditation – The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and was awarded full reaccreditation on August 1, 2017. The next accreditation review will be in 2026-27.

The programs within the college are accredited as appropriate by their national and state agencies. Higher Learning Commission 230 South LaSalle St., Suite 7-500, Chicago, Illinois 60604-1411 Telephone: (800) 621-7440 / (312) 263-0456 | Fax: (312) 263-7462 | Email: info@hlcommission.org

Program	Early Consideration Deadline	Application Deadline* (4:30 p.m. Central Time)
Audiology (Au.D.)	Contact the Department	February 15
Center for Dental Education General Practice Residency	Not Applicable	September 15
Clinical Nutrition (M.S.)	Not Applicable	Contact the Graduate School
Communication Sciences and Disorders (Ph.D.)	Not Applicable	Contact the Graduate School
Cytotechnology (B.S.)	Not Applicable	April 15
Dental Hygiene (B.S.)	Not Applicable	March 1
Diagnostic Medical Sonography (B.S.)	Not Applicable	March 1
Dietetics (M.S.)	Not Applicable	February 15
Genetic Counseling (M.S.)	Not Applicable	December 15
Medical Laboratory Sciences (B.S.)	Not Applicable	May 15
MLT-to-MLS	Not Applicable	Spring: November 1 Fall: May 15
Non-Degree Option	Not Applicable	Spring: November 1 Fall: June 1
Nuclear Medicine Imaging Sciences (B.S.)	March 1	May 1
Occupational Therapy (OTD)	Not Applicable	Contact the OT program
Physical Therapy (DPT)	August 15	First Monday in October
Physician Assistant (M.P.A.S.)	Not Applicable	November 1
Radiologic Imaging Sciences (B.S.)	March 1	May 1
A.S. to B.S. Degree Completion	Not Applicable	Spring: November 1 Summer: April 1 Fall: May 1
S.T.E.P. Program		July 1
Respiratory Care (B.S.)	Contact the Department	May 1
A.S. to B.S. Degree Completion	Not Applicable	May 1
Speech-Language Pathology (M.S.)	Not Applicable	February 15

Admissions – The Office of Admissions is the hub for student services in the College of Health Professions. The primary responsibilities of this office is to manage the application processes of all academic programs, provide pre-admission academic counseling to prospective students, recruitment, and offer guidance and assistance to currently enrolled students when needed.

We are committed to student success and promise is to do our very best in making sure students start out on a solid foundation. Please contact our office by phone (501) 686-5730; email chpadmissions@uams.edu; or website (under the Admissions tab – About the Office of Admission).

UAMS is a participating institution in the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Academic Common Market. The Academic Common Market is a tuition-savings program for college students in 15 SREB states, who want to pursue degrees that are not offered by their in-state institutions. Please refer to their website sreb.org/academic-common-market for additional information.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

AUDIOLOGY

The program offers the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree, which is required to practice today. Students combine the study of hearing and balance disorders with diverse clinical experiences, resulting in a comprehensive, enriching and affordable doctoral education that supports a lifelong career.

About the program

- Full-time, four-year program
- Students benefit from strong affiliations with UAMS, Arkansas Children's Hospital and the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System.
- 100% of audiology students find a job right after graduation.

Licensure & Accreditation

Graduates of the program will be eligible to apply to the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology for a license to practice audiology in the state.

The doctoral (Au.D.) education program in audiology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard #310, Rockville, Maryland 20850, 800-498-2071 or (301) 296-5700.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Audiology

- Audiologists are experts in the non-medical management of the auditory and balance systems.
- Audiologists are trained to identify, measure and study hearing and hearing impairment; diagnose and treat hearing and balance problems using advanced technologies and procedures; recommend, fit and verify personal amplification systems and assist in school-based amplification decisions.
- Audiologists can work in numerous professional settings, including hospitals, pediatric hospitals, private audiology practices, private ear, nose and throat practices, rehabilitation centers and schools.

Prerequisite Information

Undergraduate course work in mathematics (college algebra or higher), biological, physical (chemistry or physics), behavioral sciences, and statistics is required. Although there are no prerequisite courses in audiology or speech pathology, the program requires that all students have one course in phonetics and one in language acquisition. If these courses are not completed prior to admission, they must be completed during the first year of study in the program. Student in any field is encouraged to apply.

Program Director

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CLINICAL NUTRITION (100% ONLINE)

At the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition offers graduate work leading to a Master of Science degree in Clinical Nutrition (MSCN) through the UAMS Graduate School. Our MSCN program is designed to prepare health professionals and registered dietitians/registered dietitian nutritionists to practice as advanced-level practitioners. Other health professionals may participate in this program to enable them to practice as nutrition specialists within their professional arenas. Students participate in practical experiences to enhance their specialized skills to ensure they are well prepared to advance in their careers. Graduates of science programs may also use the program to develop research skills in nutrition.

As the overall recognition of the importance of nutrition increases in both disease treatment and prevention, highly specialized and advanced-level roles are emerging for dietitians. These advanced-level roles require practice as an entry-level dietitian with professional development of additional knowledge and skills. Graduates of a Dietetic Internship program can take their career to the next level by obtaining a graduate degree. By 2024, a master's degree will be required to sit for the Registration Examination for Dietitians. Graduates of the master's program are employable in academic, research, clinical and community nutrition facilities. Now is a great time to set yourself apart.



About the program

- Program length: 2 years (full-time) or up to 5 years (part-time)
- Flexible options for degree completion with 100% online coursework and in-state tuition cost for all applicants
- Students pursuing the Master of Science degree in Clinical Nutrition are considered to be students in the UAMS Graduate School who are taking courses offered by the faculty of the College of Health Professions

The goals of the MSCN graduate program are as follows:

- Develop science-based nutrition knowledge.
- Develop evidence-based practices in nutrition.
- Develop nutrition-research skills and practices.
- Develop communication skills in the area of nutrition-related practice and research.

