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This is truly an exciting time in health care, as treatment innovations and technical advances change the landscape of allied health practice. At the same time, the opportunities for those in allied health fields seem limitless, as the scope of practice and the need for health care practitioners continually expand. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment opportunities in health care occupations are projected to grow 18 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations, adding about 2.3 million new jobs. Indeed, the future for allied health professions is very bright.

The College of Health Professions is a nationally recognized leader in the education of health providers whose graduates are leaders in their fields, using their knowledge and skill to deliver quality patient care. Our faculty are experts in their disciplines, leading the way in educational advances, leadership of the professions and scholarly endeavors. All of which position them as important contributors to the future of health care delivery in Arkansas and across the nation.

If you are looking for an educational experience to prepare you for an exciting and rewarding career in health care in a wonderfully supportive yet progressive environment, the UAMS College of Health Professions is looking for you. I invite you to browse through this booklet and then visit our website to explore the many opportunities that exist in our college. We look forward to working with you as you consider an exciting future as a health care professional.

ABOUT OUR COLLEGE

Most comprehensive allied health college in Arkansas
- Programs representing 16 allied health professions
- Eight bachelor’s degree programs; one post-bachelor certificate program; four master’s degree programs; four doctoral degree programs; one post-doctoral certificate program

Clinical Operations that provide valuable services to members of our community and also provide training for our students
- Speech and Hearing Clinic
- Dental Hygiene Clinic

Excellent Program Outcomes
- Student graduation rates
- Credentialing/board exam pass rates
- Employment rates after graduation

Why UAMS?
- Comprehensive education at the state’s only academic medical center and Level 1 trauma center
- Interprofessional education training alongside students from all UAMS colleges: Health Professions, Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Public Health and Graduate School
- State-of-the-art facilities

Accreditation - The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and was awarded full reaccreditation on August 1, 2017. The next accreditation review will be in 2026-27. The programs within the college are accredited as appropriate by their national and state agencies. Higher Learning Commission 230 South LaSalle St., Suite 7-500, Chicago, Illinois 60604-1411 | Telephone: (800) 621-7440 / (312) 263-0456 | Fax: (312) 263-7462 | Email: info@hlcommission.org
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Admissions – The Office of Admissions is the hub for student services in the College of Health Professions. The primary responsibilities of this office is to manage the application processes of all academic programs, provide pre-admission academic counseling to prospective students, recruitment, and offer guidance and assistance to currently enrolled students when needed. We are committed to student success and promise is to do our very best in making sure students start out on a solid foundation. Please contact our office by phone (501) 686-5730; email chpadmissions@uams.edu; or website (under the Admissions tab – About the Office of Admission).

UAMS is a participating institution in the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Academic Common Market. The Academic Common Market is a tuition-savings program for college students in 15 SREB states, who want to pursue degrees that are not offered by their in-state institutions. Please refer to their website https://www.sreb.org/academic-common-market for additional information.
The audiology program offers a graduate audiology program that leads to the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) degree required to practice today. Students combine the study of hearing and balance disorders with diverse clinical experiences, resulting in a comprehensive, enriching and affordable doctoral education that supports a lifelong career.

About the program
• Full-time, four-year program
• Students benefit from strong affiliations with UAMS, Arkansas Children’s Hospital and the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System.
• 100% of audiology students find a job right after graduation.

Licensure & Accreditation
Graduates of the program will be eligible to apply to the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology for a license to practice audiology in the state.

The program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association, 2200 Research Blvd. #310, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Telephone: (800) 498-2071 or (301) 296-5700. Website: www.asha.org

Work roles and advantages of a career in Audiology
• Audiologists are experts in the non-medical management of the auditory and balance systems.
• Audiologists are trained to identify, measure and study hearing and hearing impairment; diagnose and treat hearing and balance problems using advanced technologies and procedures; recommend, fit and verify personal amplification systems and assist in school-based amplification decisions.
• Audiologists can work in numerous professional settings, including hospitals, pediatric hospitals, private audiology practices, private ear, nose and throat practices, rehabilitation centers and schools.

Prerequisite Information
Undergraduate course work in mathematics (college algebra or higher), biological, physical (chemistry or physics), behavioral sciences, and statistics is required. Although there are no prerequisite courses in audiology or speech pathology, the program requires that all students have one course in phonetics and one in language acquisition. If these courses are not completed prior to admission, they must be completed during the first year of study in the program.

