The programs in Bouvé College of Health Sciences combine cooperative education experiences with highly innovative academic curricula that are designed to meet the demand for well-educated allied health professionals, nurses, and pharmacists. The college seeks to prepare students to become effective professional practitioners, enter graduate schools, and work in many areas responsible for the delivery of health care.

There are three schools within the Bouvé College of Health Sciences: the School of Nursing, the School of Pharmacy, and the School of Health Professions, which comprises the following majors: athletic training, cardiopulmonary and exercise sciences, health science, medical laboratory science, physical therapy, and speech-language pathology and audiology. The college offers students a health-care education that features a curriculum of highly relevant and closely integrated basic courses in the physical, biological, behavioral, and administrative sciences; on-site involvement in clinical patient care, including early and advanced pharmacy practice experiences and clinical affiliations in nursing, physical therapy, and other health professions; a cooperative education work program; and a commitment to the search for and advancement of new and progressive concepts, ideas, and philosophies of education and professional practice.

Each of the programs offered by the college is accredited by the appropriate professional group. The college is a member of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

Academic Requirements

Students are responsible for following the curriculum plan for their major, co-op division, and graduation year. Students are responsible for monitoring their own progress through the curriculum by registering for the courses stipulated by their curriculum plan, knowing course prerequisites, regularly checking the degree audit system, and knowing the sanctions for unsatisfactory academic progress. Any exceptions to a student’s curriculum plan must be approved by their academic advisor.

COLLEGE ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Students must receive a grade of C or better in professional courses.

Professional courses:
Required courses taught within the major/college as identified by unit/faculty: ATP, BHS, CAP, CES, MLS, NUR, PMD, PSC, PTH, SLA, TOX

Courses from the above-listed departments that are taken as electives are exempt from the C or better rule and the University’s minimum satisfactory grade will be accepted.

Students must receive a grade of C– or better in selected professional prerequisites.

Professional prerequisites:
Athletic Training: BIO, CHM, MTH, PHY, PSC
Cardiopulmonary and Exercise Sciences: BIO, CHM, MTH, PHY, PSC
Health Science: BIO, CHM, MTH
Medical Laboratory Science: BIO, CHM, MTH, PHY
Nursing: BIO, CHM, MTH; A grade of C or better is required for PSY U404
Pharmacy: BIO, CHM, PHY, MTH
Pharmacy students must receive a grade of C or better in professional prerequisites beginning in the second year of the curriculum.
Physical Therapy: BIO, CES, CHM, MTH, PHY, PSY

Effective with the fall 2006 entering class, physical therapy students must receive a grade of C or better in professional prerequisites beginning in the second year of the curriculum.

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology: BIO, MTH, PHY, PSY U101

Courses from the above-listed departments that are taken as electives are exempt from the C– or better rule and the University’s minimum satisfactory grade will be accepted.

For all other courses:
The University’s minimum passing grade for the course will be accepted. Please note: The University requires a minimum grade of C for ENG U111 and ENG U306.

PROGRESSION WITHIN BOUVÉ

• First-year students must complete at least 27 semester hours and meet all major prerequisite course requirements in order to progress to sophomore status. First-year students who earn fewer than the semester hours stipulated by the curriculum plan for their major must make up the difference prior to graduation.

• In order to progress into the subsequent year of professional courses, students must have completed all professional prerequisites with a grade of C– or better (except for pharmacy and physical therapy, which require a C in professional prerequisites beginning in the second year).

• In order to progress into the subsequent semester of professional courses, students must have completed all professional courses with a grade of C or better.

• Effective with the fall 2005 entering class, pharmacy students must receive a grade of C or better in professional prerequisites beginning in the second year, have satisfactorily completed all courses in years one and two of the curriculum, and have an overall GPA of 2.700 or better to progress from second- to third-year status.

• Effective with the fall 2006 entering class, physical therapy students must receive a grade of C or better in professional prerequisites beginning in the second year and have a 2.700 overall GPA to enter the graduate phase of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. Students must maintain a 3.000 overall GPA during the graduate phase of the DPT program in order to progress and graduate with the DPT.

• Physical therapy students entering prior to fall 2006 are required to have a 2.670 overall GPA to progress from the fourth to the fifth year of the program. Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.000 during the sixth year of the program.

• Students who incur an incomplete grade in a prerequisite course must obtain approval from their academic advisor, upon consultation with the department faculty, prior to progression into the subsequent course(s).

• Students dismissed administratively from the English Language Center are not eligible for the Bouvé program to which they were conditionally admitted.

CRITERIA FOR UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC PROBATION

Note: Notation of academic probation will appear on internal record but not on permanent transcript.

Students in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences will be placed on academic probation effective the following academic semester for any of the reasons noted below:

First-year Students:
• Not earning at least 12 semester hours in the second semester of the first year.
• Not maintaining an overall cumulative GPA of at least 1.800 at the end of the two semesters of the first-year curriculum.

Upperclass and Transfer Students:
Not earning at least 12 semester hours in the semester just completed. Not maintaining an overall cumulative GPA of at least 2.000 at the end of each academic semester.

ACADEMIC DISMISSAL FROM MAJOR

Students in the Bouvé College of Health Sciences will be dismissed from their major effective the following academic semester for any of the reasons noted below:

• Failure to earn a grade of C or better in three professional courses, regardless of remediation. Lecture and clinical/lab components for the same class are considered as one professional course failure.

• Effective with the fall 2008 entering class for nursing students, failure to earn a grade of C or better in two professional/clinical courses, regardless of remediation.

• Failure to earn the minimum required grade in the same course twice.

Note: Students dismissed from their major but who are otherwise in good standing with the University are allowed to remain at Northeastern University for up to two semesters as a provisional Bouvé student, by the end of which the student is expected to move into a new major. Otherwise, the student will be dismissed from the University.

ACADEMIC DISMISSAL FROM UNIVERSITY

Students who remain on probation after two academic semesters may be dismissed from the University. Notification of this academic dismissal action will appear on the permanent transcript.

ACADEMIC APPEALS

Students who believe that they were erroneously, capriciously, or otherwise unfairly treated in an academic or cooperative education decision may petition to appeal the decision. Refer to the Bouvé Undergraduate Student Manual, which details the Bouvé College of Health Sciences Appeals Process, and the Northeastern University Student Handbook, which details the University Undergraduate Student Academic Appeals Procedures.