

Allied Health Programs

Through several local partnerships, the allied health programs allow students to earn their degrees at Benedictine as they complete a clinical program at area hospitals, health care facilities and universities. All of the allied health programs with which Benedictine University is affiliated are accredited and meet the highest professional standards. Students earn their B.A. in Biology from Benedictine and a certification, degree or licensure from one of our partner institutions. These partners include Hines Veterans Administration (VA), Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Rush University.

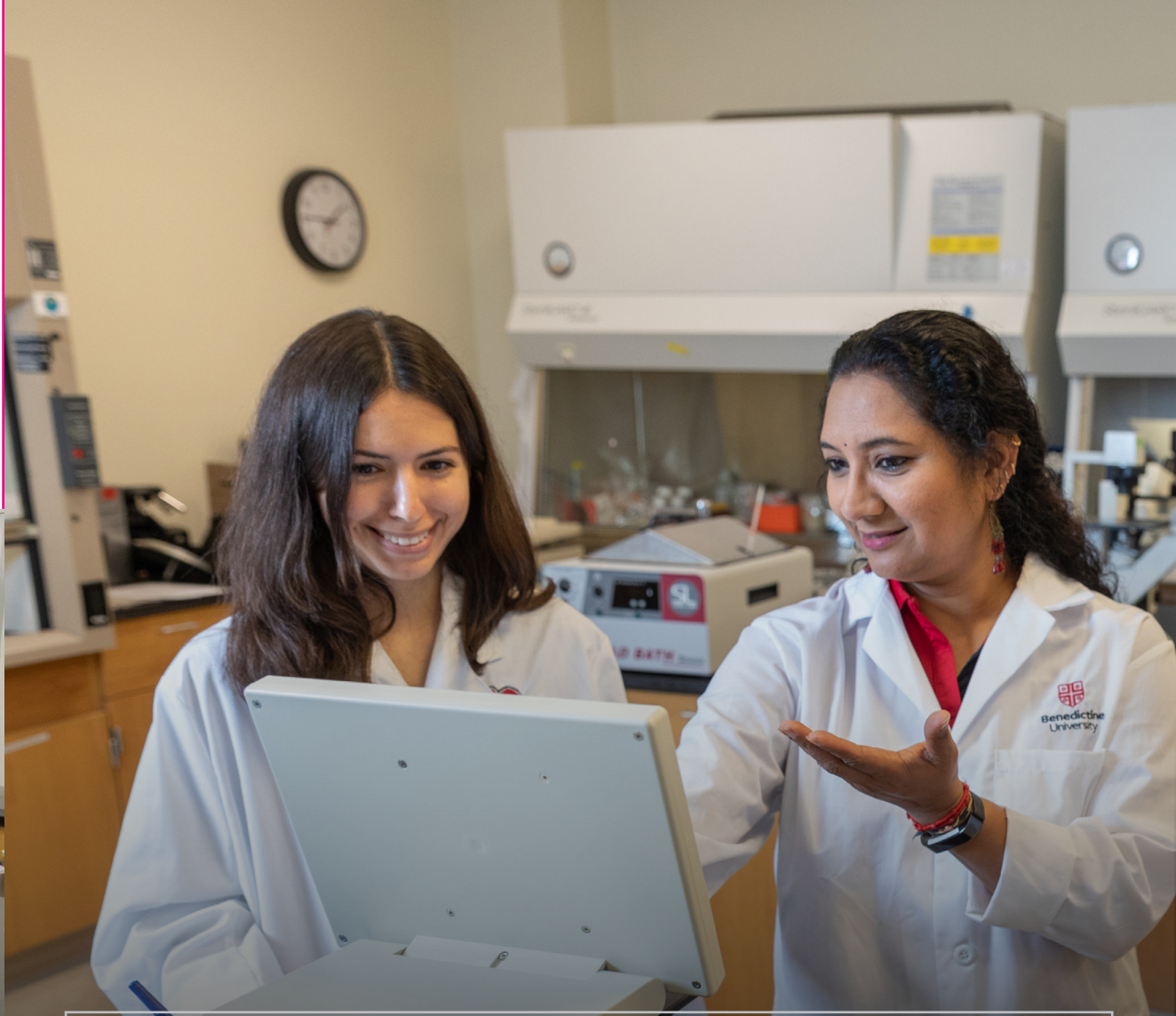
Programs	Clinical (Medical) Lab Sciences	Diagnostic Medical Sonography	Nuclear Medical Technology	Radiation Therapy Respiratory Therapy [3+2]



Graduate Programs at Benedictine

In addition to our expertise of preparing undergraduate students for their desired professional school, Benedictine provides unique graduate programs in key areas of biology, nutrition, physiology and public health. Our graduate programs allow students to deepen their understanding, and develop skills to advance as health practitioners in nutrition and healthcare systems or further thier fundamental learning in preparation for research or doctoral programs.

Graduate Programs	Master of Science in Public Health	Master of Science in Integrative Physiology	Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics with Dietetic Internship
	Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics	Master of Science in Molecular and Cellular Biology	Master of Science in Nutrition and Wellness
	Master of Science in Clinical Exercise Physiology		



Where Can A Degree From Benedictine Take You?

Our graduates are accepted into top-tier medical, dental, and other health professional schools, including University of Michigan, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, University of Texas, New York University, Saint Louis University, Loyola University - Chicago and Midwestern University. They have gone on to work at Rush University Medical Center, Northwestern Medicine, Edward-Elmhurst Health, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Mayo Clinic, among many others. In fact if you go to any clinical site in the midwest region, odds are a Benedictine alumnus works there.