Program Director
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At the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition offers graduate work leading to a Master of Science degree in Clinical Nutrition (MSCN) through the UAMS Graduate School. Our MSCN program is designed to prepare health professionals and registered dietitians/registered dietitian nutritionists to practice as advanced-level practitioners. Other health professionals may participate in this program to enable them to practice as nutrition specialists within their professional arenas. Students participate in practical experiences to enhance their specialized skills to ensure they are well prepared to advance in their careers. Graduates of science programs may also use the program to develop research skills in nutrition.

As the overall recognition of the importance of nutrition increases in both disease treatment and prevention, highly specialized and advanced-level roles are emerging for dietitians. These advanced-level roles require practice as an entry-level dietitian with professional development of additional knowledge and skills. Graduates of a Dietetic Internship program can take their career to the next level by obtaining a graduate degree. By 2024, a master’s degree will be required to sit for the Registration Examination for Dietitians. Graduates of the master’s program are employable in academic, research, clinical and community nutrition facilities. Now is a great time to set yourself apart.

About the program

- Two years full time, or within five years part time.
- Well-suited for practicing professionals as students have a choice of a thesis option or a non-thesis option. While a majority of coursework in completed online, both traditional and on-line classes are offered. Traditional classes are scheduled once a week, late in the day or early evening Monday through Thursday to allow practicing dietitians to participate with the least disruption to their employment.

The goals of the MSCN graduate program are as follows:

- To develop and apply research skills to enhance the practice of dietetics and nutrition.
- To advance nutrition knowledge and practice skills applicable to health care or community settings.
- To provide knowledge and skills to serve as advocates for better health through incorporation of sound nutrition principles into practice and programs.
- To provide the knowledge and skills for career development and promotion.
Admission Requirements
The MSCN graduate program has been developed for two types of students:
1. The registered dietitian or other health care professionals who are pursuing the MSCN, with an emphasis on advanced clinical practice.
2. The individual with a strong background in biological sciences who wants to pursue advanced coursework in nutrition. Applicants should have previous coursework in nutrition and biological sciences. It is strongly recommended that prospective students have completed courses in nutrition, medical nutrition therapy and nutritional biochemistry. Applicants should possess a strong background in physiology, biology, microbiology and chemistry, including organic and biochemistry.

DOMESTIC applicants must include:
1. Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.85 on a 4.0 scale
2. A satisfactory score on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
3. Three reference letters—two from undergraduate or post-baccalaureate professors and one from an employer
4. CV/Resume
5. Statement of purpose (PLEASE NOTE: Students applying who have previously been enrolled in the Dietetic Internship program are not required to submit this admission document, as we will use the personal statement from their DI application).

INTERNATIONAL applicants must include all items listed for domestic applicants plus:
1. Official transcripts from every college or university attended authenticated for a 4.0 scale
2. A TOEFL score of 79
3. An Affidavit of Support according to the Graduate School website

Program Director
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Cytotechnologists are essential members of the health care team and play an integral part in the total health care of patients. The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Cytotechnology Program provides students with the opportunity to integrate concepts of cytopathology and practical competence. In addition to classroom and laboratory instruction, students experience several full-time clinical internships. Graduates earn a Bachelor of Science in Cytotechnology and are eligible for the national certification examination.

About the program

- Full-time, 12-month program
- Training begins in the classroom where students receive foundational knowledge and microscopy instruction
- Practice in various clinical settings with 12 weeks of clinical internships located in Arkansas and nationwide
- 100% graduation rate, 100% employment rate

Licensure & Accreditation

Graduates of the cytotechnology program are eligible to apply for the certification examination in cytotechnology given by the American Society of Clinical Pathology Board of Certification.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158, Clearwater, Florida 33756. Telephone: (727) 210-2350.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Cytotechnology

- Cytotechnologists play a crucial role in the discovery and detection of cancer, pre-cancerous cell changes and disease using a microscope.
- Cytotechnology is a challenging and rewarding profession for those who thrive working independently, as well as part of a team.
- Abundant career opportunities nationwide are available with jobs located in hospitals, private laboratories, research facilities and public health organizations.
**CYTOTECHNOLOGY (CONTINUED)**

**Prerequisite Information (80 SC)**
*Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.*

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DENTAL HYGIENE

At the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), dental hygiene students are well prepared to be effective, competent health care professionals through a four-pronged mission, which includes education, service, research and patient care. The high quality education that dental hygiene students receive at UAMS gives them a competitive edge in the job market.

