Admission Information

B.S. in Clinical Research

The Clinical Research Program seeks well-rounded students with diverse backgrounds and strengths, strong oral and written communication skills, aptitude in science and math/statistics, and a strong interest in working in the field of clinical research. This is not a nursing or laboratory-based program. Successful completion confers a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Research.

Approximately 50 students are admitted to the program each year. Admission to the Clinical Research Program is competitive and fulfilling all of the admission requirements listed below does not guarantee admission to the Program. Students will be selected from all applicants meeting the minimum requirements for admission. Eligible students may submit an application to the program once they have earned at least 45 credits and have minimum requirements described below.

Although not required, applicants should have completed most University Studies requirements at the time of application. The B.S in the Clinical Research Program requires 14-16 credit hours per semester (including the internship requirements) leaving limited time for additional courses within the maximum credit hours per semester. Completion of University Studies courses is not evaluated in the Clinical Research admissions process.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students interested in applying for the UNCW Clinical Research Program must meet the minimum application requirements for clinical research admissions review and complete the online application by the submission deadline listed on the CLR website. The application contains a series of questions and includes 3 additional components: 1) essay, 2) resume, and 3) videotaped interview.

The application is available on the Student Success Center Clinical Research website (http://uncw.edu/oss/bsclinicalresearch.html) until the application deadline.

Online Application

After submitting the online application, you will receive a confirmation email if you submit your email at the end of the application. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact chhs@uncw.edu to confirm that your application was submitted.

1. Essay

Respond to the following prompt in your essay:

Please describe your professional goals. What makes you a good candidate for the UNCW Clinical Research Program?

Upload the essay into the online application as a MS Word document or PDF document. The page length should be no longer the 1 page and formatted as double-spaced lines, Times New Roman 12-point font, and have 1-inch margins.
2. Resume

Provide a well-organized, professional-looking resume. Detail any research or clinical experience, if applicable. Upload the resume in to the online application as a MS Word or PDF document.

3. Videotaped Interview

Record a brief YouTube interview video (1 minute minimum and 2 minutes maximum) responding to the prompt below:

*Describe your interest in clinical research. How will the UNCW Clinical Research Program help you achieve your goals in becoming a clinical research professional?*

Upon completion of the video, provide the link to the YouTube video in the online application. The process and instructions for recording and uploading a YouTube video interview is available on the clinical research web page: http://uncw.edu/oss/bsclinicalresearch.html The link will be called: “Clinical Research Admissions- YouTube Instructions”

Please keep in mind that it is important to present yourself as if you were interviewing for a job. Keep your video professional and make sure that you are easily seen on screen.

The interview responses require a functioning video camera and microphone. Applicants without access to this equipment are advised to contact the CHHS Student Success Center for assistance.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each applicant is evaluated based on criteria and weights found in Table 1.

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Applications for students meeting the minimum application requirements will be reviewed when the online application, essay, resume, and videotaped interview are completed.

Admission decisions will be communicated through your UNCW email address.

Application and acceptance into the Clinical Research Program is valid only for the fall semester immediately following the application period. Students who do not begin in the specified fall semester are required to re-apply in subsequent years (i.e., no deferrals).

Contact Information:

For questions about the Clinical Research Program or the application process, please contact the CHHS Student Success Center at chhs@uncw.edu or 910-962-3208.
MINIMUM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH ADMISSIONS REVIEW

1) Admission to UNCW

Admission to UNCW is a separate application process through the UNCW Office of Admissions. Students must be admitted to UNCW and pay the enrollment deposit prior to applying to the Clinical Research Program.

1) Cumulative Overall GPA

A cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all post-primary school education (i.e., accredited institutions of higher education) is required.

2) Prerequisites Courses and Prerequisite GPA

a) Prerequisites Courses. The courses listed in Table 2 must be completed prior to admission review (see “Exception” below), with a ‘C’ or better. In addition, students are required to have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 for all prerequisite courses combined.

Table 2. Prerequisites for the Clinical Research Program

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<td>MAT 111, 112, 115, 151, 152, 161, or 162</td>
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<td>STT 210, STT 215, BAN 280, or PSY 225</td>
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Exception: Students may apply with outstanding prerequisites as long as they are able to complete ALL BUT ONE prerequisite before beginning the program (i.e., the fall semester of the application year). Preference will be given to applicants who have completed all of their prerequisite courses.

Students taking outstanding prerequisites over the summer prior to admission into the Clinical Research Program must provide copies of transcripts by August 5th of the application year as evidence the coursework was successfully completed. The CHHS Student Success Center will verify that all but one prerequisite course have been completed prior to the fall semester.

The ONE outstanding prerequisite course must be completed during the first year in the program (i.e., no later than end of spring semester). Failure to complete all outstanding prerequisites by the end of the second semester (spring) in the program will prevent students from progressing in the program. Note that most Clinical Research courses are only offered once per year. Therefore, students will have to wait until the following year to continue and complete the program, resulting in a one-year delay in graduation.

Prerequisite courses must be completed within 10 years prior to application, unless the applicant has actively worked in a clinical setting; held a position involving clinical research or other scientific or health-related research; or has a relevant degree. The Clinical Research
Program Coordinator will make the final decision regarding prerequisite courses that are over 10 years old.

UNCW students taking courses at other accredited institutions of higher education to meet prerequisite requirements (including during the summer prior to admission) or Clinical Research core courses (e.g., PAR 215) are required to complete the UNCW Transient Study request pre-approval process to ensure that courses will transfer to UNCW appropriately.

b) Prerequisite GPA Requirements. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required for all Prerequisite Courses (Table 2) combined.

All transferable prerequisites attempted at accredited institutions of higher education will be reviewed. For courses taken more than once, the highest grade will be used for cumulative GPA calculations. If an applicant takes a course at UNCW, but then re-takes the equivalent course at another institution with a higher grade, the higher grade will be evaluated for the application, once it is transferred into UNCW.

Courses that do not transfer to UNCW as one of the prerequisite courses, but are deemed on a case-by-case basis equivalent by the Clinical Research Program Coordinator will be included in the cumulative GPA calculation.

Academic credit from advanced placement (AP) and other credit-by-examination courses (e.g., CLEP) will be accepted if scores meet the requirements of the UNCW Office of the Registrar. Credits without associated grades will not be factored into the cumulative GPA calculation for prerequisite courses.

Please contact the CHHS Student Success Center for additional information.