

# UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION®

## Diversity in Health Care Scholarship

### Eligible Academic Degree Program

Note: Acceptable academic degree programs include but aren't limited to:

<b>Degree Abbreviation</b>	<b>Degree Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>AA</b>	<b>Associate of Arts</b> <i>*in aligned health care profession</i>	Two-year undergraduate degree program requiring the completion of 60 credit hours- offers a foundation of general education and career skills in areas like social sciences and liberal arts.
<b>AAS</b>	<b>Associate of Applied Science in Nursing</b>	Two-year program that instructs students in a variety of nursing specialization areas and provides training in related healthcare subjects, like pharmacology. This degree trains nursing students to learn the basics of nursing.
<b>ABSN</b>	<b>Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing</b>	Fast-track option that allows you to leverage your non-nursing college experience (usually 60 credits or a non-nursing Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science) so you can earn a B.S. in Nursing in as few as 16 months
<b>AD</b>	<b>Associates Degree</b> <i>*in aligned health care profession</i>	A two-year college degree that you can obtain from a community college, junior college, online university, or some four-year institutions in the US
<b>ADN</b>	<b>Associate Degree in Nursing</b>	The standard pathway taken to become a Registered Nurse- the minimum degree required to become a licensed RN
<b>AS</b>	<b>Associate of Science</b> <i>*in aligned health care profession</i>	Two-year degree in a scientific or technical subject such as nursing, psychology, radiologic technology, respiratory therapy, emergency services or another clinical field
<b>AS- ST (no acronym)</b>	<b>Associate Degrees in Surgical Technology</b>	Two-year program considered to be the equivalent to the first two years of BS in Surgical Technology- covering classes in microbiology, clinical assisting, basic surgical concepts, clinical practice, anatomy, and physiology.
<b>ASDH</b>	<b>Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene</b>	Two-to-three-year program that teaches future dental hygienists dental science and technical dental hygiene skills. Lab work provides students with opportunities to gain experience using dental equipment.
<b>ASN</b>	<b>Associate of Science Nursing</b>	Typically, a 2- 3-year program that leads directly to a career in health care. The curriculum trains students as generalists who

		are capable of providing nursing services in a wide range of health care facilities
<b>BA Psychology</b>	<b>Bachelor of Arts in Psychology</b>	An undergraduate degree that typically takes four years of full-time enrollment to complete and usually requires more liberal arts courses than a BS in psychology degree.
<b>BHS</b>	<b>Bachelor of Health Sciences</b>	Prepares students for entry-level roles in healthcare administration, medical or pharmaceutical sales, and other health-related services
<b>BS Psychology</b>	<b>Bachelor of Science in Psychology</b>	An undergraduate degree that typically takes four years of full-time enrollment to complete. Usually requires more science and math related courses than a BA in psychology.
<b>BSDH</b>	<b>Bachelor's Degree in Dental Hygiene</b>	A four-year degree program, which builds on an associated degree, and provides more in-depth training and specialized courses than an associate program. Major-related course topics may include forensic dentistry, leadership and management, and research methodologies.
<b>BSN</b>	<b>Bachelor of Science-Nursing</b>	An undergraduate degree in Nursing. Completing a BSN program is a common way to begin nursing and obtain your RN license. While technically all BSN graduates are RNs—if they take the RN licensure exam and practice nursing—all RNs aren't BSNs.
<b>BS-ST (no acronym)</b>	<b>Bachelor's Degrees in Surgical Technology</b>	Four-year degree program that provides instruction on how to effectively support surgeons and first assistants during a procedure- understanding the process to sterilize, disinfect, and appropriately hand over surgical instruments, as well as prepare for operations with use of equipment set-up, gowns, patient care, and sterile dressings.
<b>DBH</b>	<b>Doctor of Behavioral Health</b>	A professional, advanced doctoral degree designed for clinical and medical professionals who want advanced training in behavioral health. Provides clinicians with the training and insight needed to pursue advanced careers in today's integrated primary care environments.
<b>DMD (aka DDS)</b>	<b>Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry (aka Doctor of Dental Surgery)</b>	A dentist who has fulfilled the requirements to practice general or specialized dentistry.
<b>DMS</b>	<b>Doctor of Medical Science</b>	A clinical doctorate degree designed specifically for the physician assistant
<b>DNP</b>	<b>Doctor of Nursing Practice</b>	A terminal degree in nursing, meaning that there is no higher level of education available for practice-based training in nursing. Nurses who have their DNP are sought after for positions in nursing leadership focused on clinical applications and are considered key players in the future of healthcare
<b>DO</b>	<b>Doctor of Osteopathic medicine</b>	Practice of osteopathic medicine, which is more holistic. The focus is on seeing the patient as a whole person instead of treating just the symptoms.

