Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences Degree
with a focus in Health and Wellness Management

What is the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree completion program?

The BAAS degree completion program consists of global studies and cognitive skills courses, along with internships and service-learning, that prepare students for professional lives and careers by giving them the ability to assimilate information and analyze complex problems, an understanding of global issues and the ability to work across cultures.

Students learn to apply creative problem-solving skills to situations they are likely to face in their professional lives. The internships and service-learning components provide students with hands-on experience to connect classroom learning with a career-related environment.

When will the BAAS degree be offered?

UW-Mashfield/Wood County will begin enrolling students for Fall 2013.

Which campuses offer the BAAS degree?

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How do students apply to the BAAS program?

Students must apply using the standard UW online admission application. The UW Colleges Office of the Registrar and UW-Marshfield/Wood County’s Student Affairs office will process each application using the UW Colleges admission standards governed by UW Colleges Senate policies.

BAAS degree seeking students will be enrolled as regular students at UW-Marshfield/Wood County and as special students at UW-Stevens Point. Students are responsible for transferring courses completed at UW-Stevens Point back to UW-Marshfield/Wood County.

Who issues the BAAS degree?

The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree will be awarded by the University of Wisconsin Colleges.

How many credits are required?

120 total credits are required. The Associates of Arts and Sciences degree that is required for entry into the program makes up the first 60 credits. The UW Colleges (UW-Marshfield/Wood County) will provide 30 credits of upper-level classes and the UW partner institution (UW-Stevens Point) will provide an additional 30 credits of upper-level courses.
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What is the tuition for the BAAS degree?

Tuition and fees will be charged according to the institution delivering the course. The UW-Mashfield/Wood County tuition in the BAAS degree completion program will be the same as the UW-Stevens Point’s standard tuition rate. Each institution’s segregated fees will apply to its own courses. Courses delivered online will be subject to each institution’s online tuition rate and administrative fees.

Is financial aid available?

Students may apply to UW-Mashfield/Wood County for financial aid while they are enrolled in the BAAS degree program. Students must be enrolled in at least one UW Colleges course per term to be assured of financial aid consideration by UW Colleges.

How are courses delivered?

Courses may be delivered by face-to-face instruction, online, blended, interactive television, or streaming video. Courses may be made available at a variety of times of the day or evening.

Must students have an Associate of Arts and Science degree from UW Colleges to enroll?

The BAAS degree builds upon a foundation of an AAS degree. In general, a student must have an AAS degree from UW Colleges or an equivalent liberal arts associate degree from another college or university to enroll.

Can students apply for the BAAS program if they have an associate degree from a Wisconsin technical college?

In the future, some applied associate degrees from Wisconsin technical colleges may count as the first two years of a BAAS degree if they meet specific requirements. UW Colleges Chancellor Ray Cross has appointed a working group to establish those criteria.

How can students get credit for prior learning?

UW Colleges will grant a maximum of up to six credits for prior experiential learning to be applied towards toward the professional experience requirements of the BAAS degree.

How is the BAAS degree different from the UW System Flexible Option?

They can be easily confused, because both are primarily designed to reach adults who want to complete a bachelor’s degree, and both offer the option of applying for credit for prior experience and knowledge. However, the BAAS degree is a single bachelor’s degree with specific course requirements and an emphasis on applied knowledge gained through service-learning and internships. The Flexible Option is an alternative pathway to earning a bachelor’s degree in any one of several majors.
What courses are required?

Each participating UW Colleges campus will provide 30 upper-level credits: 15 credits of professional experience learning, including internships, service-learning, and up to six credits for prior learning; nine credits of global studies, cognitive skills and electives; and a six-credit capstone senior seminar.

Each UW partner university will provide 30 credits consisting of upper-level courses in global studies, cognitive skills and electives.

Appropriate course schedules are in development and will be posted to the UW-Mashfield/Wood County web site when complete.

Do all of the credits have to come from one UW Colleges campus and one partner institution?

Students are required to have an AAS degree (or equivalent liberal arts associate degree) to enroll in the program. That degree can be from any UW Colleges campus or from another liberal arts college or university. In addition, students may be awarded up to six credits based on prior learning from any source. All of the remaining courses must be taken at the UW Colleges campus at which the student is enrolled or the UW partner institution affiliated with that campus.

What is the capstone seminar?

The Capstone Senior Seminar consists of six credits (two semesters) of individualized instruction in which a UW Colleges senior works closely with a UW Colleges faculty member to create a project with regional impact and global perspective utilizing higher-order intellectual skills. At the completion of the seminar, the student will have tangible evidence consisting of an employment portfolio, original research, performance or exhibit AND certification by UW Colleges faculty that learning outcomes have been achieved. Senior status is required.

What is the professional experience requirement?

Internships, service-learning and prior experiential learning are considered part of the professional experience component, which includes 15 credits of experiential learning integrated with academic instruction. Prior experiential learning credits awarded will be based on an assessment of an experiential learning portfolio.

How much time does the professional experience require?

Students should spend approximately 40 hours of work on a service-learning project for a three-credit course involving a community partner organization. Individual instructors may consider all 40 hours as separate from class meeting time, or may count some class meetings focused on the project as part of the 40 service-learning hours.
Do students have to find their own professional experience situations?

It is the responsibility of the campus professional experience coordinator to facilitate and develop relationships between the campus – faculty, students, and administration – and community groups, organizations, and businesses partnering in internship or service learning programs and projects. In general, internships should be at an off-campus institution and supervised by an individual(s) with appropriate education and experience.

What is the service-learning requirement?

Unlike internships, the core courses in global and cognitive studies, and the capstone courses, the service-learning component is not a stand-alone course. Service-learning is embedded within 300-400 level courses in a variety of disciplines. This component of the BAAS degree will be listed with an "SL" attached to various courses, for example: ENG 305 (SL), BIO 321 (SL).

What types of jobs are a fit with the BAAS community health and wellness emphasis?

- Community Health programs such as Healthy Lifestyles
- Public Health
- Drug/Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation programs
- Sexual and Domestic Violence services coordinators
- Health coordinators in large companies
- Community Outreach centers
- Program Marketing professionals
- Community Health Education professionals
- Community Health Promoters for insurance companies
- Nonprofit Organization program coordinators
- And many more!

Who can I contact for more information?

Mary Beth Knoeck (marybeth.knoeck@uwc.edu, 715-384-1707), UW-Mashfield/Wood County’s Adult Enrollment Coordinator, can assist prospective students in finding the right degree or education option to fit their needs. Mary Beth can help students navigate through the admissions and enrollment process and connect students to additional resources, such as financial aid information, to ensure that your or your employee’s time at UW-Mashfield/Wood County is successful.

Julie Tharp (julie.tharp@uwc.edu, 715-389-6514), UW-Mashfield/Wood County’s Professional Experience Coordinator, can connect your business or organization to participate in the service learning and professional experience components of the degree.

Your business or organization can participate in the professional experience component by signing up to accept interns from the BAAS degree program or identify organizational tasks or objectives that would benefit from the participation of a student or group of students.