Why Pre-Health at Benedictine?

Benedictine University's outstanding reputation for student success in gaining admission to health professional schools is grounded in the way we live our mission. In addition to excellent academic preparation, students receive specialized guidance from faculty mentors and advisors. This individualized support and the sense of community within our program truly makes the difference in helping our students succeed.



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What Is A Pre-Health Profession Track?

When we say you’re interested in a “pre-health profession” it means you’re looking to go to a professional school one day whether that be medical school, dental school, pharmacy school, or another specialized program. You might already know you want to be a surgeon, dentist, veterinarian, optometrist, or dietitian now, so choosing a university with a dedicated support system and decades-long record of successful pre-health applicants will ensure you’re on the right track and better prepared to go to a related professional school upon graduation.

Pre-Health Tracks

Medicine	Optometry	Physician Assistant	Chiropractic Medicine
Dentistry	Veterinary Medicine	Physical Therapy	Dietitian
Pharmacy	Podiatry	Occupational Therapy	



What Do Pre-Health Students Study?

Pre-health students at Benedictine can major in any discipline. We encourage students to follow their passions whatever they may be, from a major in health science to social science and everything in between. Our dedicated pre-health advisors will help ensure you’re taking the appropriate prerequisite courses for professional school admission along with your major course requirements.

Majors

Health Science	Chemistry	Mathematics	Nutrition and Dietetics
Biology	Physics	Health Education	Psychology and
Biochemistry/ Molecular Biology	Engineering Science	and Promotion	Social Sciences

Nina A. Goyal,
M.D., B.S. '98 ■
Eye Physician and Surgeon Partner,
University Ophthalmology Associates, LTD
Assistant Professor at
Rush University Medical Center, Chicago

“I made some amazing friends during my college years. Students who were similarly goal-oriented, but understood the power of friendship and camaraderie in attaining those goals. We did not foster a competitive environment. Rather, we worked together so that all of us could succeed. That was the Benedictine way. I think that was one of the most important lessons I learned as an undergraduate – that you do not have to step over others to achieve success, and the power of teamwork supersedes all. These are lessons I try to impart today in the ophthalmology residents I train.”

A Well-Rounded Experience

We want our students to be well-rounded, which is why we encourage you to embrace experiences outside the classroom. Most of our students are involved in one or many of our campus student organizations, which include clubs dedicated to our pre-health programs! Our pre-health advisors will work with you to identify opportunities for extracurricular engagement like healthcare-related volunteer work, research, paid clinical experiences or job shadowing.

Partnerships

Through formalized relationships, Benedictine students are provided exclusive access for clinical and job shadowing opportunities, where they gain valuable experience in the world of healthcare — often while working alongside our own alumni. In addition, Benedictine University has established partnerships with professional schools that allow our students to be offered early acceptance, guaranteed interviews or guaranteed seats with these partners. Here are a few partnerships you can explore.

A.T. STILL UNIVERSITY (ATSU) offers guaranteed interviews for their Physician Assistant Program to BenU undergraduate students as well as graduate students in our M.S. in Integrative Physiology program through the *ASHS-DPAS Pipeline to PA Preferred Applicants Program* (“P2P”)

PONCE HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-PUERTO RICO (PHSU) offers guaranteed interviews to eligible Benedictine bilingual students to begin medical school after only three years of coursework at BenU, or upon finishing select bachelors or master’s degrees.

LAKE ERIE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE (LECOM) provides high school seniors and Benedictine University students opportunities for early acceptance into medical, dental, and pharmacy programs.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, NATURAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES guarantees seats for qualified Benedictine University pre-pharmacy students through an early interview and admission process for their Doctor of Pharmacy program and dual PharmD / M.S. in Pharmacogenomics program.

MARIAN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE (MU-COM) gives Benedictine University pre-medical students opportunities for early decision admission or a guaranteed interview.

MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY CHICAGO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY (CCP) AND CHICAGO COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY (CCO) have dual acceptance programs with Benedictine. Under the provisions of the agreement, selected students who successfully complete their specified coursework at BenU will be granted early acceptance to CCP.

MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE-ILLINOIS (CDMI) offers guaranteed interviews for Benedictine undergraduate students as well as graduate students in our M.S. in Integrative Physiology program who have met specified academic criteria.

ROSS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (RUSM) offers early decision acceptance opportunities to Benedictine pre-medical students who have completed their junior year and have met specified academic criteria.

Brian Poustinchian,
D.O., B.S. '06 BIOLOGY ■
Medical Director of Hospital Medicine
at Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital

Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal
Medicine at Midwestern University,
Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine

“Benedictine’s professors and curriculum were fantastic. As a result, the transition from basic science at BenU to medical school was much easier. The laboratory courses also helped provide much needed background, such as cellular biology to better understand how tests are performed that we order in practice every day. Dr. Ferroni in particular was instrumental in my decision to go to medical school.”

A Dedicated Team Effort

Benedictine’s Health Professions Recommendation Committee conducts mock interviews, provides honest and helpful feedback to applicants; and writes the type of committee recommendation letters most medical and other health professional schools prefer. The faculty members on the committee have special knowledge of the academic subjects and qualifications needed for a career in all of the major health professions.