

# Health Sciences Division (HSD) Advising Nuances

\*Students intending to apply for a competitive admissions HSD program are placed in the following “**holding place**” degree (i.e., major) until official program admission:

## Health Sciences, AS

\*Students may also have their **intended program listed in parenthesis** after the “holding place” degree; for example:

## Health Sciences, AS (Dental Assisting)

\*Students **DO NOT** need to take all the courses listed in their “holding place” degree **unless they plan to transfer** to a 4-yr. college or university. For example, most students do not need to take the following courses: ENGL 1020, ENGL LIT, HIST, etc.

\*Students **need to review/read** the following information to understand the requirements for admission to their intended program:

1. HSD Webpage: <https://www.volstate.edu/academics/health-sciences>
2. Intended Program’s Webpage (*Programs are listed in a column on the left-hand side of the computer screen. Once the program is selected, there will also be sub-points listed for review under the program name in the column listing.*)
3. Intended Program’s Information Packet (*Each program has a sub-point for their own Information Packet; however, the following link is a webpage that lists links for all of the HSD programs: <https://www.volstate.edu/academics/health-sciences/information-packets>*)

\*Students can run a **What-If Report in Degree Works** (DW) for their **intended AAS degree program** to see what courses are truly needed (i.e., pre-requisite courses) for their intended program. Instructions on running a What-If report can be found in Step 5 of the following document: [https://www.volstate.edu/sites/default/files/documents/advising/resources/DegreeWorks\\_How\\_to\\_Use.pdf](https://www.volstate.edu/sites/default/files/documents/advising/resources/DegreeWorks_How_to_Use.pdf)

## Guidelines when Selecting a Degree Works Plan

1. If the student **needs Learning Support (LS)** in any or all subjects (Reading, Writing, and/or Math), the plan you select **will be listed as Health Sciences, not their intended program**. For example, a Fall (FA) 2023 starting-student who intends to apply for the RAD TECH program with the following DSPs (DSPR=4, DSPW=4, DSPM=2) will need to have the following plan selected:

### (FA) Health Sciences AS (LS-M) 2023-2024

2. If the student is **college-level ready** (DSPs = 4 in all 3 subjects: **R**eading, **W**riting, and **M**ath), the plan you select will be the **Pre-Acceptance Intended Program** plan. For example, a Fall 2023 starting student who intends to apply for the RAD TECH program with the following DSPs (DSPR=4, DSPW=4, DSPM=4) will need to have the following plan selected:

### (FA) Pre-Acceptance Radiologic Technology (No LS) 2023-2024

**IMPORTANT ADVISING TIP: Encourage them to be thinking about a Plan B in case they are not admitted to their intended program.**