

NIACC to Drake Pathway: Associate in Arts Degree to Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences Degree, Pre-Occupational Therapy Track
Prerequisites for Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) Degree
Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

What courses should I take at NIACC to help me complete my degree at Drake?

Associate in Arts Degree Requirement	NIACC Recommended Courses		Credits	Equivalent Drake Courses		Credits	Drake Requirement
Communication (9 credits required)	ENG 105	Composition I	3	ENG 0--	General Elective credit	3	WRIT*/Prerequisite
	ENG 106	Composition II	3	ENG 0--	General Elective Credit	3	Prerequisite
	SPC 112	Public Speaking	3	SCSR 073	Public Speaking	3	CITZ/Prerequisite
Humanities (8 credits required)	Any ART, DRA or MUS	Art, Drama or Music course	3	GEN 0--	General Elective Credit	3	ARTS
	Any HIS	History course	3	HIS 0--	General Elective Credit	3	HIST (1 of 2)
	Any HIS	History course	3	HIS 0--	General Elective Credit	3	HIST (2 of 2)
Natural Science/Mathematics (8 credits required, at least 1 math and 1 science course)	CHM 166	General Chemistry I	5	CHEM 001/003	General Chemistry I and Lab	4	PHSC/HSCI Requirement
	MAT 210	Calculus I	4	MATH 050	Calculus I	4	QUANT/HSCI Requirement
Social Sciences (8 credits required)	PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 001	Intro to Psychology	3	Prerequisite
	ECON 130	Principles of Microeconomics	3	ECON 002	Principles of Microeconomics	3	HSCI Requirement
	Any	Social Sciences course	3	GEN 0--	General Elective Credit	3	General Elective
College Essentials (1 credit required)	SDV 199	College Essentials (Required for AA)	1	GEN 0--	College Essentials	1	General Elective
Distributed (8 credits required)	CHM 176	General Chemistry II	5	CHEM 002/004	General Chemistry II and Lab	4	HSCI Requirement
	BIO 202	General Biology I	4	BIO 012/L	General/Pre-Professional Biology I and Lab	4	LIFE/HSCI Requirement
Electives (20 credits required)	BIO 203	General Biology II	4	BIO 013/L	General/Pre-Professional Biology II and Lab	4	HSCI Requirement
	BIO 206 and BIO 207	Anatomy and Physiology I and II (must take both)	8	HSCI 125/L and 141/L	Physiology and Human Anatomy with Labs	8	Prerequisite
	Any	Any General Elective Course	4	GEN 0--	General Elective Credit	4	General Elective
Total NIACC AA Credits			62	Transfer Credit to Drake		60	

* Abbreviations and definitions for the Drake University Areas of Inquiry (AOI) can be found in the Drake General Education Requirements section on the reverse side.

Drake General Education Requirements

The general education curriculum at Drake is called the Drake Curriculum. In order to complete the Drake Curriculum, students must complete one course in each of the following Areas of Inquiry (AOI). Most of these AOIs can be transferred in from NIACC. More information about the AOIs can be found at <http://www.drake.edu/dc/areasofinquiry/>. **Students completing an Associate degree from an Iowa Community College are not required to complete the Areas of Inquiry at Drake.**

- ARTS = Artistic Experience
- CITZ = Engaged Citizen
- CRIT = Critical Thinking
- GLOB = Global and Cultural Understanding (*Pre-Pharm curriculum*)
- HIST = Historical Foundations (2 courses must be taken)
- INFO = Information Literacy (*PharmD curriculum*)
- LIFE/PHSC = Scientific Literacy (2 courses must be taken)
- QUANT = Quantitative Literacy
- VE = Values and Ethics (*PharmD curriculum*)
- WRIT = Written Communication

What courses will I take at Drake?

Courses		Credits
HSCI 020	Introduction to Health Sciences (online or summer is preferred)	2
HSCI 021	Professionalism in Health Care	2
HSCI 025	Introduction to the U.S. Health Care System	3
HSCI 055	Innovation and Leadership in Health Sciences	3
HSCI 095	Medical Terminology (prerequisite)	1
HSCI 105	Values and Ethics in Health Sciences (VE)	3
HSCI 106	Culture, Care and Health Literacy (GLOB)	3
HSCI 155 and 156	Guided Research I and II	4
HSCI 172	Evaluating Research Literature (INFO)	3
HSCI 196 and 197	Health Sciences Internship I and II	6
PHY 011	General Physics I and Lab (prerequisite)	4
PSY 042 or 044 or HSCI 146	Child/Adolescent Psychology, Adult Development/Aging or Human Development Across the Lifespan (prerequisite)	3
PSY 076	Abnormal Psychology (prerequisite)	3
STAT 060 or HSCI 060	Statistics for the Life Sciences (CRIT/prerequisite) or Health Statistics (CRIT/prerequisite)	3
P-ELEC ---	Professional Electives (biomedical sciences, health sciences, business or psychology)	16
ELEC ---	General Electives	4
Total at Drake		64
Total credits required for Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences Degree		124

What are the requirements for admission into the Drake University Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) program?

- Earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree from Drake
- Complete the required prerequisite coursework listed below. For students transferring into the Pre-OT track, a minimum of 14 credits of prerequisites must be completed at Drake.
 - HSCI 095, Medical Terminology (1 cr.)
 - HSCI 125/L, Physiology and Lab (4 cr.)
 - HSCI 141/L, Human Anatomy and Lab (4 cr.)
 - PHY 011, General Physics I (4 cr.)
 - PSY 001, Introduction to Psychology (4 cr.)
 - PSY 042, PSY 044 or HSCI 150, Dev. Psychology (3 cr.)
 - PSY 076, Abnormal Psychology (3 cr.)
 - SCSR 073, Public Speaking (3 cr.)
 - STAT 060, Statistics for the Life Sciences (3 cr.)
 - WRIT AOI + 1 additional writing course (6 cr.)
- Earn a minimum 3.0 in both the Drake cumulative GPA and the required Drake prerequisites GPA
- Take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

How can I ensure my credits will transfer?

Work with a Drake University Admissions Counselor to find out exactly how your credits will transfer, while keeping the following in mind:

- A maximum of 94 credits can be transferred to Drake University, with a maximum of 66 credits from a regionally accredited 2-year institution, like NIACC.
- A maximum of 4 credits of career/vocational tech. credits will transfer.
- A grade of C- or higher is required for all transfer coursework.
- A grade of C or higher is required for any prerequisite coursework completed at an institution other than Drake.
- The last 30 credit hours must be completed at Drake University.

What other requirements should I be aware of to complete my degree?

- Students completing the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree at Drake are only required to complete the Drake Curriculum Areas of Inquiry (AOIs) if they are *not* completing an Associate degree from an Iowa Community College. Some of these courses are completed through the Health Sciences program and some may be transferred to Drake.
- In order to earn a degree, students must earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher on all coursework attempted at Drake.

What else?

- This pathway maps courses from NIACC. If you have attended other institutions in addition to NIACC, please alert your Drake University Admissions Counselor.
- This pathway is a sample of an individualized plan. If you have additional questions about transferring to Drake in the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree, please contact the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, at drakeot@drake.edu or 515-271-3018.