Program Information
During your undergraduate journey, you will prepare for a career in health care under the broad context of intellectual growth, academic excellence, and engaged service to others. That’s what sets SBU apart from other undergraduate experiences.

The Health Science program will provide the opportunity to study courses in medical terminology, health research methods, nutrition and epidemiology. As seniors, students will intern under professionals in their chosen health field and engage during Senior Capstone in discussions of health issues with peers and professors.

Graduates will be well prepared for immediate employment in health promotion or continued graduate studies in a variety of allied health fields.

Four Concentrations
Students will be able to choose one of four concentrations in the program:

General
This concentration provides students a path to use the degree to support health care careers immediately upon graduation. Examples include health promotion, patient and health educator. Students may also pursue professional degree programs in public health (wellness education), business (pharmaceutical sales), law (health care regulation), and public policy (health care reform).

Social, Physical & Psychological Development
This concentration prepares students who want to pursue graduate studies in occupational therapy (MS, MOT). Occupational Therapists help people across their lifespan participate in the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities (occupations).

Kinesiology
This prepares students who want to pursue graduate studies in physical therapy (DPT). Physical therapists (PTs) are licensed health care professionals who can help patients reduce pain and improve or restore mobility, in many cases without expensive surgery and often reducing the need for long-term use of prescription medications and their side effects.

Biomedical Science
This concentration prepares students who want to pursue graduate studies in physician assistant studies (MS). Physician assistants, also known as PAs, practice medicine on teams with physicians, surgeons, and other health care workers. They examine, diagnose, and treat patients.
Rooted in our Franciscan heritage

With the creation of a new bachelor's degree in Health Science, we look to our past to lead us into an incredible future.

When Saint Bonaventure was young, he was very ill. Legend has it that his mother prayed to Saint Francis for his recovery, forever linking these extraordinary men. Bonaventure went on to join the Franciscan order and become a renowned scholar and philosopher.

Francis was an exemplar of compassion, caring for the ill — especially those with leprosy — at a time when life-threatening diseases were not only highly contagious, but people who interacted with those afflicted were often scorned.

St. Bonaventure University was established 600 years later by Italian friars inspired by these two extraordinary men.

Still today, Franciscans are heroes in their own right, deeply valuing the individual worth and dignity of all people and the relationships humans forge with each other. When considering a future in health care, we believe it’s essential to embrace these values when caring for someone who’s ill.