The School of Nursing and Health Studies (SONHS) is committed to academic excellence, the advancement of healthcare, and service to society. Opportunities are available for students to study and earn course credit in a variety of local and international settings.

**Mission**

The mission of the SONHS is to educate students and support faculty committed to excellence in nursing and health science. Through research, education and practice, the school will create and disseminate health knowledge and prepare culturally competent leaders to provide safe service to our community, the nation and the world.

**Baccalaureate Degrees**

The SONHS offers three baccalaureate degrees:

1. Bachelor of Science in Health Science (BSHS)
2. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
3. Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH)

**Student Responsibilities**

Students in the SONHS are responsible for fulfilling their degree requirements. Students are also responsible for complying with all provisions outlined in the Academic Bulletin and the Student Handbook.

**Academic Bulletin and Student Handbook**

In addition to the material listed in the Academic Bulletin, all SONHS students are held to the policies, procedures, and requirements listed in the most current Student Handbook (http://www.sonhs.miami.edu/academics/student-handbooks/) for their respective degree program. Please note the material included in the Student Handbook is subject to change throughout the academic year and may not be reflected in the Academic Bulletin. The Student Handbook contains the most current information. Consult an academic advisor in the Office of Student Services (OSS) (http://oss.sonhs.miami.edu/) for questions related to academic requirements and opportunities.

**Written Communication Skills**

Effective writing skills advance ideas efficiently and persuasively, so the expectation is that students become adept at using writing as an effective communication tool. Students fulfill this requirement by satisfactorily completing ENG 105 (https://bulletin.miami.edu/search/?P=ENG%20105) together with ENG 106 (https://bulletin.miami.edu/search/?P=ENG%20106) or ENG 107 (https://bulletin.miami.edu/search/?P=ENG%20107), or the equivalent. Appropriate Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) scores in English composition may be used to satisfy this requirement. An appropriate score on the SAT or ACT examination may earn a student exemption from, but not credit for, ENG 105 (https://bulletin.miami.edu/search/?P=ENG%20105).

Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate effective written communication skills in relation to specific rhetorical tasks.
- Construct original, well-reasoned arguments using a range of materials.
- Integrate and synthesize appropriate and relevant primary and secondary sources in their writing.

**EFFECTIVE FALL 2017, NEW STUDENTS WITHOUT PRIOR COLLEGE CREDIT IN WRITTEN COMMUNICATION SKILLS WILL BE PLACED AS FOLLOWS:**

- ENG 103: ACT English score below 18 or SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or Critical Reading score below 430, or TOEFL iBT Writing score below 18.
- ENG 105: ACT English score 18-31 or SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or Critical Reading score 430-690, or TOEFL iBT Writing score 18 or above.
- ENG 106 or ENG 107: ACT English score 32 or above or SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing or Critical Reading score 700 or above.

Written Communication Skills General Education Requirements must be completed prior to attaining junior year classification.

**Accommodations Policy for Students with Disabilities**

The SONHS adheres to standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any student needing special accommodations should seek assistance through the Office of Disability Services (ODS) (http://umarc.miami.edu/arc/ODS.html), which is the primary on-campus resource responsible for the
The SONHS also offers limited merit-based and need-based scholarships to continuing students. The types of scholarships available and the qualifications for them vary by semester. Continuing students who wish to be considered for the SONHS scholarships must apply for such scholarships through the SONHS General Scholarship Application. Calls for applications are e-mailed to continuing students once each semester to prompt students to apply who wish to be considered for a scholarship for the next term. Additional information on the SONHS scholarships as well as health science-, nursing-, and public health-related outside scholarships can be found on the SONHS Scholarships website (http://www.sonhs.miami.edu/admissions-and-financial-aid/financial-aid-and-community-scholarships/).

Financial Assistance

Students interested in obtaining financial assistance in the form of student loans, grants, etc. should contact the Office of Financial Assistance (http://www.miami.edu/admission/index.php/ofas/).

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Outcome Criteria

Foote Fellows in the SONHS will maintain an undergraduate GPA of 3.5 or higher. The GPA used to make this determination is the UM-specific GPA or the Combined GPA (i.e., UM-specific and Transfer GPA combined), whichever is lower. Foote Fellows must also create a capstone portfolio that includes examples of (a) how they have addressed a health disparity throughout their program of study and of (b) the community service, volunteer, and leadership experiences they have participated in throughout their time at the University of Miami.