PRE-HEALTH SCIENCES

Explore your options in health sciences programs

The Pre-Health Sciences one-year Ontario College Certificate program at Algonquin College prepares students to be successful in a variety of health science programs. Students explore their interests in the health science field, while developing strong study skills and earning credits which may be transferred to other college programs.

YOUR EDUCATION OPTIONS

The goal of the Pre-Health Sciences program is to prepare students for further studies rather than moving directly into a health related career upon graduation. Students who complete the Pre-Health Sciences certificate can take advantage of articulation agreements with several health related programs at Algonquin. For more specific information about articulation agreements, speak with the Pre-Health Sciences program coordinator. Final admission to college (including Algonquin) and university programs is determined by the receiving institution and is NOT guaranteed by successful completion of the Pre-Health Sciences program.

SUCCESS FACTORS

This program is well-suited for students who are interested in a health-related field, have good study and time management skills, enjoy working as a member of a team and are attentive to detail.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference between the Pre-Health Sciences, Pre-Nursing and Preparation for Health Sciences (PHS) programs?
Pre-Health Sciences and Pre-Nursing are two-semester post-secondary certificate programs in General Arts & Science (GAS) that can render you eligible for admission to college-level health science programs at Algonquin. Both have 11 courses, some of which can be used as transfer credits in various programs. Pre-Nursing can also prepare you for admission to the Bachelor of Science Nursing (BScN) at certain universities. Final admission to college (including Algonquin) and university programs is determined by the receiving institution and is **NOT** guaranteed by taking Pre-Health Sciences or Pre-Nursing. PHS is a 16-week program in Academic Upgrading that offers four courses that act as high school pre-requisites for admission to certain college-level health science programs. For further information about PHS: *http://www3.algonquincollege.com/access/program/preparation-for-health-sciences/*

Is there a January intake? Can I take the program part-time?
The Pre-Health Sciences program only has a September start date. We accept 250 students and usually have many more applicants than available spots. Potential students are encouraged to apply via *www.ontariocolleges.ca* by the Feb. 1, Equal Consideration Date. Part-time registrants will only be considered at the beginning of the fall semester if space is available.

Do any Pre-Health Sciences courses act as pre-requisites for university Bachelor of Science (BSc) Programs?
This depends on the university and program(s) you are applying to. Contact the university Admissions Office for further information.

Do I need a computer for the program?
As of fall 2013, Pre-Health Sciences is a "Bring Your Own Device" program, which means that all students entering into the program are expected to have a mobile computing device. Students will be provided access to a suite of software, but will be responsible for the cost of their mobile device. For Pre-Health Sciences, the minimum hardware requirements are: *http://algonquincollege.com/byod*

What is required to graduate from Pre-Health Sciences and are there jobs after graduation?
To graduate, a student must complete all 11 courses in the program. The goal of the Pre-Health Sciences program is to prepare students for further studies rather than moving directly into a health related career upon graduation. Graduates of the program are eligible to receive an Ontario College Certificate in General Arts and Science - One Year, with concentration in Pre-Health Sciences.

What programs can I apply to after taking the Pre-Health Sciences program?
Students who complete the Pre-Health Sciences certificate can take advantage of articulation agreements with several health related programs at Algonquin. For more specific information about articulation agreements, speak with the Pre-Health Sciences program coordinator. Students can also apply to another program at the College or continue their studies in the General Arts and Science – Year II diploma program. For more information on GAS – Year II: *http://www3.algonquincollege.com/generalarts/program/general-arts-and-science-year-ii/*

Will taking Pre-Health Sciences assist with my acceptance into other programs?
The Pre-Health Sciences program can assist you in meeting the subject specific requirements of the program(s) you are applying to. However, many college health-related programs will require you to successfully complete an entry test. For further information about entry testing: http://www3.algonquincollege.com/testcentre/. **Successful completion of the Pre-Health Sciences program does NOT exempt you from any entry requirement.**

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