

Health Sciences Division (HSD) Advising Nuances

*Students intending to apply for a competitive admissions HSD program are placed in the following “**holding place**” degree (i.e., major) until official program admission:

Health Sciences, AS

*Students may also have their **intended program listed in parenthesis** after the “holding place” degree. For example:

Health Sciences, AS (Dental Assisting)

*Students **DO NOT** need to take all the courses listed in their “holding place” degree **unless they plan to transfer** to a 4-yr. college or university or for financial aid purposes. For example, most students do not need to take the following courses: ENGL 1020, ENGL LIT, HIST, etc.

*Students **need to review/read** the following information to understand the requirements for admission to their intended program:

1. [Health Sciences web page](#)
2. Intended Program’s web page (*Programs are listed on left side of HSD web page*)
3. Intended Program’s Information Packet (*Red button on Program web page*)

*Students can run a **What-If Report in Degree Works** (DW) for their **intended AAS degree program** to see what courses are truly needed (i.e., pre-requisite courses) for their intended program, in conjunction with the Program’s Information Packet. Instructions on running a What-If report can be found in Step 5 of the following document: [DegreeWorks: How to Use](#)

Guidelines when Selecting a Degree Works Plan

1. If the student **needs Learning Support (LS)** in any or all subjects (Reading, Writing, and/or Math), the plan you select **will be listed as Health Sciences, not their intended program**. For example, a Fall (FA) 2025 starting-student who intends to apply for the RAD TECH program with the following DSPs (DSPR=4, DSPW=4, DSPM=2) will need to have the following plan selected:

(FA) Health Sciences, AS (LS-M) 2025-2026

2. If the student is **college-level ready** (DSPs = 4 in all 3 subjects: **R**eading, **W**riting, and **M**ath), the plan you select will be the **Pre-Acceptance Intended Program** plan. For example, a Fall 2025 starting student who intends to apply for the RAD TECH program with the following DSPs (DSPR=4, DSPW=4, DSPM=4) will need to have the following plan selected:

(FA) Pre-Acceptance Radiologic Technology (No LS) 2025-2026

IMPORTANT ADVISING NOTES/TIPS:

The BIOL 2010 pre-req has been factored into the DW plans. Pay close attention to the blue notes in the DW plans. The catalog also has recommended schedules to follow for students intending to apply for a competitive admission program. Encourage students to be thinking about a Plan B (or even Plan C) in case they are not admitted to their intended program.