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**HEALTH-RELATED MAJORS**

### Natural Science

- **Biology**
  - Focuses on the study of life and living systems, including cellular biology, genetics, ecology, and evolution.
  - Essential for understanding the biological basis of health and disease.

- **Chemistry**
  - Provides a foundation in molecular and inorganic chemistry.
  - Critical for students interested in careers in medicine, pharmacy, or physical therapy.

- **Health Care Studies**
  - Focuses on the business, management, and policy aspects of health care.
  - Ideal for those interested in careers in health administration, public health, or health policy.

- **Health Communication**
  - Studies the role of communication in health care, including the design and evaluation of health communication materials.
  - Preparing students for careers in public health campaigns, health education, and management.

### Health Professions

- **Medical Anthropology**
  - Combines anthropology with medical studies to examine the social and cultural aspects of health and illness.
  - Essential for understanding the cultural differences in health perception.

- **Global Health**
  - Studies the impact of global issues on health, including infectious diseases, poverty, and environmental health.
  - Preparing students for careers in public health and global health interventions.

- **Medical Sociology**
  - Focuses on the social determinants of health and the role of society in health care practices.
  - Essential for understanding the role of social justice in health care.

- **Biochemistry**
  - Provides a foundation in the chemistry of biological systems.
  - Essential for students pursuing careers in medicine, pharmacy, or science.

### Human Health

- **Psychology**
  - Studies the mind and behavior, including the development of cognitive, emotional, and social skills.
  - Essential for understanding the psychological aspects of health and disease.

- **Neuroscience**
  - Focuses on the study of the nervous system and its role in behavior.
  - Essential for students interested in careers in neuroscience and neurology.

- **Exercise Science**
  - Studies the role of exercise and physical activity in health and disease prevention.
  - Essential for understanding the importance of physical activity in health.

- **Nutrition Science**
  - Focuses on the role of nutrition in health and disease prevention.
  - Essential for students interested in careers in nutrition and dietetics.

### Health Promotion

- **Health Promotion**
  - Studies the role of education in health care, including health communication, health economics, and health psychology.
  - Essential for students interested in careers in health education and health promotion.

- **Neurobehavioral Health**
  - Focuses on the role of the nervous system in behavior and mental health.
  - Essential for students interested in careers in neuropsychology.

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### Early Start Program

- **Pre-Health Curriculum**
  - Provides students with the foundational knowledge needed to pursue health professions.
  - Essential for students interested in careers in medicine, pharmacy, or physical therapy.

### Student Success

- **Advisement**
  - Offers support to ensure students are on track to meet the necessary prerequisite courses for medical school.
  - Essential for students preparing for graduate school or preparing for graduate school.

- **Gaining Experience**
  - Provides opportunities for students to gain experience in the field of medicine.
  - Essential for students interested in careers in medicine.

- **Crafting Your Path**
  - Offers guidance on selecting a major and career path.
  - Essential for students interested in careers in medicine.

For more information on how to apply to medical school, how to gain experience, and crafting your path, please contact our advisors at admission@dornsife.usc.edu. We are here to provide support and guidance throughout your journey.