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Construct nutrition-related research.
- Communicate nutrition-related research and practice.
- Describe connections between nutrition and health.
- Apply nutrition knowledge toward evaluation and treatment of nutrition-related health outcomes.

CLINICAL NUTRITION (CONTINUED)

Admission Requirements

DOMESTIC applicants must include:

1. Official transcripts from every college or university attended
 - Completion of a baccalaureate degree
 - Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.85 on a 4.0 scale
2. Three reference letters- preferably, two from undergraduate or post-baccalaureate professors and one from an employer
3. CV/Resume
4. Statement of purpose limited to 1,000 words addressing:
 - Why you are interested in the program
 - Experiences that have prepared you for the program
 - Short-term goals
 - Long-term goals

Domestic Applicant Deadlines:

- Spring deadline – the first Friday in December
- Summer deadline – the first Friday in May
- Fall deadline – the last Friday in July

INTERNATIONAL Students

The admission requirements **include all items listed for domestic applicants plus** the following:

1. Official transcripts from every college or university attended authenticated for a 4.0 scale
2. A TOEFL score of 79
3. An Affidavit of Support according to the graduate school website

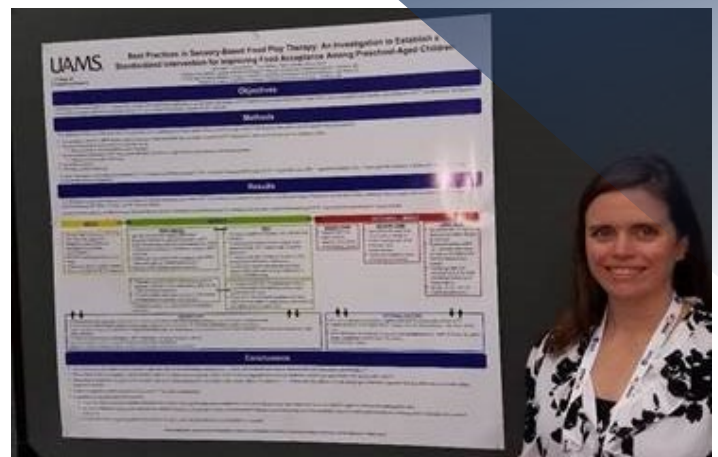
How do I apply to the program?

An applicant first applies for admission to the UAMS Graduate School by completing the application forms and requesting official transcripts from all colleges attended. The UAMS Graduate School forwards all eligible applications to the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition for an admission decision.

Program Director

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CYTOTECHNOLOGY

Cytotechnologists are essential members of the health care team and play an integral part in the total health care of patients. The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Cytotechnology Program provides students with the opportunity to integrate concepts of cytopathology and practical competence. In addition to classroom and laboratory instruction, students experience several full-time clinical internships. Graduates earn a Bachelor of Science in Cytotechnology and are eligible for the national certification examination.

About the program

- Full-time, 12-month program
- Training begins in the classroom where students receive foundational knowledge and microscopy instruction
- Practice in various clinical settings with 12 weeks of clinical internships located in Arkansas and nationwide
- 100% graduation rate, 100% employment rate

Certification & Accreditation

Graduates of the cytotechnology program are eligible to apply for the certification examination in cytotechnology given by the American Society of Clinical Pathology Board of Certification.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158, Clearwater, Florida 33756. Telephone: (727) 210-2350.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Cytotechnology

- Cytotechnologists play a crucial role in the discovery and detection of cancer, pre-cancerous cell changes and disease using a microscope.
- Cytotechnology is a challenging and rewarding profession for those who thrive working independently, as well as part of a team.
- Abundant career opportunities nationwide are available with jobs located in hospitals, private laboratories, research facilities and public health organizations.



CYTOTECHNOLOGY (CONTINUED)

Prerequisite Information (80 SC)

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.

English Comp 1	3 SC
English Comp II	3 SC
Speech Communication	3 SC
Fine Arts	3 SC
US History or National Government	3 SC
Humanities	3 SC
Social Sciences	6 SC
College Algebra	3 SC
Biology	20 SC
Chemistry I w/laboratory	4 SC
Chemistry II w/laboratory	4 SC
Electives	25 SC

Program Director

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DENTAL HYGIENE

At the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), dental hygiene students are well prepared to be effective, competent health care professionals through a four-pronged mission, which includes education, service, research and patient care. The high quality education that dental hygiene students receive at UAMS gives them a competitive edge in the job market.

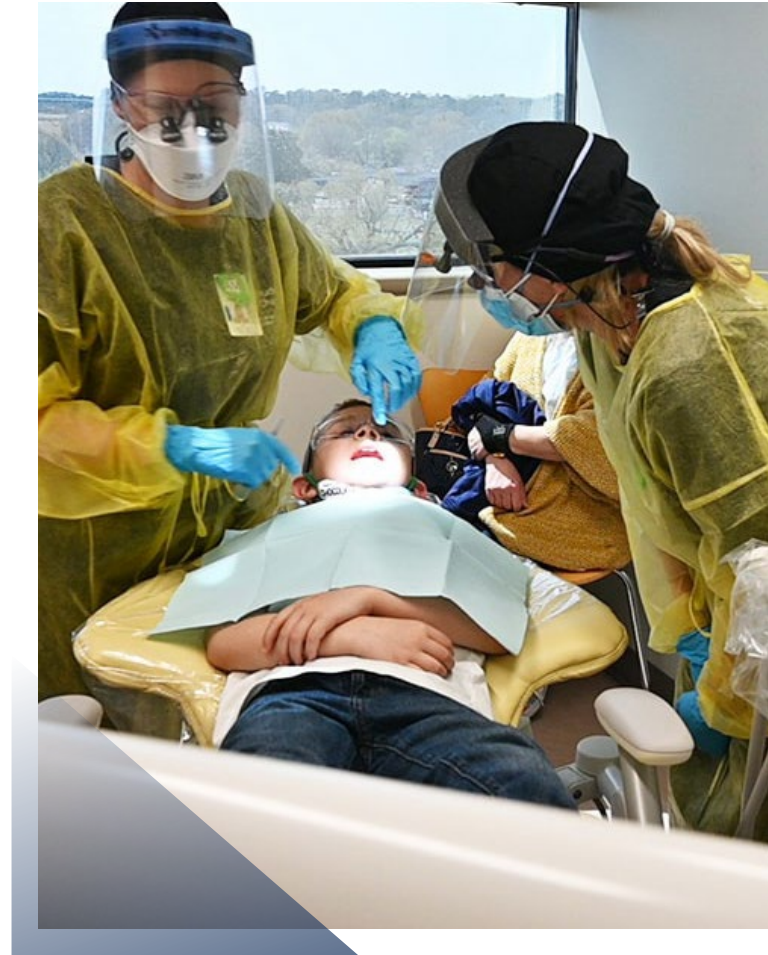
About the program

- Full-time, five-semester program (includes one intervening summer session)
- Twenty-chair onsite dental hygiene clinic with a large, established pool of patients
- Four off-campus clinical sites at Arkansas Children's Hospital, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (VA hospital in NLR), Future Smiles Dental Clinic at Wakefield Elementary, Conway Regional Interfaith Dental Clinic
- Students engage in over 14 community service events

Licensure & Accreditation

Successful completion of all program requirements qualifies the student to apply for state, regional and national examinations required for licensure.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Ave., Suite 1900, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Telephone: (312) 440-2500.



Work roles and advantages of a career in Dental Hygiene

- Employment of dental hygienists is expected to grow much faster than average for all occupations through 2028, ranking among the fastest growing occupations, in response to increasing demand for dental care and the greater utilization of hygienists to perform services previously performed by dentists.
- Diverse workplace opportunities include education, research, collaborative care, public health, nursing homes and schools.

DENTAL HYGIENE (CONTINUED)

Prerequisite Information (51 SC)

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.

English Comp 1	3 SC
English Comp II	3 SC
Speech Communication	3 SC
Fine Arts	3 SC
US History or National Government	3 SC
Humanities	3 SC
Sociology	3 SC
Psychology	3 SC
College Algebra	3 SC
Biology w/laboratory	4 SC
Microbiology w/laboratory	4 SC
Anatomy & Physiology I & II	6 SC
Chemistry w/laboratory	4 SC
Lower-level electives	6 SC

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DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

The College of Health Professions Department of Imaging and Radiation Sciences offers the state's only accredited Bachelor of Science degree in diagnostic medical sonography. In fact, it's one of only 35 degree programs in the nation focused exclusively on this fast-growing field. With a heavy emphasis on clinical education and experience, our students graduate the program with a competitive edge and ready for the workplace.

About the Program

- Full-time, two-year program (includes one intervening summer session)
- Only accredited Bachelor of Science degree program specific to sonography in Arkansas
- Program faculty use a student-centered approach and are focused on student success
- Heavy emphasis on clinical experiences to ensure maximum amount of hands-on training

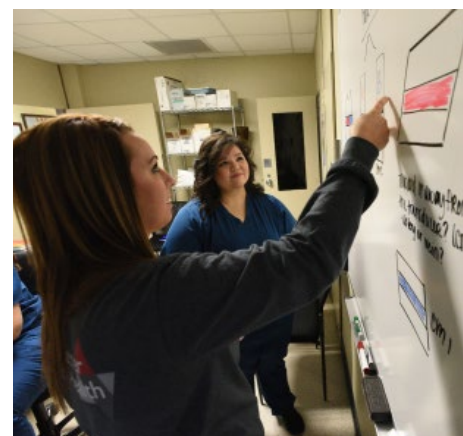
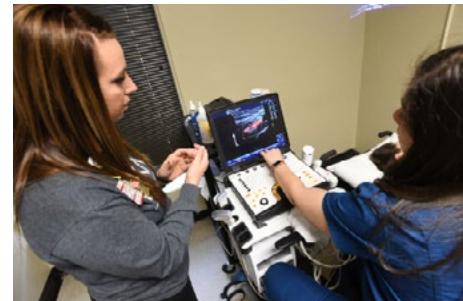
Licensure & Accreditation

Successful completion of all program requirements qualifies the student to apply for state, regional and national examinations for licensure. To earn these credentials, candidates must pass the following American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) examinations—Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS): Sonography Principles and Instrumentation AND Abdomen, OR Obstetrics & Gynecology; Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT): Sonography Principles and Instrumentation AND Vascular Technology; Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer (RDCS): Sonography Principles and Instrumentation AND Adult Echocardiography.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) in general, cardiac and vascular imaging. The contact information is 25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158, Clearwater, Florida 33763. Telephone: (727) 210-2350.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Sonography

- Sonographers assist the physician in gathering pertinent anatomical, physiological and pathological sonographic data and images to diagnose conditions and diseases.
- Sonographers work closely with other health care professionals in hospitals, clinics, physician offices and industry.
- Numerous new specialty areas are emerging, among them traveling sonographers, musculoskeletal imaging, high-frequency cancer imaging and treatment sonography, and veterinary sonography, as well as research and education opportunities.
- National demand for sonographers exceeds the supply of graduates as sonography procedures continue to shift into areas traditionally performed by more expensive imaging and treatment modalities.



DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY (CONTINUED)

Prerequisite Information (47 SC)

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.

English Comp 1	3 SC
English Comp II	3 SC
Speech Communication	3 SC
Fine Arts	3 SC
US History or National Government	3 SC
Humanities	3 SC
Sociology	3 SC
Psychology	3 SC
College Algebra	3 SC
Medical Terminology	3 SC
Electives	3 SC
Computer Fundamentals	3 SC
Anatomy & Physiology I & II	8 SC
College Physics*	3 SC

*Introductory College Physics must cover acoustics, wave motion, heat, electricity, force and energy. Two courses may be required to cover all topics. **Please contact the Division Director to determine acceptable College Physics courses.**

Division Director

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DIETETICS

The Master of Science (M.S.) degree program in Dietetics is a Combined Master of Science and Dietetic Internship (MS/DI) program. The program is designed to prepare graduates to become competent entry-level dietitians and provide preparation for the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) exam while earning a Master's Degree.

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) jointly sponsors the program with the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (CAVHS). Affiliations with a number of hospitals, school food services, and clinics in Arkansas allow students to complete a minimum of 1000 hours of practicum coursework in clinical, administrative, and community supervised practice experiences.

About the program

- Full time, 15-month program with a concentration in Medical Nutrition Therapy and Management
- Rotation Sites are coordinated by program faculty, students are not asked to identify rotation sites
- During two practicum semesters, UAMS and CAVHS offer stipends to all fourteen students regardless of their state of residency. The VA Stipend is offered to US citizens only.

Licensure & Accreditation

Successful completion of program requirements qualifies graduates to apply for the national registration examination through The Commission on Dietetic Registration. Upon successful completion of the examination, the graduates become Registered Dietitians (RD) and eligible for state licensure. The MS/DI program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL 60606. Telephone: (800) 877-1600, ext. 5400 or (312) 899-0040. Website: www.eatright.org.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Dietetics

- Registered Dietitians work in a wide variety of settings, including health care, business and industry, community/public health, education, research, government agencies, and private practice.
- Registered Dietitians educate patients about nutrition and administer medical nutrition therapy as part of the health-care team.
- Registered Dietitians apply dietetic practice management principles, including budget development, staffing needs analysis, and implementation of process improvement initiatives.

Admission Requirements

The following requirements are necessary for consideration for admission to the program: 1) bachelor's degree from an accredited university, 2) successful completion of an ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics academic program, 3) based on a 4.0 scale, a cumulative GPA ≥ 2.85 . As admission to the MS/DI program is competitive, preference is given to applicants who have earned an overall GPA >3.0 , math/science GPA >2.5 , and those who have work or volunteer experience in a healthcare setting.

Program Director

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GENETIC COUNSELING

Students earning a Master of Science in Genetic Counseling experience an exceptional graduate education at a large academic medical center. This two-year accredited program is located on both the UAMS main campus in Little Rock, AR and the Northwest campus in Fayetteville, AR. This is the state's only genetic counseling training program.

Students engage in telemedicine training and clinical experiences that prepare them to deliver ethical, effective counseling services. Graduates have enjoyed professional success in one of the most sought-after careers in health care.

About the program

- Full-time, two-year program (includes one intervening summer semester session)
- Students receiving training in telemedicine, learning how to provide genetic counseling over interactive video via the internationally renowned UAMS Institute for Digital Health & Innovation OB program.
- Students benefit from live instruction by experienced faculty along with interactive video classes, which offer them the flexibility to train at off-campus clinical sites in the second year.
- Students see a variety of patients in pediatrics, adult genetics, prenatal/reproductive genetics and hereditary cancer in outpatient, inpatient, multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary settings.

Licensure & Accreditation

Students who successfully complete the program will be eligible for the American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC) certification examination.

The program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling, Inc., 7918 Jones Branch Drive, Suite 300, McLean, Virginia 22102. Telephone: (703) 506-7667.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Genetic Counseling

- Genetic counselors are instrumental in helping patients and their families evaluate and understand genetic conditions.
- Educate patients about inheritance, testing, management, prevention, resources and research.
- Counsel patients to promote informed choices regarding genetic testing and medical management of genetic diagnoses so that patients and their families can make decisions that align with their values.
- Work with other health professionals in hospitals, physicians' offices, laboratories, research and public health settings, as well as the biotech industry.

Admission Requirements

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.

Applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university or equivalent. Preferred degrees are in biology, genetics, chemistry, and/or psychology, nursing or related fields. All listed courses must have been completed at a regionally accredited post-secondary academic institution and must fulfill all college requirements regarding acceptance of transfer credit.

Required Coursework *Please view the website for a current listing of required coursework.*
A minimum of two quarters or one semester in each of the following subject areas:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Psychology
- Genetics (should include coverage of Mendelian and molecular genetics)
- Cell or Molecular Biology
- Biochemistry
- Statistics
- Laboratory Course (Biology, Chemistry or Biochemistry)

Program Chair

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MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

A Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Laboratory Sciences from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) opens the door to many opportunities for graduates to work as an integral team member throughout the health care industry and beyond. Accredited through the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS), the program provides superior academic and clinical experiences from exceptionally skilled faculty. Students learn the skills necessary to develop entry-level competencies in all areas of the medical laboratory.

About the program

- Two options to fit your schedule
 - 3 semesters
 - 5 semesters
- Hands-on laboratory experiences incorporated into the curriculum
- Five months of clinical internship opportunities at an affiliated hospital
- Students collaborate with other health care professionals to develop interprofessional connections to bridge the gap between health care programs.

Licensure & Accreditation

Graduates are eligible to apply for certification examinations given by national agencies and for licensure examinations given by some states.

The program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences, 5600 North River Road, Suite 720, Rosemont, Illinois 60018. Telephone: (773) 714-8880.

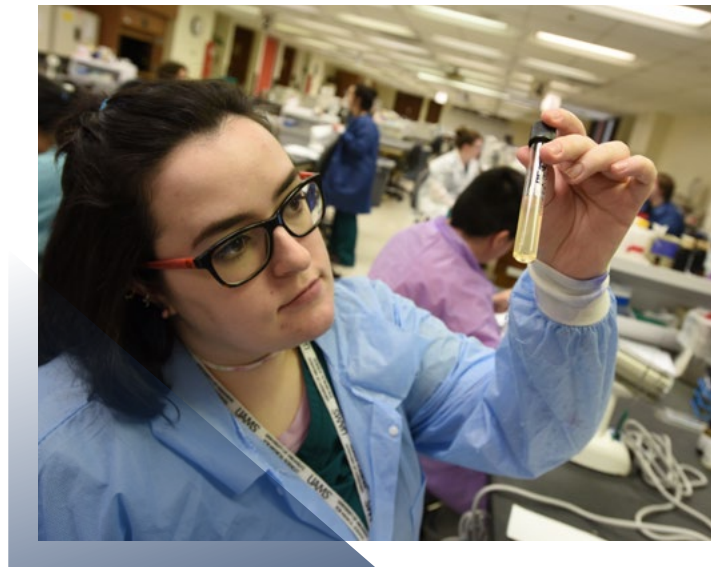
Work roles and advantages of a career in Medical Laboratory Sciences

