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Become a Difference Maker in **Allied Health**



Allied Health Major

Today's healthcare system desperately needs exceptionally qualified and compassionate professionals willing to see patients as people and their health as primary. Azusa Pacific's allied health major prepares you to do both.

If you're interested in science and love working with people, the allied health major provides preparation for careers such as physical therapy, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, nutrition and dietetics, occupational therapy, and more. Build the skills and knowledge to succeed in these areas or pursue graduate school through a program grounded in a Christian worldview, and learn to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others through health and wellness.

I have thrived as a student in the allied health major because APU is a learning environment that encourages teamwork rather than competition. The faculty are incredibly supportive. I have also really appreciated working with fellow students who are TAs and supplemental instructors. As I apply to graduate schools, I am confident that I have been given the skills that will allow me to succeed in future studies.

**– RACHEL CHRISTENSEN '18,
ALLIED HEALTH MAJOR**

The major is offered in two formats:

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ALLIED HEALTH

Focuses on preparation for careers or graduate work in cytotechnology, entry-level master's in nursing, nutrition and dietetics, occupational therapy, orthotics and prosthetics, physical therapy, and radiation technology. An emphasis in business is also available with this option, for those who desire to manage or start businesses in these areas.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ALLIED HEALTH

Meets most prerequisites for careers in chiropractic, clinical laboratory science, and physician assistance. Coursework for the major combines foundational biological, chemical, and physical knowledge with a variety of applied topics and prepares students to move seamlessly into related graduate programs.

Gain Experience for a Growing Career Field

With continued changes in healthcare policies and practices, as well as technological advances, allied health professions are expected to grow by nearly 20 percent by 2024, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Become equipped to enter the field as you're guided by faculty-mentors who incorporate their professional experiences into the classroom and challenge you to immediately apply learning inside and outside the classroom. You'll benefit from studying in APU's state-of-the-art Segerstrom Science Center, which includes a human cadaver lab for understanding the human body. Plus, you'll participate in an internship, gaining relevant field experience to add to your résumé while networking with local organizations.



In the allied health major, you will...

- Participate in internships that provide practical clinical experience; many meet prerequisites for related graduate programs.
- Examine allied health professions from a Christian worldview, with a focus on whole-person care.




70 PERCENT OF STUDENTS in APU's science programs go on to pursue graduate school.

Study with Experienced Faculty-Mentors

Professors in APU's Department of Biology and Chemistry get to know you. They walk alongside you, challenging and developing you as you strive to achieve your best. Inside and outside the classroom, whether working in the lab, hosting dinners at their homes, or at department barbecues, faculty are committed to scholarly excellence, student development, and spiritual formation.

APU'S ALLIED HEALTH MAJORS BOAST A STRONG ACCEPTANCE RATE in prestigious and competitive professional healthcare programs at universities including USC, Duke, Columbia, and Stanford.

 **Dr. Aguilar loves sharing his enthusiasm for biology with students, and looks for opportunities to help connect the dots through interesting facts as they learn how organisms work. Watch his story: apu.edu/explore/allied-health**



I would hope my students are going to leave my courses, or APU in general, with the ability to think critically and evaluate information, because that is a skill that is going to be necessary in all points of life.

- CRISTIAN AGUILAR, PH.D., ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

Allied Health Careers

- Nurse
- Nurse Practitioner
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Physician Assistant

Though my classes were rigorous and challenging, I was fortunate to have professors who truly cared about my academic learning and performance, as well as my personal development as a young Christian woman in the sciences. I am currently applying to physician assistant programs all over the country, and I have no doubt that my education through this department has prepared me to be a capable graduate student and professional in the medical field.

- SANDI (PIKE '15) CUMMINGS



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