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## UW-Stevens Point: New Health Science Major

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point requests funding to implement a new major in Health Science.

### **What is the New Health Science Major?**

This major is designed to prepare graduates for career advancement in health care-related industries, such as pharmaceutical sales, administration, and the health insurance industry; and placement in entry-level positions in diverse settings, including acute, outpatient, and long-term care facilities. The program will also assist students seeking graduate degrees in programs for physical therapy, occupational therapy, health care administration, or health care informatics.

### **What are the benefits of the New Health Science Major?**

The program will accommodate 50 majors per year once fully implemented. Funding will be used to hire 3.5 FTE faculty positions to teach the Health Science courses, advise students, and coordinate pertinent experiences with health care institutions. In addition, a 0.5 FTE program assistant will provide clerical support and coordination for the program. Funding would also be used for supplies and expenses to support the program. More than 90 students have expressed interest in the major for Fall 2007.

### **What would the New Health Science Major mean for Wisconsin?**

According to projections from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for 2002-2012, nine of the 10 fastest-growing occupations are in health-related fields. This program will serve the unmet needs of health professionals in central and northern Wisconsin, UW-Stevens Point's primary service area.

**Estimated ongoing cost:** \$266,700 (\$173,400 GPR / \$93,300 Fees)

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