About the program

• Full-time, four-semester program (includes one intervening summer session)
• Twenty-chair onsite dental hygiene clinic with a large, established pool of patients
• Three off-campus clinical sites at Arkansas Children’s Hospital, Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (VA hospital in NLR), Future Smiles Dental Clinic at Wakefield Elementary School
• Students engage in over 14 community service events

Licensure & Accreditation

Successful completion of all program requirements qualifies the student to apply for state, regional and national examinations required for licensure.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Ave., Suite 1900, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Telephone: (312) 440-2500.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Dental Hygiene

• Dental hygiene employment opportunities are expected to grow 33 percent by 2022, much faster than other occupations.
• Hygienists with a collaborative care permit practice independently in partnership with the dentist.
• Diverse workplace opportunities include education, research, collaborative care, public health, nursing homes and schools.
DENTAL HYGIENE  (CONTINUED)

Prerequisite Information (51 SC)
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DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

The College of Health Professions Department of Imaging and Radiation Sciences offers the state’s only accredited Bachelor of Science degree in diagnostic medical sonography. In fact, it’s one of only 35 degree programs in the nation focused exclusively on this fast-growing field.

About the Program

- Full-time, two-year program (includes one intervening summer session)
- Only accredited Bachelor of Science degree program specific to sonography in Arkansas
- Program faculty use a student-centered approach and are focused on student success
- Online B.S. Degree completion option available for ARDMS-certified sonographers

Licensure & Accreditation

Successful completion of all program requirements qualifies the student to apply for state, regional and national examinations for licensure. To earn these credentials, candidates must pass the following American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) examinations—Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS): Sonography Principles and Instrumentation AND Abdomen, OR Obstetrics & Gynecology; Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT): Sonography Principles and Instrumentation AND Vascular Technologist; Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer (RDCS): Sonography Principles and Instrumentation AND Adult Echocardiography.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) in general, cardiac and vascular imaging. The contact information is 25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158, Clearwater, Florida 33763. Telephone: (727) 210-2350.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Sonography

- Sonographers assist the physician in gathering pertinent anatomical, physiological and pathological sonographic data and images to diagnose conditions and diseases.
- Sonographers work closely with other health care professionals in hospitals, clinics, physician offices and industry.
- Numerous new specialty areas are emerging, among them traveling sonographers, musculoskeletal imaging, high-frequency cancer imaging and treatment sonography, and veterinary sonography, as well as research and education opportunities.
- National demand for sonographers exceeds the supply of graduates as sonography procedures continue to shift into areas traditionally performed by more expensive imaging and treatment modalities.
**DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY (CONTINUED)**

**Prerequisite Information (47 SC)**

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*Introductory College Physics must cover acoustics, wave motion, heat, electricity, force and energy. Two courses may be required to cover all topics. Please contact the Division Director to determine acceptable College Physics courses.*

**Division Director**

Anthony L. Baker, M.Ed., RDMS, RVT, Associate Professor

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**Advance Your Career - Online Bachelor's Degree Completion Program in Diagnostic Medical Sonography**

UAMS offers a 100% online distance education for sonographers registered with the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS). This flexible program gives sonographers the opportunity to continue working while pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree to help advance their career. Students enrolled in this section of the program qualify for in-state tuition.
Dietetic Internship

Jointly sponsored by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (CAVHS), this is Arkansas’ only accredited dietetic internship program based at an academic medical institution. This unique setting provides a rich learning environment with numerous interprofessional education opportunities throughout the curriculum. With a well-established track record of effectively training students, our dietetic internship program attracts competitive applicants from around the country. Successful graduates earn a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate.

About the program
• Full-time, 40-week program (August-May)
• Includes a concentration in Medical Nutrition Therapy and Management in Dietetic Practice
• Students train in multiple facilities, including UAMS, the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System and Arkansas Children’s Hospital.
• The program offers administrative training in one of the largest VA Nutrition and Food Service Departments in the nation. Community training facilities include the Arkansas Department of Health, UAMS Head Start and UA Cooperative Extension.

Licensure & Accreditation
Successful completion of the program requirements qualifies the graduate to apply for the national registration examination through The Commission on Dietetic Registration.

The dietetic internship program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, Illinois 60606. Telephone: (800) 877-1600, ext. 5400 or (312) 899-0040.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Dietetics & Nutrition
• Dietitians implement the nutrition care process and provide nutrition and lifestyle modification counseling so that individuals and communities get and stay healthy.
• Dietitians apply dietetic practice management principles, including budget development, staffing needs analysis and implementation of process improvement initiatives.
• Dietitians can work in a number of areas including food service, health care and government as well as in a variety of settings such as academics, research, clinical and private practice.

Admission Requirements
The following are required for an applicant to be considered for the program: 1) bachelor’s degree from an accredited university; 2) verification statement from an ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics academic program; 3) cumulative GPA ≥ 2.7; 4) math/science GPA ≥2.0; and 5) nutrition/dietetics GPA ≥3.0. Preference will be given to students with an overall GPA ≥3.0 and math/science GPA ≥2.5, and those who have work or volunteer experience in a health care setting.