<b>DPT</b>	<b>Doctor of Physical Therapy (aka Physiotherapy)</b>	Advanced degree demonstrating expertise in movement therapy, with the ability to help patients regain normal functional mobility after injury or illness
<b>MA Psychology</b>	<b>Master of Arts in Psychology</b>	Graduate level degree that typically takes two to three years to earn (in addition to the years spent earning undergraduate degree). May require more liberal arts and humanities courses than an MS in Psychology program. Student does not need to have earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in order to qualify for a master's degree in psychology.
<b>MA-ST (no acronym)</b>	<b>Master's Degrees in Surgical Technology</b>	Two-to-three-year program that includes clinical rotations and courses in clinical anatomy, medical terminology and operating procedures
<b>MD</b>	<b>Medical Doctor</b>	Practices the classical form of medicine called allopathic medicine- diagnosing and treating disease.
<b>MPAS</b>	<b>Master of Physician Assistant Studies</b>	Students learn and practice patient care experience, clinical experience, and healthcare in general
<b>MPP</b>	<b>Master of Professional Practice in Dietetics</b>	Prepares students as entry level registered dietitian nutritionists
<b>MS Psychology</b>	<b>Master of Science in Psychology</b>	Graduate level degree that typically takes two to three years to earn (in addition to the years spent earning undergraduate degree). May require more science courses and research than an MA in psychology program. Student does not need to have earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in order to qualify for a master's degree in psychology.
<b>MSDH</b>	<b>Master of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene</b>	A two-year program that prepares students for leadership and educational roles in the field.
<b>MSN</b>	<b>Direct Entry MSN</b>	A master's-level nursing degree for career changers who hold a bachelor's degree in another field. For students with a non-nursing degree who would like to pursue a career as a registered nurse (RN) or advanced practice nurse (APRN).
<b>MSN</b>	<b>Master of Science in Nursing</b>	Graduate-level degree for individuals in the nursing field who are looking to expand their career opportunities and seek advanced licensure
<b>MSW</b>	<b>Master of Social Work</b>	A two-year graduate degree program that prepares social workers to pursue state licensure.
<b>OTD</b>	<b>Doctor of Occupational Therapy</b>	Clinical, practice oriented, post-professional doctorate degree for the advanced clinician
<b>Pharm. D.</b>	<b>Doctor of Pharmacy</b>	The sole entry level degree for the pharmacy profession, preparing students for the practice of pharmacy and the delivery of pharmaceutical care.
<b>PhD</b>	<b>Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology</b>	Four-to-seven-year program for students not only interested in clinical practice but also in academia and research

<b>PhD Health Psychology</b>		Prepares graduates to work alongside other medical professionals and create treatment plans for patients
<b>PhD Philosophy in Psychology</b>	<b>Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology</b>	A doctorate level degree that is typically required for research or clinical psychology positions. Usually takes between four and six years to complete (in addition to the years spent earning undergraduate and master's degree).
<b>PsyD</b>	<b>Doctor of Psychology</b>	This doctoral level degree is an applied clinical degree and earning it typically involves practical experience and research in the field, rather than developing a dissertation (which is typically required to earn a doctorate level degree). Usually takes from four to seven years to complete (in addition to the years spent earning undergraduate and master's degree).
<b>PTA</b>	<b>Physical Therapy Assistant</b>	Provide physical therapist services to patients of all ages who have injuries, disabilities, or other health conditions that need treatment, under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist.