

# Prepare for a career in healthcare

Choose from a bachelor's completion degree in Health Sciences, a certificate in Health Care Informatics, or a microcredential in Interprofessional Leadership in Healthcare—or earn all three!

Rapid advancements in the quality and delivery of patient care, new technologies, and an aging population are several factors contributing to a strong and growing healthcare industry, and with it a variety of career opportunities. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee offers three programs through the 100% online UW Flexible Option to help you take that next step in a healthcare career. You can earn each individually or add one—or both—to your bachelor's degree.



## Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

If you want to work in healthcare, or move into another role within the healthcare industry, but need a bachelor's degree, the **UW-Milwaukee Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences: Health Sciences** builds on your experience by developing and strengthening skills in critical thinking, problem solving, management, and interprofessional leadership. This curriculum prepares you to assume a wide range of roles within both clinical and non-clinical settings such as hospitals and other patient care facilities, government organizations, or insurance companies and allows you to earn additional credentials with your degree. With the UW Flexible Option, you can use your knowledge and experience to control the pace at which you earn your bachelor's degree.

Designed with flexibility, you can choose electives that prepare you for the healthcare career you want, and the degree curriculum builds on your associate degree, giving you 60 credits toward the 120-credit degree completion minimum.

You can earn the [Health Care Informatics](#) certificate along with your degree by choosing six elective courses (18 credits) in this program. As you complete required courses in the degree, you'll earn the [Interprofessional Leadership in Healthcare microcredential](#) and be awarded a digital badge you can use on your social media profiles or other places that immediately signifies to employers you've developed the skills to work effectively with and across patient care disciplines.

## Who Should Apply?

- » Healthcare professionals or technicians with an associate degree who need a bachelor's degree to advance
- » Professionals with some college credits who want to learn new skills, hone current ones, or expand into new areas of expertise in healthcare
- » Professionals seeking a healthcare management career who need the training and a credential



## Health Care Informatics Certificate

You can earn the **UW-Milwaukee Health Care Informatics certificate**, offered online through the UW Flexible Option, on its own by completing the six courses in the certificate. Or you can earn the certificate while you complete your [Health Sciences bachelor's degree](#) by selecting the courses that make up the certificate as electives. You'll gain the skills and knowledge to understand, analyze, and evaluate the information used by successful healthcare organizations to provide patient care. In addition, it can prepare you for a wide range of career options within hospitals, clinics, insurance, and pharmaceutical firms, as well as companies who design, develop, and implement health information systems. Interested in earning this certificate, but not the degree? [Learn more](#).

### Who Should Apply?

- » IT professionals who want to move into the growing healthcare industry
- » Healthcare professionals interested in expanding their skills in IT, technology, and data analysis
- » Bachelor's degree holders seeking specialization in healthcare informatics



## Interprofessional Leadership in Healthcare Microcredential

Earning the **UW-Milwaukee Interprofessional Leadership in Healthcare Microcredential**, offered online through the UW Flexible Option, is as easy as completing three courses (9 credits) in the [UW-Milwaukee Health Sciences Bachelor's](#) curriculum. Upon completion of these courses, you'll be awarded a digital badge that you can use anywhere to show your accomplishment and your interprofessional leadership skills, while completing the Health Sciences degree. Interested in earning this microcredential, but not the degree? [Learn more](#).

### Who Should Apply?

- » Current students in healthcare bachelor's degree programs such as [Health Sciences](#), [Diagnostic Imaging](#), and [Nursing](#) (Contact an Enrollment Adviser to learn more.)
- » Professionals planning a healthcare career
- » Healthcare professionals seeking to skill up in their career

## About UW-Milwaukee

The [University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee College of Health Professions and Sciences](#) offers a wide array of health-related academic programs in biomedical sciences, global health, healthcare administration, nursing, the rehabilitation sciences, and sustainable peacebuilding. The faculty and staff in these areas are training our graduates for high-demand careers. Many of our degree programs are nationally recognized and ranked and have achieved the highest accreditation possible.

# The UW Flexible Option advantage

The UW Flexible Option is a national pioneer in competency-based education for adult learners. The self-paced format of UW Flexible Option programs fits around your schedule, helping you balance your responsibilities with your educational goals.

## Gain real-world skills

The UW Flexible Option focuses on what you know and are able to do. You'll make progress by completing projects that prove you've mastered the skills and knowledge UW faculty and industry leaders have identified as essential for healthcare professionals. Whether you earn a degree, certificate, microcredential—or all three, you'll be prepared to take the next step in your career in healthcare.

## Save time and money

The 100% online UW Flexible Option breaks free from rigid semester schedules. There are no traditional classrooms or class time requirements. You can start any month, advance at your own pace, and leverage your existing knowledge and experience to complete coursework as quickly or slowly as your life and commitments allow.

## Independent, but not alone

While you control the pace of your studies, you can expect a supported experience. From day one, in addition to the support you will receive from your faculty, you will have a dedicated Success Coach to help you throughout the program. Your coach gives you advice on everything from study strategies to how to balance your time. They'll work with you to understand your goals and direct you to the learning resources you'll need to succeed.

## Use credits you've already earned

Your associate degree puts you halfway to a bachelor's degree. UW-Milwaukee's generous transfer policies award you 60 credits toward the 120-credit degree completion minimum. Have credits, but not an associate degree? Contact an enrollment adviser to see how your credits will transfer in.

"I think the best advice I could give to others who are scared to pick up the phone or to apply for the program is that you can make this program what you want it to be. You can take it as slow or as fast as you need so that it doesn't overwhelm your life. I never knew a format like UW Flexible Option existed, but I'm so glad it does."

—Jordan Schumacher, UW Flexible Option Health Sciences degree graduate

# Healthcare Career Outlook

According to the [US Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), healthcare support occupations, healthcare practitioners, and technical occupations in the healthcare industry are expected to grow faster than average over the next 10 years, adding about 1.8 million jobs each year. This means credentialed health professionals will be especially well-positioned for career advancement.

## Tuition

This UW Flexible Option program offers busy adults an affordable way to earn a UW-Milwaukee certificate. Tuition is a flat rate of \$2,250 for the 12-week subscription period, which covers as many courses as you would like to take. If you want to take more time, this program has a one-course-at-a-time option, which is \$1,125 for a 12-week subscription period.

With the UW Flexible Option's subscription period model, you complete the program as fast or as slowly as you need. Competency-based learning means as soon as you master one domain, you move onto the next one. You won't spend valuable time repeating material you've previously mastered. If you already know it, you may be able to advance through the program more quickly.



**\$1,125**  
SINGLE COURSE  
12 week subscription

or



**\$2,250**  
"ALL-YOU-CAN-LEARN"  
12 week subscription



Your tuition rate will not change from when you start the program through graduation—that's the [Flex Tuition Guarantee](#).

## Get more information

Our Enrollment Advisers are available to answer any questions you have about the UW-Milwaukee Health Sciences degree, Health Care Informatics certificate or Interprofessional Leadership in Healthcare microcredential offered through the UW Flexible Option. Earning a credential can happen sooner than you think—reach out to one of our advisers to get started today!

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