Program Director
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GENETIC COUNSELING

Students earning a Master of Science in Genetic Counseling experience an exceptional graduate education at a large academic medical center. This two-year accredited program is located at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), the state’s only genetic counseling training program. Students engage in interactive distance learning, groundbreaking telemedicine training and clinical experiences that prepare them to deliver ethical, effective counseling services. Recent graduates have enjoyed stellar board pass rates and professional success in one of the most sought-after careers in health care.

About the program

- Full-time, two-year program (includes one intervening summer semester session)
- Students have the rare opportunity to work with telemedicine, learning how to provide genetic counseling over interactive video via the internationally renowned UAMS Institute for Digital Health & Innovation OB program.
- Students benefit from live instruction by experienced faculty along with interactive video classes, which offer them the flexibility to train at off-campus clinical sites in the second year.
- Students see a variety of patients in pediatrics, adult genetics, prenatal/reproductive genetics and hereditary cancer in outpatient, inpatient, multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary settings.

Licensure & Accreditation

Students who successfully complete the program will be eligible for the American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC) certification examination.

The program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling, Inc., 7918 Jones Branch Drive, Suite 300, McLean, Virginia 22102. Telephone: (703) 506-7667.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Genetic Counseling

- Genetic counselors are instrumental in helping patients and their families evaluate and understand genetic conditions.
- Educate patients about inheritance, testing, management, prevention, resources and research.
- Counsel patients to promote informed choices regarding genetic testing and medical management of genetic diagnoses so that patients and their families can make decisions that align with their values.
- Work with other health professionals in hospitals, physicians’ offices, laboratories, research and public health settings, as well as the biotech industry.

Admission Requirements

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.

Applicants must have earned a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university or equivalent. Preferred degrees are in biology, genetics, chemistry, and/or psychology, nursing or related fields. All listed courses must have been completed at a regionally accredited post-secondary academic institution and must fulfill all college requirements regarding acceptance of transfer credit.
Required Coursework
A minimum of two quarters or one semester in each of the following subject areas:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Psychology
- Genetics (should include coverage of Mendelian and molecular genetics)
- Cell or Molecular Biology
- Biochemistry
- Statistics
- Laboratory Course (Biology, Chemistry or Biochemistry)

Program Chair
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A Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Laboratory Sciences from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) opens the door to many opportunities for graduates to work as an integral team member throughout the health care industry and beyond. Accredited through the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS), the program provides superior academic and clinical experiences from exceptionally skilled faculty. Students learn the skills necessary to develop entry-level competencies in all areas of the medical laboratory.

About the program

- Two options to fit your schedule
  - Full time: three semesters
  - Part time: five semesters
- Hands-on laboratory experiences incorporated into the curriculum
- Five months of clinical internship opportunities across the state at an affiliated hospital
- Students collaborate with other health care professionals to develop interprofessional connections to bridge the gap between health care programs.
- Clinical internship opportunities are available throughout Arkansas and surrounding states.

Licensure & Accreditation

Graduates are eligible to apply for certification examinations given by national agencies and for licensure examinations given by some states.

The program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences, 5600 North River Road, Suite 720, Rosemont, Illinois 60018. Telephone: (773) 714-8880.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Medical Laboratory Sciences

- Perform and analyze several types of critical laboratory tests that play an important role in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of disease.
- Work as a generalist or specialize in one of the major areas of the laboratory: blood banking, clinical chemistry, hematology, immunology, molecular biology or microbiology.
- Operate complex clinical instruments to analyze blood and body fluids for the presence of disease.
- Interpret data, develop new procedures, manage information and collaborate with other members of the health care team.
- Ensure safe, effective and appropriate laboratory testing results that assist the health care team in making an accurate diagnosis.

Prerequisite Information (69 SC)

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.

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Science Electives  8 SC
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Advance Your Career—100% Online MLT-MLS Advanced Placement Track

Allows medical laboratory technicians certified as a Medical Laboratory Technician by the American Society for Clinical Pathology or equivalent agency to complete the B.S. degree in Medical Laboratory Sciences in three to five semesters through distance education. Applicants must be working as an MLT at the time of admission. Students enrolled in this section of the program qualify for in-state tuition.

Prerequisite Information (75 SC)

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.

English Comp I  3 SC
English Comp II  3 SC
Speech Communication  3 SC
Fine Arts  3 SC
US History or National Government  3 SC
Humanities  3 SC
Social Sciences  6 SC
College Algebra  3 SC
Biological/Health Sciences/Chemistry/MLT Courses  28 SC
Electives  20 SC

Program Chair
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Since its inception in 1998, the accredited Nuclear Medicine Imaging Sciences program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has used distance learning to educate more than 400 graduates — with 98 percent passing the national board examination on the first attempt.

