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This is an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree program in Health Sciences. This degree will provide a pathway for the following students:

- Those currently enrolled in a certificate-level program in a Health Sciences discipline from an accredited community or technical college.
- Those who have completed a certificate-level program in a Health Sciences discipline from a TN College of Applied Technology (TCAT) or other accredited community or technical college.
- Those currently credentialed as allied health/nursing practitioner who wish to continue their formal education and earn an Associate of Applied Sciences degree.

Allied Health Sciences discipline-specific core credits may be earned by:

- Current enrollment in appropriate allied health sciences courses.
- Transferring credits earned in a health science-related program or an allied health sciences certificate program from a TN College of Applied Technology (TCAT) or other accredited college or university.
- Portfolio assessment of college-level learning related to an allied health discipline.

In addition to the 15 credit hours of General Education courses currently required for an A.A.S. degree, students will complete the Health Science Core courses (ALHS 2311-Management and Leadership for Allied Health Supervisors, ALHS 2314-Medical Law and Ethics, ALHS 2312-Contemporary Issues in Healthcare) and one of the two options (Certificate or Experiential Learning Porfolio).

Class Location: The ALHS classes are primarily online with an orientation session held the first week of classes each semester at the Oak Ridge campus. Students may start the program Fall, Spring, or Summer semesters.

Program Application Deadline: None. Selective admission is not applicable to this program.

General Education and Core Degree Requirements			Hours
ENGL	1010	Composition I	3
COLS	1010	Study, Organize, Succeed ¹	3

		Natural Science/Math Elective⁶ Social Science Elective	3-4 3
		Humanities Elective	3
		General Education Elective ²	3
ALHS	2311	Management/Supervision for AHS Supervisors	3
ALHS	2312	Contemporary Issues in Healthcare	3
ALHS	2314	Medical Law and Ethics	3
		SUB-TOTAL	27-28

Choose one of the following two options:

Option 1: Certificate⁴		
	Health Sciences program Certificate credits	16-30
ALHS 2313	Special Topics in Healthcare Management	3
ALHS 2317	Fundamentals of Healthcare Finance	3
	General Electives (if needed)	0-14
	TOTAL DEGREE HOURS	63-64
OR		
Option 2: Experiential Learning Portfolio⁵		
ALHS 2315	Experiential Learning	3
ALHS 2316	Experiential Learning Portfolio	3-27
	General Electives (if needed) ³	6-30
	TOTAL DEGREE HOURS	63-64

¹ Students with demonstrated academic success in previous college-level courses may be eligible to receive proficiency credit for this course. See the program director.

² [General Education electives](#): One additional course from Communication, Humanities/Fine Arts, Social Behavioral Sciences, or Natural Science/Mathematics.

³ General Electives: Choose from: any excess credits from an Allied Health Technical Certificate OR any other course credits not used elsewhere to fulfill degree requirements. Electives should be chosen in consultation with an academic advisor to ensure they are appropriate and add value to the intended career path.

⁴ Completion of an allied health technical certificate is required for this option of the AAS degree program.

⁵ Experiential portfolio assessment will be completed via ALHS 2315 (Experiential Portfolio) using the Council for the Assessment of Experiential Learning (CAEL) guidelines and assessment instruments. The maximum number of college credits that will be awarded for experiential learning portfolio will be 27 credit hours. All portfolio credits will reflect on the academic transcript under ALHS 2316.

⁶ Students must complete all Math Learning Support requirements (if applicable) before degree will be awarded.

Students pursuing this option will be advised by the [Health Sciences Division](#).

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