Professional Schools

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill offers 16 undergraduate majors in nine different professional schools. Approximately 15% of the undergraduate population will graduate from one of these programs. Professional school programs require a competitive GPA and an application process. A few professional school programs also require junior transfer students to enter the College of Arts and Sciences and apply for spring admission into their program. Please note many of these students will have four semesters at UNC to earn a degree. It is important to strongly encourage students interested in a professional school major to consider alternate major plans from the beginning of their academic careers. It is important for students interested in these majors to make sure that they have completed the appropriate prerequisites required for admission. Since junior transfer students will have four semesters to complete their degree at UNC, it is important they take the appropriate classes during their first and second years to stay on track for their alternate major(s).

Available Professional School Majors

The following majors are available to undergraduate students from professional schools:

Kenan-Flagler School of Business (Transfer students are not admitted directly into the b-school)
  • B.S. Business Administration

School of Education
  • B.A.Ed. Child Development and Family Studies
  • B.A.Ed. Elementary Education (Arts, Language and Literature, Mathematics and Science, Social Studies)
  • B.A.Ed. Middle Grades Education (Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies)

School of Journalism and Mass Communication
  • B.A. Advertising
  • B.A. Business Journalism
  • B.A. Electronic Communication
  • B.A. Editing and Graphic Design
  • B.A. Multimedia
  • B.A. Photojournalism
  • B.A. Public Relations
  • B.A. Reporting
  • B.A. Strategic Communication

School of Nursing
  • B.S. Nursing
Gillings School of Global Public Health
- B.S.P.H. Biostatistics
- B.S.P.H. Environmental Health Science
- B.S. P.H. Health Policy and Management
- B.S.P.H. Nutrition

School of Medicine
- B.S. Clinical Laboratory Science
- B.S. Radiologic Science

School of Dentistry
- B.S. Dental Hygiene

School of Information and Library Science (Transfer Students are not admitted directly into this school)
- B.S. Information Science

Eshelman School of Pharmacy
- PharmD (terminal degree)

Most professional schools observe the eight semester limit of enrollment. The exceptions are in the allied health sciences (nursing, clinical laboratory science, radiologic science, dental hygiene, and pharmacy). Students may enter these programs at any time in their academic career. These programs also enroll students who have already earned a bachelor’s degree at UNC-CH or elsewhere. As the eight semester limit is a policy in the College of Arts and Science, professional schools may make exceptions in certain circumstances—typically with transfer students or students who are “off-sequence” in their semesters of eligibility. Advisors should send these students directly to the professional school to further discuss options.

The application timeline and procedures vary from school to school. The majority of professional schools enroll students in the fall semester. Please note that the School of Nursing only enrolls first-degree students in May.