Nuclear Medicine Imaging Sciences students learn how to use radioactive tracers to perform procedures that are helpful in diagnosing and treating a wide variety of abnormal conditions. Graduates earn a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Medicine Imaging Sciences degree through a pre-professional component that lasts three years and the professional component that lasts one year.

About the program

- Full-time, 12-month, online program
- Student obtain a wide variety of hands-on clinical experience in nuclear medicine and PET/CT imaging in large health care facilities and select area clinics.
- Clinical rotations available in Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Fayetteville and Rogers, Arkansas; Baton Rouge and Hammond, Louisiana; Dallas, Longview and Tyler, Texas; and Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Students enrolled in this program qualify for in-state tuition.

Licensure & Accreditation

Successful completion of all program requirements qualifies the graduate to apply for the certification examination given by the Nuclear Medicine Technologists Certification Board (NMTCB) and with additional clinical competencies, the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

The program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT), 820 W. Danforth Road, #B1, Edmond, Oklahoma 73003. Telephone: (405) 285-0546.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Nuclear Medicine Imaging Sciences

- Prepare and administer radiopharmaceuticals, operate radiation detection equipment and perform computer analyses.
- Perform a wide variety of diagnostic procedures to determine physiologic function.
- Perform therapeutic procedures for the treatment of several types of cancers.
- Analyze blood flow through the heart and create computerized imaging to map damaged heart tissue.
- Expanding clinical use of Molecular Imaging, which provides new and unique means of studying biochemistry and metabolism within living tissues.
**Prerequisite Information (80 SC)**

*Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.*

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**Division Director**

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The Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) program prepares students for entry-level occupational therapy practice and also provides them with an opportunity to develop advanced research skills in the areas of leadership, education, policy, and practice.

Created from a dynamic partnership between the state’s premier universities for medical and health sciences education and research, the OTD Program embodies the shared missions and visions of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville (UAF): To enhance the health, well-being, and quality of life of the people of Arkansas, our nation, and world. By enabling occupational therapy students to become innovative, caring, globally-minded scholars, practitioners, and advocates, the OTD Program advances an inclusive, emancipatory, and participatory vision of society situated at the intersection of UAF and UAMS’s missions. This distinctive entry-level clinical doctorate in occupational therapy is consistent with the accreditation standards of the American Occupational Therapy Association.

**About the program**

- Three-year (nine semesters), full-time, on-campus program with an off-campus fieldwork and capstone component. Students must successfully meet all Level II fieldwork and capstone requirements within 24 months of completing didactic coursework.
- We use an occupation-centered curriculum based on concept-based, integrated, and relational learning theories. This approach enables students to create, synthesize and apply occupation-focused knowledge and skills to meet the occupation and health-related needs of people, communities, and society.
- Because our degree is a joint offering between the UAMS College of Health Profession and the UAF College of Education and Health Professions, we utilize learning spaced on each institution’s Fayetteville campuses.

**Licensure & Accreditation**

The entry-level OTD program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE’s telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA

The program must have a preaccreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination.
Benefits of working as an Occupational Therapist

- Opportunity to express your creativity
- Observe healing and restoration through deep engagement with your clients
- Constant variety within your workday
- Opportunity to promote justice, inclusion and engagement of our clients

Prerequisite Information

Undergraduate preparation for the doctorate in occupational therapy can come from a number of majors that result in a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Applicants who wish to study for the entry-level doctoral degree in occupational therapy must complete the following prerequisites or equivalents with a grade of C or better:

All prerequisites are at least 3 credits:
- Human Anatomy with Lab*
- Human Physiology with Lab*
- Statistics
- Terminology for Health Professions
- Abnormal Psychology
- Neuroscience of Behavior (Brain and Behavior, Behavioral or Cognitive Neuroscience, or Neurophysiology, or Neuropsychology, or Neurobiology, etc.)

*If Anatomy and Physiology are offered together, as one course, then two semesters must be taken.

Other admission requirements apply. Please consult the catalog and/or website for additional admission information.

Program Chair

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The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) offers one of only four accredited Ophthalmic Medical Technology (OMT) programs in the U.S. It is also the only Bachelor of Science program in the nation, and the only program integrated into a major eye clinic — the UAMS Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute. As part of an exceptional bachelor’s degree program, students benefit from regular engagement with ophthalmologists, medical residents and certified ophthalmic medical technologists (COMTs) in both classrooms and state-of-the-art clinics.

