



## March – June 2025 Updates | Bulletin 004 – July 2, 2025

### Health Sciences Recruitment & Admissions (HSR&A)

- [Early Admissions Opportunities](#) - A new webpage dedicated to outlining early admissions opportunities for applicants.
- [Summer Immersion Program](#) – July 24 | *Event for prospective students 18 years and older.*
- Lunch & Learns at Camp Crimson – August 21 and 22 | *OU-Norman Campus students only.*
- [48<sup>th</sup> Annual Advisors' Symposium](#) – September 26 | *All Academic Advisors are invited.*
  - Please see the attached save the date! Registration will open at the end of August.
- Application Fee structure is changing.
  - All applicants who apply through a central application system (CAS) will not pay an additional ApplyHSC application.
  - Applicants who do not apply through a CAS will have a \$75 ApplyHSC application fee.
  - Programs that did not have a previous application fee continue without an application fee.

### Fran & Earl Ziegler College of Nursing

- BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM\*
  - The number of required transferred credit hours is being reduced from 61 credit hours to 60 credit hours.
  - The Statistics requirement is being removed and replaced with any three-credit hour general education mathematics course.
  - General Psychology and Lifespan Development requirements are being removed and replaced with a three-credit hour general education social science elective.
  - Core V (First Year Experience) and Core VI (Upper Division) are no longer prerequisites for admission to the program. These will now be graduation requirements, which allow students to take these courses during their program.
  - MBIO/BIOL 2815 is the required Microbiology Course; MBIO 3813/3812 is no longer accepted for the microbiology requirement.
- PROGRAM MODIFICATION – Licensed Practical Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Track\*
  - Advanced Standing Examination Credit is being reduced from 30 credit hours allowed to 22 credit hours allowed.
  - The didactic coursework will increase from 30 credit hours to 38 credit hours
- Summer 2026 and Fall 2026 Waiver for Third Science Requirement
  - [This form](#) is to request a Third Science Waiver for the third science requirement to apply to the ABSN, TBSN, LPN-BSN, or RN-BSN pathways for the Summer 2026 or Fall 2026 Semester. To complete the waiver, you will need to have completed two science courses (Chemistry, Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Microbiology) and will need to have the third science course in progress. The waiver will need to be completed prior to the issuance of a letter of admission.
  - Please note:
    - Two completed sciences are required at the time of the application deadline (January 15, 2026, for ABSN and February 2, 2026, for TBSN, LPN-BSN, RN-BSN).
    - The submission of this waiver showing two sciences completed and the third science in progress is required at the time of application (January 15, 2026, for ABSN and February 2, 2026, for TBSN, LPN-BSN, RN-BSN). To show progress, the applicant will need to upload proof of

enrollment such as an official transcript, unofficial transcript, etc. indicating the third science course is in progress.

- All sciences and prerequisites are required to be completed by the time of the enrollment deadline: June 30, 2026.
- Please be reminded, this is a separate waiver process from the Prerequisite Completion Waiver with an annual deadline of June 30.

## **College of Medicine**

- NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM - Readiness through Interdisciplinary Skill Enhancement in Medical Education (RISE-MED)
  - Readiness through Interdisciplinary Skill Enhancement in Medical Education (RISE-MED) post-baccalaureate certificate program.
  - The admissions requirements include 1) U.S. citizens or hold a permanent visa, 2) Earned a minimum of 90 semester hours, and 3) Minimum grade point average of 3.0.
  - The total credit hours for the certificate program are 15.

## **Health Sciences Graduate College**

- GRADUATE COLLEGE DEGREE PROGRAMS - SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM CHANGES\*
  - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Doctor of Philosophy
    - The total number of credit hours for the degree is being reduced from 90 to 72 credit hours
    - The minimum required credit hours of dissertation research are being reduced from 40 to 22.
  - Cell Biology, Doctor of Philosophy
    - The total number of credit hours for the degree is being reduced from 90 to 72
    - The minimum required credit hours of dissertation research are being reduced from 34 to 21.
  - Microbiology and Immunology, Doctor of Philosophy
    - The total number of credit hours for the degree is being reduced from 90 to 72
    - The minimum required credit hours of dissertation research are being reduced from 38 - 52 to 20 - 34.
  - Neuroscience, Doctor of Philosophy
    - The total number of credit hours for the degree is being reduced from 90 to 72
    - The minimum required credit hours of dissertation research are being reduced from 32 to 24.
  - Pathology, Doctor of Philosophy
    - The total number of credit hours for the degree is being reduced from 90 to 72
    - The minimum required credit hours of dissertation research are being reduced from 60 to 42 and the credit hour range for Journal Club PATH 6010 will change from 6 to 1-12.
  - Pharmaceutical Sciences, Doctor of Philosophy
    - The total number of credit hours for the degree is being reduced from 90 to 72
    - The minimum required credit hours of dissertation research are being reduced from 45 to 27 for the Specialization in Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences and from 25-45 to 27 for the Specialization in Social/Administrative Sciences (Pharmacy Administration).
  - Physiology, Doctor of Philosophy
    - The total number of credit hours for the degree is being reduced from 90 to 72
    - The minimum required credit hours of dissertation research are being reduced from 30 to as needed to achieve a minimum of 72 overall hours. Additionally, students can adjust the number of credit hours of Special Studies PHYO 5990 needed to achieve the minimum overall hours of 72 for the degree.
  - Nutritional Sciences, Master of Science

- The following prerequisite coursework will be changed from required to recommended: Human Physiology and Lab, Intro to Biochemistry, Intro to Nutrition, and Organic Chemistry.
- The requirement of a bachelor's degree in nutrition or dietetics is being changed to any bachelor's degree but recommending a bachelor's degree in nutrition or health-related field

- PROGRAM TERMINATION – MS GENETICS COUNSELING\*

**\*Changes approved at the June meeting of the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents.**

Our HSR&A team is growing, and we welcome applications to join our dynamic team.

- [Senior Administrative Support Specialist](#) - Job Number: 251288
- [Recruitment & Admissions Specialist](#) - Job Number: 251306