- Perform and analyze several types of critical laboratory tests that play an important role in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of disease.
- Work as a generalist or specialize in one of the major areas of the laboratory: blood banking, clinical chemistry, hematology, immunology, molecular biology or microbiology.
- Operate complex clinical instruments to analyze blood and body fluids for the presence of disease.
- Interpret data, develop new procedures, manage information and collaborate with other members of the health care team.
- Ensure safe, effective and appropriate laboratory testing results that assist the health care team in making an accurate diagnosis.

Prerequisite Information (69 SC)

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.

English Comp I	3 SC
English Comp II	3 SC
Speech Communication	3 SC
Fine Arts	3 SC
US History or National Government	3 SC
Humanities	3 SC
Social Sciences	6 SC
College Algebra	3 SC
Trigonometry, Statistics or Calculus	3 SC
Biology I w/laboratory	4 SC
Anatomy & Physiology w/laboratory	4 SC
Microbiology w/laboratory	4 SC
Chemistry I	4 SC
Chemistry II	4 SC
Science Electives	8 SC
Electives	11 SC



MLT TO MLS BRIDGE PROGRAM

The Department of Laboratory Sciences offers a MLT to MLS bridge program for certified medical laboratory technicians who desire to advance in their career. We have a great pass rate on the ASCP MLS exam and have alumni in 40+ States. Over 90% of students who start our program will continue to their second semester!

Why UAMS?

- 100% online program for MLTs to earn a Bachelor's Degree in MLS
- Three options to fit your schedule
 - 3 semesters
 - 4 semesters
 - 5 semesters
- Application Deadlines: May 15 for Fall Start and November 1 for Spring Start.
- Accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)
- Personalized education and communication with faculty and staff
- Students in 100% Online programs are charged the in-state tuition rate regardless of residency, and most University fees are charged at a 50% reduction.

Prerequisite Information (75 SC)

English Comp I	3 SC
English Comp II	3 SC
Speech Communication	3 SC
Fine Arts	3 SC
U.S. History or National Government	3 SC
Humanities	3 SC
Social Sciences	6 SC
College Algebra or Statistics	3 SC
Biological/Health Science/ Chemistry/MLTCourses	28 SC
Electives	20 SC

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NUCLEAR MEDICINE IMAGING SCIENCES

Since its inception in 1998, the accredited Nuclear Medicine Imaging Sciences program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has used distance learning to educate more than 400 graduates — with 98 percent passing the national board examination on the first attempt.

Nuclear Medicine Imaging Sciences students learn how to use radioactive tracers to perform procedures that are helpful in diagnosing and treating a wide variety of abnormal conditions. Graduates earn a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Medicine Imaging Sciences degree through a pre-professional component that lasts three years and the professional component that lasts one year.

About the program

- Full-time, 12-month, online program
- Student obtain a wide variety of hands-on clinical experience in nuclear medicine and PET/CT imaging in large health care facilities and select area clinics.
- Clinical rotations available in Fayetteville/ Fort Smith/Rogers, Jonesboro, Batesville and Little Rock/Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Dallas and Longview/Tyler, Texas; and Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Students enrolled in this program qualify for in-state tuition.

Licensure & Accreditation

Successful completion of all program requirements qualifies the graduate to apply for the certification examination given by the Nuclear Medicine Technologists Certification Board (NMTCB) and with additional clinical competencies, the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

The program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT), 820 W. Danforth Road, #B1, Edmond, Oklahoma 73003. Telephone: (405) 285-0546.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Nuclear Medicine Imaging Sciences

- Prepare and administer radiopharmaceuticals, operate radiation detection equipment and perform computer analyses.
- Perform a wide variety of diagnostic procedures to determine physiologic function.
- Perform therapeutic procedures for the treatment of several types of cancers.
- Analyze blood flow through the heart and create computerized imaging to map damaged heart tissue.
- Expanding clinical use of Molecular Imaging, which provides new and unique means of studying biochemistry and metabolism within living tissues.

Prerequisite Information (80 SC)

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.

English Comp I	3 SC
English Comp II	3 SC
Speech Communication	3 SC
Fine Arts	3 SC
US History or National Government	3 SC
Humanities	3 SC
Social Sciences	6 SC
College Algebra or higher level math	3 SC
Anatomy & Physiology w/laboratory	8 SC
Microbiology w/laboratory or Biological Science	4 SC
General Chemistry I w/laboratory	4 SC
General Physics I w/laboratory	4 SC
Electives	33 SC

Division Director

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) program prepares students for entry-level occupational therapy practice and also provides them with an opportunity to develop advanced research skills in the areas of leadership, education, policy, and practice.

Created from a dynamic partnership between the state's premier universities for medical and health sciences education and research, the OTD Program embodies the shared missions and visions of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville (UAF): To enhance the health, well-being, and quality of life of the people of Arkansas, our nation, and world. By enabling occupational therapy students to become innovative, caring, globally-minded scholars, practitioners, and advocates, the OTD Program advances an inclusive, emancipatory, and participatory vision of society situated at the intersection of UAF and UAMS's missions. This distinctive entry-level clinical doctorate in occupational therapy is consistent with the accreditation standards of the American Occupational Therapy Association.