**About the program**

- Full-time, twenty-two month program
- Small classes and individualized attention provide OMT students with a stimulating educational environment and the skills to begin a successful career.
- Opportunity to obtain the highest level of certification (COMT) upon graduation
- Intensive curriculum covers the anatomy and physiology of the eye, ocular medication, optics, systemic diseases and ocular pathology.

**Licensure & Accreditation**

Upon successful completion of all program requirements, the student qualifies to apply to take the “advanced level COMT” international certification examination. The Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) grants permission for ophthalmic medical technology students to apply for and begin the certification process prior to graduation. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Ophthalmic Medical Programs, 2025 Woodlane Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota 55125. Telephone: (651) 731-7245.

**Work roles and advantages of a career in Ophthalmic Medical Technology**

- Assist ophthalmologists in assessing and treating patients with eye disorders
- Receive specialized training in ophthalmic photography, surgical assisting, contact lenses, and ophthalmic sonography
- Work with infants, children and adults
Prerequisite Information (56 SC)

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.

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Academic Common Market

Out-of-State Students in Southern States May Qualify for Tuition Savings

The Ophthalmic Medical Technology Program at UAMS is a member of the Academic Common Market of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). Through the SREB’s regional tuition-savings program, qualified students in the following states may qualify for scholarship opportunities and in-state tuition: Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. The student must initiate the Academic Common Market application. Visit www.sreb.org/acm for more information.
The Department of Physical Therapy offers more than 14,000 square feet of newly renovated teaching and research space. UAMS is the only physical therapy program in Arkansas with on-site inpatient and outpatient facilities for clinical education experiences every semester of the nearly three-year program. Through interprofessional education, students learn with, from and about other disciplines to create patient- and family-centered health care teams.

About the program

• Full-time, 34-month program, lock-step curriculum
• In-class sessions incorporate problem-based and team-based learning, as well as interprofessional learning experiences.
• The progressive flipped-classroom curriculum is built around the concept of active learning, which utilizes problem- and team-based learning.

Licensure & Accreditation

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) administers the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE), the examination that every graduate of a physical therapy or physical therapist assistant education program must pass to become a licensed physical therapist or licensed/certified physical therapist assistant.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Physical Therapy

• Diagnose and manage movement impairments and improve abilities.
• Rehabilitate and preserve patients’ optimal function for peak movement and health.
• Identify and prevent the onset and progression of dysfunction, limitations and disabilities.
• Work in a variety of settings including hospitals, clinics, schools, fitness facilities, home health, hospice, industrial, or inpatient rehabilitation facilities.
Prerequisite Information (33 SC)

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.
In addition to the 33 semester credits listed below, a completed bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution by the start of the DPT program is required.

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Program Chair
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Established in 2011, the Physician Assistant Program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) fills a critical need for improving access to medical care in Arkansas. As one of the nation’s fastest growing fields, the program trains physician assistant students to examine, diagnose and treat patients with the supervision of licensed physicians.

Students earn their Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree through a comprehensive program that prepares them to provide high-quality and compassionate care as part of a physician team.

**About the program**
- Full-time, 28-month program
- Small class sizes provide a comprehensive, high-quality, patient- and family-centered educational experience.
- Clinical experiences begin early in the program and include weekly patient cases in small groups and simulation.
- A rigorous curriculum prepares students for the national certification examination through the National Commission on the Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).

**Licensure & Accreditation**
Graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination through the NCCPA. Once nationally certified, graduates of the PA program will be eligible to apply to the Arkansas State Medical Board or another state board for a license to practice in the state.

The program has been granted Accreditation-Continued status by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards.

**Work roles and advantages of a Physician Assistant career**
- Become licensed to practice medicine with the supervision of a physician.
- Practice in numerous areas of medicine and surgery, including family practice, emergency medicine, pediatrics, hospital medicine, cardiology, dermatology, obstetrics/gynecology and several other fields.
- Perform various procedures, including arterial puncture, lumbar puncture, suturing, casting, chest tube insertion and thoracentesis.
- Conduct physical exams, elicit patient histories, assist in surgery, prescribe medication, order and interpret lab tests and counsel patients.
- Graduates are trained to enter any discipline of medicine, and there are emerging opportunities in a variety of medical settings including clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, government, education and research.
Admission Requirements
Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.
Bachelor’s or higher degree completed prior to matriculation from a regionally accredited institution in the United States is required.

Prerequisite Information (41 SC)

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Program Chair
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This accredited program trains students in radiographic anatomy, radiation physics, exposure theory, radiobiology and more. The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) program offers more radiography specific courses and a more thorough curriculum than other local programs. Students gain valuable experience through rotations at a variety of clinical settings that serve a diverse patient population. Graduates earn a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Imaging Sciences (RIS) and are well prepared to enter the workforce as knowledgeable radiology technology professionals.

