Program Overview
The Interdisciplinary Studies Department offers a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences Program (BSHS), with four distinct concentrations: Allied Dental, Coordinated Dietetics, Health Services Management and Education, and Advanced Imaging Sciences.

All programs in the department are post professional programs designed to enhance the career opportunities for health care professionals. Each program consists of an interdisciplinary core of courses and multiple specialization tracks which are collaboratively offered by Rutgers, The School of Health Related Professions (SHRP) programs. The design of the programs allows health professionals to choose from a variety of academic options to meet their career needs.

The BSHS program allows students to enroll in individual courses as a non-matriculant. Rutgers, The School of Health Related Professions permits individuals to take up to 12 credits as a non-matriculant.

The Allied Dental and Coordinated Dietetics concentrations are listed separately on the home page of the undergraduate section.

Program Description
The SHRP Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (BSHS) degree program is a unique and flexible program designed specifically for credentialed health care professionals. The program recognizes and builds on previous academic course work as well as the allied health professional’s work experience. It provides interdisciplinary course work and advanced courses within concentrations that are designed to promote and broaden health care professionals’ career opportunities in their chosen field. With the use of advanced technology and distance learning, the program provides the best possible academic environment conducive to meet the student’s needs.
The program is offered in partnership with two other New Jersey higher education institutions: Thomas Edison State College (TESC) and New Jersey City University (NJCU)*. These partners provide the general education, basic sciences, and liberal arts courses. SHRP provides all of the health-related courses, including the interdisciplinary core of courses. Upon completion of the program, the student receives a Bachelor of Science degree, awarded jointly by Rutgers and NJCU or TESC. Therefore, when applying to SHRP, an applicant must also select the partner institution.

To enroll in this program, allied health practitioners must possess an associate degree or certificate in an allied health discipline and must be licensed, certified, or registered in their applicable field. All students are required to complete NJCU’s or TESC’s general studies and residency requirements, a 15 credit online Interdisciplinary Health Sciences core, and one area in the professional concentration component. All students must complete a practicum or internship in their concentration area.

**Student Expectations**
Barring unusual circumstances, the student is expected to maintain part-time status (3-9 credits) minimally each semester. If for some reason the student is unable to do so, he/she must complete a Change in Student Status form indicating Matriculation Continued and submit it to the Office of Enrollment Services. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program. In addition all core courses are web-based courses and students are required to meet the minimum technology requirements in order to take these courses. Enrolled students are required to have access to Internet services, to include at least Web browsing capability and an e-mail account. The University does not provide these services, but does provide all matriculants with an e-mail address and access to its network, including the Rutgers Virtual Library with full-text research databases and the student Banner Web system.

Minimum hardware/software requirements can be found on our website.

**Full-time and Part-time status**
Most students enroll and complete courses in the BSHS program on a part-time basis.

**Department Faculty**
Please see the department faculty under Interdisciplinary Studies department/Newark campus.

**Primary Campus Location**
The program is web-based.
Curriculum
See database for program requirements and course descriptions and select your program.

Mission/Goals/Objectives
The mission of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies is to enhance the preparation and experiences of health care professionals and educators by utilizing interdisciplinary models of education. Integral to this mission is the development and maintenance of an interprofessional learning environment that fosters enhanced communication, cooperation and collaboration among the health related professions.

Admissions Requirements
Admission for the Bachelor or Science in Health Sciences program requires an associate degree or/certificate from an accredited allied health education program.

Admission to the program occurs once a year after the March 1 deadline. The application and all supporting documents must be received by March 1. For further information and an application for admission please contact the Office of Enrollment Services.

Students enrolled in the joint Rutgers/NJCU program pay the NJCU tuition rate and student fees. Students enrolled in the joint Rutgers/TESC program pay the Rutgers-SHRP rate. NJCU tuition information can be obtained by calling the NJCU Office of the Registrar (201) 200-3334.

Both institutions reserve the right to make whatever tuition and fee changes are deemed necessary by their respective Boards of Trustees before the beginning of any semester.

G.P.A. minimum requirement/credentialing requirement
All applicants must have an overall grade point average of 2.50. A notarized copy of the health professionals’ credentials (i.e., license, certification, or registration, if applicable) must be submitted with an admissions application for all concentrations.

For more information
For more information contact the Office of Enrollment Services at (973) 972-5336 or via e-mail.

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*The NJCU affiliate is not currently accepting students.