WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN HEALTH STUDIES/SCIENCES?:

SKILLS POSSESSED BY HEALTH STUDIES/SCIENCES GRADUATES
Many employers are interested in the skills which Health Studies/Science graduates tend to possess. These include:
• An understanding of the significance of health and illness in a cultural context
• The willingness to learn new information and adapt to an ever-changing field
• The ability to gather, analyze, and interpret information in a clear and concise manner
• Written and oral communication skills

SAMPLE JOB TITLES FOR HEALTH STUDIES/SCIENCES GRADUATES
The following titles are listed to provide a broad representation of potential occupational options. Not all graduates will be qualified for all these positions. Careful course selection is recommended, as is the acquisition of relevant skills through paid/volunteer experiences. Additional certifications may be required or preferred.
• Health Policy Analyst
• Community Health Educator
• Health Research Coordinator
• Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Program Coordinator
• Fundraiser, Health-related Organization/Foundation
• Coordinator, Program Planning and Evaluation
• Client Advocate
• Health Care Administrator
• Community Wellness Worker
• Residential Care Worker
• Health & Safety Program Coordinator
• Personal Development Counsellor (for persons with disabilities)
• Life Skills Coach
• Data Analyst
• Activities Instructor - Mental Health Care Facility
• Volunteer Coordinator
• Abuse Prevention Consultant
• Transitional Support Worker (Acquired Brain Injury Unit)
• Specialist, Career/ Employment Services (for persons with disabilities)
• Youth Care Worker
• Victim Services Worker
• Pharmaceutical/Health Product Sales Representative
• Laboratory Technologist
• Biomedical Research
• Forensic research
• Diagnostic services/laboratory medicine

FACTS ABOUT A HEALTH STUDIES/SCIENCES DEGREE:
• This program provides a solid basis for engagement in community, cultural and political contexts concerned with health and illness
• Students will study and analyze health issues on individual, community and institutional levels.
• Graduates will not achieve a professional designation, however, the program provides a strong foundation for students who wish to enter professional or graduate programs. Drop by the Career Help Centre to discuss options.
• Participation in volunteer and related part-time/summer work is an effective way of securing work-related skills and defining occupational options.
• Qualifications for employment may vary by geographic location.
POTENTIAL SECTORS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Government Departments (municipal, provincial, federal)
- Non-governmental Organizations (including those involved in international development)
- Community Health Clinics/Centres
- Social Service Agencies
- Multi-cultural Organizations
- Health Charities/Foundations
- Health Promotion Agencies
- Research Institutes
- Private Sector Companies
- Biotechnology Laboratories
- Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities (including mental health care centres)
- Employment Agencies (for persons with disabilities)
- Consulting Firms

WEB SITES FROM WHICH INFORMATION WAS GATHERED:

1. Health Studies Programme Career Opportunities—McMaster University
   www.socsci.mcmaster.ca/healthst/
2. Health Studies (York University)
   www.yorku.ca/web/futurestudents/programs/template.asp?id=570
3. workopolisCampus (U. of Manitoba Access Code—bisons)
   workopoliscampus.com
4. Health Services Directory On-line (Winnipeg Regional Health Authority)
   www.wrha.mb.ca/healthinfo/directory/index.php
5. National Occupational Classification
   www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC-CNP/
6. Life Science Association of Manitoba
   www.lsam.ca/index.cfm

The information included on this career sheet has been collected from numerous sources and has been contributed to by University of Manitoba faculty members, as well as staff of the Student Counselling and Career Centre. For more information on these and other occupational options, drop by the Career Help Centre, 474 University Centre or call 204 - 474 – 9456.

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