About the program

- Full-time, two-year program
- Opportunity to obtain two clinical credentials upon graduation: Registered Technologist (R.T.) plus an advanced specialty (select from Computed Tomography (CT), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), mammography, vascular interventional radiography and cardiac interventional radiography)
- Program offered at two locations -- Little Rock and Fayetteville (Northwest Regional Campus).
- Work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, medical and diagnostic labs, outpatient care centers and physicians’ offices.

Licensure & Accreditation

Successful completion of the Bachelor of Science degree program requirements qualifies the student to apply for the national certification examination.

The Associate of Science program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago, Illinois 60606-3182. Telephone: (312) 704-5300.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Radiology

- Radiologic technology is one of the nation’s fastest growing fields. National employment numbers predict job opportunities to increase by 13 percent by 2026.
- As the population ages, increases in certain medical conditions, such as cancer and Alzheimer’s disease, will require imaging as a tool for diagnosis.
- Radiographers work with Radiologists to provide medical imaging services to patients.
- In this age of medical reform, the demand for imaging procedures and the rapid expansion of new technology makes the registered radiographer a sought-after health care professional.
Prerequisite Information (35 SC)
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Advance Your Career—100% Online Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Imaging Sciences Program
This program is designed for practicing respiratory therapists who want to earn their bachelor’s degree in respiratory care.

The Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Imaging Sciences Degree Completion program consists of 35 semester credits of prerequisite course work and successful completion of an Associate of Sciences in Medical Imaging or Associate of Applied Science in Radiologic Technology.

This is the only program in the state to offer a bachelor’s degree with secondary specialty certification preparation. Students may select one or two areas of concentration in mammography, computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), cardiac studies or interventional vascular (IV) studies.

Students enrolled in this section of the program qualify for in-state tuition.

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RESPIRATORY CARE

At the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), the College of Health Professions offers the only Bachelor of Science degree program in Respiratory Care in Arkansas. This nationally recognized, accredited program is known for its stellar pass rates on professional credentialing examinations and strong graduate success. Students benefit from exceptional learning opportunities in a variety of clinical settings that only a busy, respected medical center can provide. As a result, graduates are well prepared for career opportunities across the country.

About the program

- Full-time, two-year program
- Individual mentoring and a carefully crafted curriculum includes classroom instruction, laboratory sessions, clinical internships, simulation activities and advanced courses in critical care, research, disease management and leadership.
- Graduates have a 90% pass rate on Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credentials, earning the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) and the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credentials.
- The choice between a full-time, two-year track and a part-time, three-year track gives students the option to balance their studies with work schedules and family life.
- Graduates are nationally recruited with 100% graduate employment after credentialing

Licensure & Accreditation

Students earn credentials in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) as program requirements.

Graduates are eligible to earn the CRT (Certified Respiratory Therapist) credential and the RRT (Registered Respiratory Therapist) credential.

The traditional program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC), 1248 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas 76021-4244. Telephone: (817) 283-2835.

CoARC has repeatedly recognized UAMS with its “Credentialing Success” award.

Work roles and advantages of a career in Respiratory Care

- The demand for respiratory therapists continues to grow, as the population ages and the incidence of serious respiratory conditions increase.
- Assist an array of patients, including individuals with asthma and chronic lung diseases, trauma and surgery patients, premature babies, and children.
- Work in a variety of clinical settings, including intensive care units, neonatal units, acute and chronic care units, air transport, home care and diagnostic labs.
- Acquire and apply extensive knowledge about diseases and conditions including asthma, pneumonia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema, cystic fibrosis, and chronic bronchitis.
- Respiratory therapists enjoy flexible work schedules; for example, three 12-hour shifts per week are common.
- Specialty area for skilled respiratory therapists include advanced life support and mechanical ventilation, diagnostic testing, online patient education and adult extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), a procedure in which a machine takes over the work of the lungs and the heart.
- Collaborate with other health care professionals to recommend and perform critical diagnostic and treatment procedures.
- Serve in roles such as management, discharge planning, disease management, tobacco cessation, research and education.
Prerequisite Information (58 SC)

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements.

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Advance Your Career—100% Online AS to BS Degree Completion Program

This program is designed for practicing respiratory therapist, who want to earn their bachelor’s degree in respiratory care.

UAMS offers a nontraditional online program for practicing professionals with the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential. This “RRT to BS Degree” program is completed entirely online and via independent study, in a full-time or part-time track.