About the program

- Three-year (nine semesters), full-time, on-campus program with an off-campus fieldwork and capstone component. Students must successfully meet all Level II fieldwork and capstone requirements within 24 months of completing didactic coursework.
- We use an occupation-centered curriculum based on concept-based, integrated, and relational learning theories. This approach enables students to create, synthesize and apply occupation-focused knowledge and skills to meet the occupation and health-related needs of people, communities, and society.
- Because our degree is a joint offering between the UAMS College of Health Profession and the UAF College of Education and Health Professions, we utilize learning spaced on each institution's Fayetteville campuses.

Licensure & Accreditation

The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 200, North Bethesda, MD 20852-4929. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org.

Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

Benefits of working as an Occupational Therapist

- Opportunity to express your creativity
- Observe healing and restoration through deep engagement with your clients
- Constant variety within your workday
- Opportunity to promote justice, inclusion and engagement of our clients

Prerequisite Information

Undergraduate preparation for the doctorate in occupational therapy can come from a number of majors that result in a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Applicants who wish to study for the entry-level doctoral degree in occupational therapy must complete the following prerequisites or equivalents with a grade of C or better:

- Anatomy with Lab (3)*
- Physiology with Lab (3)*
- Medical Terminology (3)
- Abnormal Psychology (3)
- Technical Writing (3)
- Neuroscience of Behavior (3)
- Statistics (3)

*If Anatomy and Physiology are offered together, as one course, then two semesters must be taken.

Other admission requirements apply. Please consult the catalog and/or website for additional admission information.

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PHYSICAL THERAPY

The Department of Physical Therapy, on the UAMS campus in Fayetteville, Arkansas offers more than 14,000 square feet of newly renovated teaching and research space. UAMS is the only physical therapy program in Arkansas with on-site inpatient and outpatient facilities for clinical education experiences every semester of the nearly three-year program. Through interprofessional education, students learn with, from and about other disciplines to create patient- and family-centered health care teams.

About the program

- Full-time, 34-month program, lock-step curriculum, building on the previous semester's knowledge base.
- In-class sessions incorporate problem-based and team-based learning, as well as interprofessional learning experiences.
- The progressive flipped-classroom curriculum is built around the concept of active learning, which utilizes problem- and team-based learning.
- Using a holistic admissions process, our students are admitted on both academic and non-academic factors – such as life experience, communication skills, leadership, initiative, community service, and clinical experience.

Licensure & Accreditation

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) administers the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE), the examination that every graduate of a physical therapy or physical therapist assistant education program must pass to become a licensed physical therapist or licensed/certified physical therapist assistant.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: capteonline.org.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Physical Therapy

- Diagnose and manage movement impairments and improve abilities.
- Rehabilitate and preserve patients' optimal function for peak movement and health.
- Identify and prevent the onset and progression of dysfunction, limitations, and disabilities.
- Work in a variety of settings including hospitals, clinics, schools, fitness facilities, home health, hospice, industrial, or inpatient rehabilitation facilities.



Prerequisite Information (33 SC)

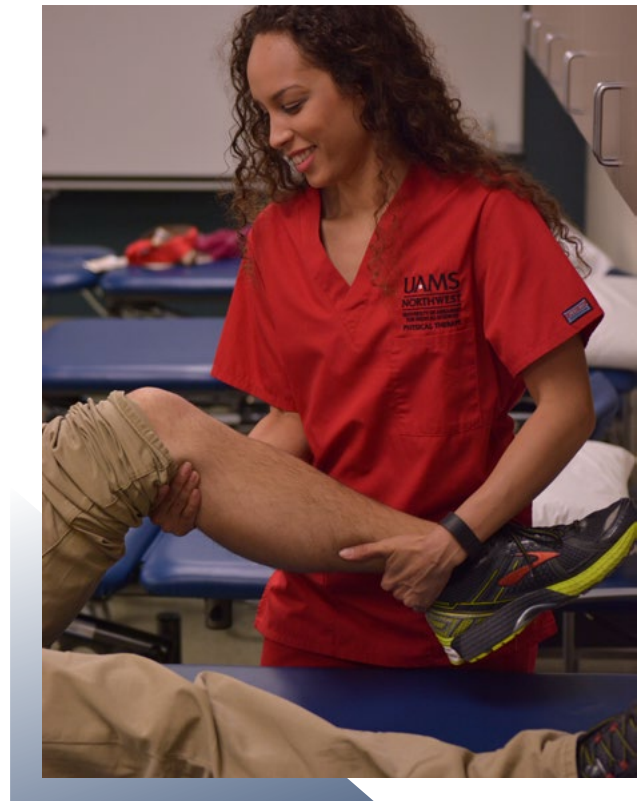
Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.

In addition to the 33 semester credits listed below, a completed bachelor's degree from an accredited institution by the start of the DPT program is required.

Anatomy	3 SC
Physiology	3 SC
Biology	6 SC
Chemistry	3 SC
Physics	6 SC
Statistic	3 SC
Psychology	6 SC

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

Established in 2011, the Physician Assistant Program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) fills a critical need for improving access to medical care in Arkansas. As one of the nation's fastest growing fields, the program trains physician assistant students to examine, diagnose and treat patients with the supervision of licensed physicians.

Students earn their Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree through a comprehensive program that prepares them to provide high-quality and compassionate care as part of a physician team.

About the program

- Full-time, 28-month program
- Small class sizes provide a comprehensive, high-quality, patient-and family-centered educational experience.
- Clinical experiences begin early in the program and include weekly patient cases in small groups and simulation.
- A rigorous curriculum prepares students for the national certification examination through the National Commission on the Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).

Licensure & Accreditation

Graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination through the NCCPA. Once nationally certified, graduates of the PA program will be eligible to apply to the Arkansas State Medical Board or another state board for a license to practice in the state.

The program has been granted Accreditation-Continued status by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards.

Work roles and advantages of a Physician Assistant career

- Become licensed to practice medicine with the supervision of a physician.
- Practice in numerous areas of medicine and surgery, including family practice, emergency medicine, pediatrics, hospital medicine, cardiology, dermatology, obstetrics/gynecology and several other fields.
- Perform various procedures, including arterial puncture, lumbar puncture, suturing, casting, chest tube insertion and thoracentesis.
- Conduct physical exams, elicit patient histories, assist in surgery, prescribe medication, order and interpret lab tests and counsel patients.
- Graduates are trained to enter any discipline of medicine, and there are emerging opportunities in a variety of medical settings including clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, government, education and research.

