



SCHOOL FOR HEALTH STUDIES (SHS)

STATISTICS REQUIREMENT

THE POLICY

Simmons College School for Health Studies (SHS) requires that students complete an introductory statistics course at a minimum of the undergraduate level before applying to any graduate level program (Health Care Administration, Physical Therapy, Nursing, and Nutrition). This statistics course should have been taken within five years prior to applying to the DPT Bridge program or ten years prior to applying for all other SHS programs).

The objective of the requirement is to ensure that all students begin graduate work with the same level of knowledge in basic statistics.

HOW THE POLICY APPLIES

1. If a student has completed a basic statistics course within either five or ten years (depending upon the program) and the SHS Office of Admission has a record of the completion of the course on the official transcript(s), then s/he has already fulfilled the requirement.
2. If a student has never completed such a statistics course or completed a statistics course prior to the specific year limitation, s/he must provide the Office of Admission with an official academic transcript showing the successful completion (C+ for nursing, B or better for all other programs) of an acceptable introductory statistics course taken at a regionally accredited U.S. post secondary institution.

ACCEPTABLE COURSES TO FULFILL THE PREREQUISITE

1. Simmons College School for Health Studies offers an online introductory statistics course called WEBSTAT. Webstat will cover: types of data, methods for summarizing data both numerically and graphically, designing surveys, observational studies and experiments, elements of probability, sampling distributions, and statistical inferences for one and two samples. The overarching goal of the course is to provide students with an understanding of the fundamental concepts of, and some basic techniques in, modern statistics.

There is no academic credit attached to Webstat; the course is offered on a pass/fail basis. Students receiving a passing grade in Webstat will meet the statistics requirement for any of the SHS programs and receive a letter of completion.

The cost is \$1000. For information about registration please email BridgeDPT@simmons.edu.

2. Students seeking to meet the statistics requirement may also take an undergraduate level introductory statistics course at any regionally accredited two- or four-year U.S. college or university, providing the course fulfills our content and length requirements. Classes may be completed on-site or on-line but students should first confirm that the course will meet our requirement before registering for such a class.. Please call the SHS Office of Admission at 617-521-2605 with questions regarding satisfactory fulfillment of this prerequisite.