Students enrolled in this section of the program qualify for in-state tuition.

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SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

For more than four decades, the Communication Sciences and Disorders Program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has combined classroom learning with superior clinical training to build the foundation for successful careers.

Students earn their Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders while benefiting from rich academic and clinical experiences led by highly experienced faculty.

About the program

• Full-time, two-year program (includes one summer with a common entry point in the fall).
• A well-structured curriculum, a research requirement and a capstone examination prepare students for successful completion of the national Praxis examination; the pass rate is 100 percent.
• Graduates of the program are eligible to apply for certification through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

Licensure & Accreditation

Successful completion of all program requirements qualifies the student to take national examinations required for licensure and/or certification. Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to the Arkansas of Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology for a license to practice speech-language pathology in the state. Graduates will also be eligible to apply for national certification.

The program is accredited by the Council of Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Blvd. #310, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Telephone: (800) 498-2071 or (301) 296-5700.
Work roles and advantages of a career in Speech-Language Pathology

- Collaborate with audiologists and other professionals to determine the sources of communication problems and coordinate rehabilitation programs.
- Assist patients affected by autism, stroke, brain injury, hearing loss, developmental delay, cleft palate, cerebral palsy or emotional issues.
- Diagnose and treat a variety of patients and clients with speech, language, voice, literacy and fluency disorders.
- Speech-Language Pathology job opportunities are expected to grow by 16% between 2016 and 2026, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Graduates can work in diverse settings, such as school systems, private practices, rehabilitation centers, day care centers and residential institutions.

Admission Requirements

Please refer to healthprofessions.uams.edu for more detailed information on prerequisite requirements. Students must have earned at least a bachelor’s degree from a regionally-accredited college or university. If the bachelor’s degree is not in Communication Sciences and Disorders, the applicant will be required to take additional prerequisite coursework.

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UAMS STUDENT SERVICES

Disability & Support Services - UAMS is committed to providing equal access to learning opportunities to students with disabilities. To ensure access to any class or program, a full-time ADA Coordinator is available to engage in a confidential conversation about the process for requesting accommodations in the classroom and clinical settings.

Fitness Center - The UAMS Fitness Center includes a 24-hour gymnasium, on-site management and access to nutritionists, dietitians, trainers, and other health care professionals. The Fitness Center also carries a full line of supplements at wholesale prices.

Student Financial Services - Student Financial Services is divided into two divisions: Financial Aid Office and Bursar's Office. The role of the Financial Aid Office is to actively assist students in seeking and securing financial resources by providing financial information and services in a professional and individualized manner. The role of the Bursar's Office is to coordinate the disbursement of awarded financial aid, process tuition payments and manage UAMS campus based loans.

Student Success Center - The Academic Affairs Student Success Center is a one-stop shop for information, assistance and resources for students. Services include Peer Tutoring, Academic Coaching, Writing and Presentation Center, Laptop and Mobile Device Support, and Testing Services.

Student and Employee Health Services - Student Employee Health Services (SEHS) provides flu vaccines, tuberculosis (TB) screening and necessary vaccine series at no cost to students. SEHS will also provide care for needle sticks and blood/body fluid exposure, as well as infectious disease exposure management. The Family Medical Center (FMC) offers medical care to students and their families who choose one of the Family Practice physicians as their primary doctor. The FMC offers a full range of primary care services including women's health, newborn, pediatric and adult care.

Student Wellness - The UAMS Student Wellness Program (student mental health program) is a preventative service created to provide short term, confidential assistance for students who are actively enrolled at UAMS (Little Rock Campus). The purpose of this service is to provide the necessary tools for students to achieve their fullest potential. Students can seek help for depression, anxiety, grief, relationship conflicts, academic difficulties, substance abuse and numerous other issues.
WHY CHOOSE UAMS?

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) offers an education like none other. UAMS is the state’s only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health and a graduate school tasked with educating more than 2,700 students, 870 medical residents and five dental residents.

UAMS also includes a hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation.

UAMS is the state’s largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health.
WHAT’S ARKANSAS LIKE?

The College of Health Professions offers programs on the Little Rock and Fayetteville campuses.

Little Rock, Arkansas’ largest city and state capital, offers students plenty of housing options and job opportunities as well as many choices for entertainment, shopping, dining and social and cultural enrichment.

Fayetteville is located in Northwest Arkansas, which is the fastest growing region of the state. Home to the University of Arkansas and the Arkansas Razorbacks, Fayetteville also has plenty of entertainment and cultural options for students.

Arkansas is called “The Natural State,” and for good reason. With 52 state parks scattered around the state, students are never far from places they can hike, swim, boat, bike, kayak and explore.