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OU Recruitment & Admissions (R&A)

- OU Recruitment & Admissions is always willing to accommodate group visits for student organizations, class cohorts, etc. Please contact visithsc@ou.edu if you work with a group of students interested in visiting the OU Health Campus in Oklahoma City. For students and groups interested in visiting the OU-Tulsa Campus, please contact discoveroutulsa@ou.edu. We look forward to hosting the students you support!
- For information on Health Sciences programs application prerequisites and requirements including application timelines, please visit [here](#).
- For information regarding Health Sciences program recruitment events, please visit [here](#).

***Changes approved at the January meeting of the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents. Program Modifications are subject to approval by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.**

English Proficiency Scores

- Beginning January 21, 2026, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scoring system changed. The Doctor of Dental Surgery Advanced Standing (ASPID) program will require a minimum TOEFL score of 5.0 in the new scoring system (94 in previous scoring system) or a minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 7.0.
- All other OU Health Academic Programs will require a minimum TOEFL score of 4.5 in the new scoring system (79 in the previous scoring system) or a minimum IELTS score of 6.5.

College of Allied Health

- SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM CHANGE – Doctor of Philosophy in Communication Sciences and Disorders will be suspending admissions for up to three years.

Fran and Earl Ziegler College of Nursing

- PROGRAM MODIFICIATION – ALL BSN PATHWAYS (Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Accelerated BSN, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to BSN, and Registered Nurse (RN) to BSN) have removed specific course prefixes and numbers from all prerequisites and replaced them with generic course titles for prerequisite courses
- PROGRAM MODIFICATION – RN TO BSN PATHWAY modified the prerequisite requirements to be graduation requirements and removed the science GPA requirement.



RECRUITMENT & ADMISSIONS

The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA HEALTH

Graduate College

- PROGRAM MODIFICATION – Master of Science in Neuroscience will be removing five courses from the required curriculum and replacing them with eight courses already offered in the catalog. Three neuroscience courses will be removed from the catalog.
- PROGRAM MODIFICATION – Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience will be removing four courses from the required curriculum and replacing them with additional elective courses already offered in the catalog.
- PROGRAM MODIFICATION – Doctor of Philosophy in Health Promotion Sciences will align the admissions requirements to be more consistent with other Ph.D. programs in the Graduate College by combining and/or clarifying major course and minor course requirements into program requirements. The modification to update admission criteria will align the Doctor of Philosophy in Health Promotion Sciences degree more consistently with other PhD programs enabling the College to admit a broader range of students. Additionally, amending major and minor course requirements will allow students who have a master's degree in anything other than a Master in Public Health, or who have not completed certain public health core courses, the opportunity to complete requirements more quickly.
 - Successful completion of a Master's degree in Public Health (MPH), OR
 - Successful completion of a Master's degree AND the following required core courses: BSE 5163 Biostatistical Methods I, BSE 5113 Principles of Epidemiology, HPS 5213 Social & Behavioral Sciences in Public Health, OEH 5013 Environmental Health, and HAP 5453 U.S. Health Care System, OR
 - Successful completion of a Master's degree but has not previously completed the core MPH courses or earned an MPH degree will be required to complete BSE 5033 Foundations and Overview of Public Health at the first opportunity.
- PROGRAM MODIFICATION - Master of Science in Health Promotion Sciences degree has modified admissions requirements to include College Algebra or equivalent

Hudson College of Public Health

- PROGRAM MODIFICATION - Master of Public Health (MPH) will be adding a specialization in "Health Policy" as an additional track to address a critical gap in the public health workforce.