Other academic programs offered by the Department of Population Health:

- Health Care Administration, BS
- Health Sciences, BS
- Public Health, BS
- Wellness Management, BS
- Minor in Health
A Bachelor's Degree in Bilingual Health Care Studies

The Department of Population Health at Sam Houston State University offers a bilingual health care studies degree for anyone interested in health care and who has a love for language. Diverse populations often lack access to health care services because their cultural practices are not adequately communicated with their healthcare providers. Bilingual Health Care Studies prepares you to assist patients and providers with medical interpretation through verbal and nonverbal communication. Our degree enables you to improve patient compliance, cultural competencies, and proficiencies in health organizations and socially responsible corporations.

Requirements

Students must complete 120 hours with at least 42 qualifying as advanced hours (3000-4000 level) and 18 hours of writing-enhanced courses. Students can select courses from health law, health care administration, the U.S. Health Care System, sociology, family and consumer science (nutrition), counseling education, philosophy, community health, medical terminology, and human diseases.

Minors: A minor in a foreign language is required to complete this degree program. Students will take a minimum of 19 hours in Spanish, Arabic, French, or German, and must include six advanced hours in a special topics seminar.

Scholarships

Students may apply for the health program scholarships and non-degree specific scholarships by completing the Scholarships4Kats online application. Transfer scholarships are available for students who would like to continue their academic career at Sam Houston. SHSU provides a quality education at an affordable cost.

Internships

Bilingual Health Care Studies majors may choose from a variety of health care organizations to complete a required 200-hour professional internship.