CSCC-OSU Pipeline to Health Sciences Careers

What is the Pipeline to Health Sciences Careers?

The Pipeline to Health Sciences Careers is a collaborative program between Columbus State Community College (CSCC) and Ohio State University (OSU) aimed at increasing opportunities for economically or educationally disadvantaged students to pursue careers in the health sciences.

Students selected for participation complete the first two years of their education at CSCC and the third and fourth years at OSU. Students will be expected to meet various milestones while in the program to ensure their academic and professional development.

During the first year in the program, students begin basic pre-health sciences course work towards a life sciences major (e.g., biochemistry, biology, chemistry, health sciences, human nutrition, microbiology, molecular genetics, neuroscience, pharmaceutical sciences, psychology, public health, zoology) and participate in experiences meant to aid their exploration of health sciences careers. Students will also attend a series of seminars led by OSU health sciences faculty that engage them in thinking about current issues in health.

Upon transfer to OSU, students are expected to declare their intent in a specific health sciences discipline. Research experiences with faculty mentors will be encouraged. In years three and four, students meet course requirements for the baccalaureate degree and prepare for application to the professional program. Throughout the program, students maintain a cumulative portfolio documenting experiences that contribute to their preparation for a career in the health sciences.

The Pipeline to Health Sciences Careers program is committed to providing students with an academic and co-curricular experience that will prepare them to enter a professional degree program in the health sciences.

Eligibility Requirements

The program seeks highly motivated students capable of engaging in a challenging foundational education in health sciences. Students chosen for the Pipeline to Health Sciences Careers program should be interested in pursuing a health sciences career through a graduate professional program in the health sciences, broadly defined to include dentistry, medicine, nursing, optometry, pharmacy, public health, and veterinary medicine.

Eligibility requirements:

- high school grade-point average of 3.0 or higher
- 3 years of high school science and math course work
- readiness for college-level English
- readiness for college-level mathematics (defined as capable of success in college algebra)
- (recommended) minimum ACT of 25
- positive letter of recommendation from a high school science teacher
- present characteristics of economic or educational disadvantage (e.g., eligible for Pell assistance or first generation college student)

Benefits

- financial support to cover in-state tuition and fees for two years of full-time enrollment at CSCC and two years at OSU (an approximate $27,000 value based on current rates)
- CSCC and OSU faculty mentors; advising by OSU academic advisor
- access to select OSU opportunities and events while a student at CSCC
- programming by OSU faculty on health-related issues
- creation of portfolio documenting academic, personal, and professional development through the program
- personal support in developing application and preparing for admission interviews to post-baccalaureate professional programs

Application Process

Eligible students who wish to be considered should submit all required pieces of the program application (available at www.csc.edu/academics/health-pipeline), including a copy of the FAFSA (Free
Application for Federal Student Aid) Student Aid Report, and apply for admission to CSCC, by March 1, 2014.

An admission committee, comprised of faculty from OSU and CSCC, will review the applicants and select students for interviews. Interviews will be scheduled to take place in late March-mid April.

Students will be chosen for the program based on their academic credentials and interview performance. Offers to participate will be extended in late April.

Students will be required to notify the program of their acceptance no later than June 1, 2014.

Frequently Asked Questions

When I am accepted to the program am I a Columbus State Community College student or an Ohio State University student?

You would officially be considered a Columbus State Community College student until the time you transfer to Ohio State. However, as a student in the Pipeline to Health Sciences Careers program, you will have access to some opportunities and events at OSU during your first two years at CSCC. Students in their second year will be eligible to participate in OSU research internships.

What if I don’t make the GPA cutoff after my two years at Columbus State? Can I still transfer to OSU?

Should a student not meet the curricular, involvement, or grade-point average milestones required by the program, they will be removed from the program and lose scholarship funding from that point forward. Academic advising will be provided to support students in considering alternative pathways for completing their degree. Students completing the CSCC Associate degree with a 2.0 or higher would still be eligible to transfer to OSU.

I am interested in becoming a nurse. Can I do the undergraduate major in nursing under this program?

The Pipeline to Health Sciences Careers program does not support students wanting to complete the entry level professional program in nursing. OSU’s BS in Nursing is a one year pre-major and three year major which cannot be done in two years at CSCC and two years at OSU. Students wanting to participate in the Pipeline to Health Sciences Careers program should be open to exploration of the health science fields and committed to completing an undergraduate major in a life science area.

Students interested in a nursing career can pursue the Masters in Nursing through the college’s Graduate Entry Program.

Does this program pay for housing or textbooks?
The program covers tuition and fees for two years at CSCC and two years at OSU. It does not cover housing, living, or text book costs. Students participating in this program should anticipate and budget for these essential additional expenses. The current average cost of books and supplies for CSCC is $1,520/year and $1,248/year for OSU. Estimated room and board costs will vary based on individual situation (from $0 to $11,182/year).

Does this program guarantee admission to OSU Health Sciences Programs?

Admission to an OSU health sciences college is guaranteed if a student in the program has met all curricular, involvement, and grade-point average milestones, as well as college-specific grade-point average and standardized exam criteria.

I work 20 hours per week. Will I be able to participate if I am not able to attend school full-time?

While it is possible for students to work while attending school and participating in the Pipeline to Health Sciences Careers program, students are strongly encouraged to consider their time demands and make sure they are able to attend school full-time and devote the time needed to succeed at the level the program requires. Full-time enrollment will be necessary to complete the program within the funded two years at CSCC and two years at OSU.

Will the course work I’m required to do at Columbus State automatically ensure that I’ll complete an Associate degree?

Yes, if you successfully complete the prescribed pre-health sciences curriculum at CSCC, you will be awarded the Associate of Science degree.

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