Admission Requirements

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.

Bachelor's or higher degree completed prior to matriculation from a regionally accredited institution in the United States is required.

Prerequisite Information (41 SC)

General/Principles of Biology I and II with Laboratory	8 SC
Human Anatomy with laboratory	4 SC
Human Physiology with laboratory	4 SC
Microbiology with laboratory	4 SC
Medical Genetics/Genetics	3 SC
General Chemistry I and II with laboratory	8 SC
Organic Chemistry I with laboratory	4 SC
General Psychology	3 SC
Biostatistics or Statistics	3 SC

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RADIOLOGIC IMAGING SCIENCES

This accredited program educates students in radiographic anatomy, radiation physics, exposure theory, radiobiology and more. The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) program offers more radiography specific courses and a more thorough curriculum than other local programs. Students gain valuable experience through rotations at a variety of clinical settings that serve a diverse patient population. Graduates earn a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Imaging Sciences (RIS) and are well prepared to enter the workforce as knowledgeable radiologic technology professionals.

About the program

- Full-time, two-year program
- Opportunity to obtain two clinical credentials upon graduation: Radiography (R) plus an advanced specialty. Students may select from Computed Tomography (CT), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Mammography (M), Vascular Interventional Radiography (VI), and Cardiac Interventional Radiography (CI)
- Program offered at two locations -- Little Rock and Fayetteville (Northwest Regional Campus).
- Work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, surgical centers, urgent care clinics, outpatient care centers and physicians' offices.

Licensure & Accreditation

Successful completion of the Bachelor of Science degree program requirements qualifies the student to apply for the national certification examination in radiography.

The Bachelor of Science program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago, Illinois 60606-3182. Telephone: (312) 704-5300.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Radiology

- Radiologic technology is one of the nation's fastest growing fields. National employment numbers predict job opportunities to increase by 13 percent by 2026.
- As the population ages, increases in certain medical conditions, such as cancer and Alzheimer's disease, will require imaging as a tool for diagnosis.
- Radiographers work with Radiologists to provide medical imaging services to patients.
- In this age of medical reform, the demand for imaging procedures and the rapid expansion of new technology makes the registered radiographer a sought-after health care professional.

Prerequisite Information (35 SC)

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.

English Comp I	3 SC
English Comp II	3 SC
Speech Communication	0 - 3 SC
Fine Arts/ Humanities	6 - 9 SC
US History or National Government	3 SC
Psychology	3 SC
Sociology	3 SC
College Algebra or Higher Level Math	3 SC
Anatomy & Physiology I & II w/laboratory	8 SC
OR	
Biology with lab & Whole Body Systems with course with lab	8 SC

Advance Your Career—100% Online Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Imaging Sciences Completion Program

This program is designed for practicing radiologic technologists who want to earn their bachelor's degree in Radiologic Imaging Sciences.

The Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Imaging Sciences Degree Completion program consists of 35 semester credits of prerequisite course work and successful completion of an Associate of Sciences in Medical Imaging or Associate of Applied Science in Radiologic Technology.

This is the only program in the state to offer a bachelor's degree with secondary specialty certification preparation. Students may select one or two areas of concentration in mammography (M), computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), cardiac interventional (CI) or vascular interventional (VI), studies.

Students enrolled in the degree completion of the program qualify for in-state tuition.

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RESPIRATORY CARE

At the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), the College of Health Professions offers the only Bachelor of Science degree in Respiratory Care in Arkansas. This nationally recognized, accredited program is known for its stellar pass rates on professional credentialing examinations and strong graduate success. Students benefit from exceptional learning opportunities in a variety of clinical settings that only a busy, respected medical center can provide. As a result, graduates are well prepared for career opportunities across the country.

About the program

- Full-time, two-year program
- Individual mentoring and a carefully crafted curriculum includes classroom instruction, laboratory sessions, clinical internships, simulation activities and advanced courses in critical care, neonatal/pediatrics, research, disease management and leadership.
- Graduates have a greater than 90% pass rate on Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credentials, earning the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) and the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credentials.
- The choice between a full-time, two-year track and a part-time, three-year track gives students the option to balance their studies with work schedules and family life.
- Graduates are nationally recruited with 100% graduate employment after credentialing

Licensure & Accreditation

Students earn credentials in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) as program requirements.

Graduates are eligible to earn the CRT (Certified Respiratory Therapist) credential and the RRT (Registered Respiratory Therapist) credential.

The traditional program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC), 1248 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas 76021-4244. Telephone: (817) 283-2835.

CoARC has repeatedly recognized UAMS with its “Credentialing Success” award.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Respiratory Care

- The demand for respiratory therapists continues to grow, as the population ages and the incidence of serious respiratory conditions increase.
- Collaborate with the interprofessional health care team to recommend and perform critical diagnostic and treatment procedures.
- Assist an array of patients, including individuals with asthma and chronic lung diseases, trauma and surgery patients, premature babies, and children.
- Work in a variety of clinical settings, including intensive care units, neonatal units, acute and chronic care units, air transport, home care and diagnostic labs.
- Acquire and apply extensive knowledge about diseases and conditions including asthma, pneumonia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema, cystic fibrosis, and chronic bronchitis.
- Respiratory therapists enjoy flexible work schedules; for example, three 12-hour shifts per week are common.
- Specialty areas for skilled respiratory therapists include adult critical care, emergency medicine, advanced life support and mechanical ventilation, diagnostic testing, neonatal / pediatrics, asthma management, chronic disease management, sleep disorder testing, and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), a procedure in which a machine takes over the work of both the lungs and heart. Respiratory therapists also practice in outpatient clinic and home care settings
- Serve in roles such as management, discharge planning, disease management, tobacco cessation, research and education.

Prerequisite Information (58 SC)

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.

