Healthcare is one of the fastest growing industries in the nation. With a high demand for healthcare professionals, this career path provides a multitude of options. Students with a degree related to health professions have the opportunity to pursue a wide variety of jobs and the flexibility to work in a variety of settings. Health professionals work in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, specialized care centers, assisted living facilities, and many more areas. They leave a lasting impact on patients and their families and provide them with the care and resources needed to improve their lives.

**Why study health professions?**
Health profession schools typically seek students who have a strong preparation in the sciences and who are well-rounded in general education. They expect a high GPA (typically 3.5 or better), excellent grades in pre-requisite courses, and high scores on the required entrance exam. Beyond the classroom, students must also be able to demonstrate their commitment to serve others and be very well informed about their chosen profession. Students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities, perform volunteer work, and seek experience in healthcare settings, such as hospitals and clinics, community ambulance services, and research laboratories.

**Career choices**
Health professions are some of the most in-demand careers in today’s world and include a variety of job options. Although there are many others, some examples of health profession careers include:

- Medical doctor
- Optometrist
- Dentist
- Radiologist
- Physical therapist
- Pharmacist
- Occupational therapist
- Anesthesiologist

**Focused courses for your degree**
This degree prepares students to transfer to a four-year university where they will complete a bachelor’s degree prior to applying to a professional program. Although plans of study will vary, freshmen typically register for general education courses in addition to courses such as general chemistry, general biology, pre-calculus and college composition. Sophomores also complete courses in general education in addition to anatomy and physiology, organic chemistry, and physics. Although not limited to biology or chemistry, these two majors are among the most common for students pursuing a career in health professions.

> “Don’t be afraid take the leap and become a hero, because not all heroes wear capes … some wear scrubs.”
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> – Kassandra Poitra, Nursing Student
> Belcourt, ND
COURSES REQUIRED
Health Professions (AS)

Freshman Year ............................... Fall  Spring
BIOL 150 General Biology I ... 4 cr
CHEM 121 General Chemistry I 4 cr
ENGL 110 College Composition I 3 cr
MATH 103 College Algebra or higher 4 cr
BIOL 151 General Biology II 4 cr
CHEM 122 General Chemistry II 4 cr
CSCI 101 Intro. to Computers 3 cr
ENGL 120 College Composition II or ENGL 125 Intro. to Professional Writing 3 cr
Wellness electives 2 cr

Sophomore Year  Fall  Spring
BIOL 220 Human Anatomy & Physiology I 4 cr
PSYC 111 Intro. to Psychology 3 cr
Fine arts/Humanities elective 3 cr
Elective 3-4 cr
BIOL 221 Human Anatomy & Physiology II 4 cr
COMM 110 Fund. of Public Speaking 3 cr
PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology 3 cr
Fine arts/Humanities elective 3 cr
Elective 3-4 cr

All courses subject to change.

Dakota College at Bottineau Vision
Dakota College at Bottineau is rooted in the past and grows towards the future by combining the best from the Past, Present, and Future to provide students with innovative educational opportunities. The campus will emphasize a knowledge and appreciation of Nature, implement a rapidly changing Technology, and prepare students to go Beyond and improve the quality of life.

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