English Composition I	3 SC
English Composition II	3 SC
Speech Communication	3 SC
College Algebra (or higher level Mathematics)	3 SC
Applied Statistics (or equivalent course in research methodology)	3 SC
Anatomy and Physiology w/laboratory I	4 SC
Anatomy and Physiology w/laboratory II	4 SC
Microbiology w/laboratory	4 SC
Chemistry w/laboratory	4 SC
Fine Arts Music, Art, Theater	3 SC
Humanities	3 SC
US History or National Government	3 SC
General Psychology	3 SC
Introduction to Sociology	3 SC
Medical Terminology	1 SC
Electives	11 SC



Advance Your Career—100% Online AS to BS Degree Completion Program

This program is designed for practicing registered respiratory therapists with an associates degree, who want to earn their bachelor's degree in respiratory care.

UAMS offers a nontraditional online program for practicing professionals with the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential. This "RRT to BS Degree" program is completed entirely online and via independent study, in a full-time or part-time track.

Students enrolled in this section of the program qualify for in-state tuition.

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SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

For more than four decades, the Communication Sciences and Disorders Program (CSDM) at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has prepared students for successful careers in Speech-Language Pathology by providing a strong academic and clinical foundation.

Students earn their Master of Science in CSDM and receive diverse clinical experience in a supportive environment from highly experience faculty.

About the program

- Full-time, two-year program (includes one summer with a common entry point in the fall).
- A well-structured curriculum, a research requirement and a capstone examination prepare students for successful completion of the national Praxis examination and entrance into clinical practice.
- Student receive clinical experiences every semester, which includes opportunities in the UAMS CHP Speech-Language & Hearing Clinic in the first year and offsite placements in the second year.

Licensure & Accreditation

Successful completion of all program requirements qualifies the student to take national examinations required for licensure and/or certification. Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to the Arkansas of Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology for a license to practice speech-language pathology in the state. Graduates are also eligible to apply for national certification.

The Master of Science (M.S.) residential education program in speech-language pathology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, #310, Rockville, MD 20850, Telephone: (800) 498-2071 or (301) 296-5700.



Work roles and advantages of a career in Speech-Language Pathology

- Collaborate with physicians, audiologists, and other healthcare and educational professionals to determine the sources of communication problems and coordinate rehabilitation programs.
- Develop and implement plans to improve functional communication for individuals affected by autism, stroke, brain injury, hearing loss, developmental delay, cleft palate, cerebral palsy or emotional issues.
- Diagnose and treat a variety of individuals with speech, language, literacy, cognition, voice, fluency, feeding, and swallowing disorders.
- Speech-Language Pathology job opportunities are expected to grow by 16% between 2016 and 2026, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Graduates can work in diverse settings, such as school systems, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, skilled nursing facilities, private practices, day care centers, and outpatient clinics.

Admission Requirements

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements. Students must have earned at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited college or university.

- If the bachelor's degree is not in Communication Sciences and Disorders, the applicant will be required to take additional prerequisite coursework.
- To practice as a speech-language pathologist after graduate school, undergraduate coursework is required in the following areas: (1) biological sciences, (2) physics or chemistry, (3) social sciences or behavioral sciences, (4) statistics.

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UAMS STUDENT SERVICES

Disability & Support Services - UAMS is committed to providing equal access to learning opportunities to students with disabilities. To ensure access to any class or program, a full-time ADA Coordinator is available to engage in a confidential conversation about the process for requesting accommodations in the classroom and clinical settings.

Fitness Center - The UAMS Fitness Center includes a 24-hour gymnasium, on-site management and access to nutritionists, dietitians, trainers, and other health care professionals. The Fitness Center also carries a full line of supplements at wholesale prices.

Student Financial Services - Student Financial Services is divided into two divisions: Financial Aid Office and Bursar's Office. The role of the Financial Aid Office is to actively assist students in seeking and securing financial resources by providing financial information and services in a professional and individualized manner. The role of the Bursar's Office is to coordinate the disbursement of awarded financial aid, process tuition payments and manage UAMS campus based loans.

Student Success Center - The Academic Affairs Student Success Center is a one-stop shop for information, assistance and resources for students. Services include Peer Tutoring, Academic Coaching, Writing and Presentation Center, Laptop and Mobile Device Support, and Testing Services.

Student and Employee Health Services – Student Employee Health Services (SEHS) provides flu vaccines, tuberculosis (TB) screening and necessary vaccine series at no cost to students. SEHS will also provide care for needle sticks and blood/body fluid exposure, as well as infectious disease exposure management. The Family Medical Center (FMC) offers medical care to students and their families who choose one of the Family Practice physicians as their primary doctor. The FMC offers a full range of primary care services including women's health, newborn, pediatric and adult care.

Student Wellness - The UAMS Student Wellness Program (student mental health program) is a preventative service created to provide short term, confidential assistance for students who are actively enrolled at UAMS (Little Rock Campus). The purpose of this service is to provide the necessary tools for students to achieve their fullest potential. Students can seek help for depression, anxiety, grief, relationship conflicts, academic difficulties, substance abuse and numerous other issues.



WHY CHOOSE UAMS?

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) offers an education like none other. UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health and a graduate school tasked with educating more than 2,700 students, 870 medical residents and five dental residents.

UAMS also includes a hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation.

UAMS is the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health.



WHAT'S ARKANSAS LIKE?

The College of Health Professions offers programs on the Little Rock and Fayetteville campuses.

Little Rock, Arkansas' largest city and state capital, offers students plenty of housing options and job opportunities as well as many choices for entertainment, shopping, dining and social and cultural enrichment.

Fayetteville is located in Northwest Arkansas, which is the fastest growing region of the state. Home to the University of Arkansas and the Arkansas Razorbacks, Fayetteville also has plenty of entertainment and cultural options for students.

Arkansas is called "The Natural State," and for good reason. With 52 state parks scattered around the state, students are never far from places they can hike, swim, boat, bike, kayak and explore.







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