

How to Use Your Pathways Map

Step 1. Identify the map with the correct major.

* If you are thinking about changing your pathway/major, choose the map for your new pathway/major.

** Please note that if you are deciding to eventually enroll in either the Associate of Science Nursing Program, Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene, or the Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology (DeKalb Medical or Grady Health System School) please utilize both the AS Health Science Professionals and your eventual career-degree program maps.

Step 2. Cross out any courses you have already completed and earned credit.

Start with the top box for foundations, then work through all the semester clusters. Cross out each course you already have credit for.

* For courses labels Area B, C, D, E, or F utilize the core curriculum worksheet on the back of the map to identify potential electives that you may have completed that would satisfy this area elective requirement.

** Not sure if your class would complete a slot on your map? See our directions on using your academic evaluation. Utilizing your academic evaluation with your pathway map, gives your live look at your specific curriculum and should show how your completed courses are being utilized.

Step 3. Find your essential courses.

Starting with the top box, identify every course that has not been crossed out and list the courses in order. This list is your essential course list to completion.

Step 4. Find your Balance.

Using your essential course list, start building your schedule for next semester. Using the open boxes at the bottom of the map.

*Keep in mind that in order to graduate or complete your program within 2 years. You must average 30 credits a year (Fall, Spring, and Summer).

Tips on Credit Load

- Full time is at least 12 credit hours
- Minimum credit hour load for financial aid loans is 6 credit hours.
- To complete within 2 years
 - (Fall=15 credits, Spring = 15 credits, Summer = 0 credits. Total for the year = 30 credit hours – 2 Year Path)
 - (Fall=12 credits, Spring = 12 credits, Summer = 6 credits. Total for the year = 30 credit hours – 2 Year Path)
 - (Fall=9 credits, Spring = 9 credits, Summer = 9 credits. Total for the year = 27 credit hours – 2 Year + 1 Semester Path)
 - (Fall=6 credits, Spring = 6 credits, Summer = 6 credits. Total for the year = 18 credit hours – 3 Year + 1 Semester Path)

Step 5. Get your plan approved.

Bring your map **AND** your academic evaluation to your advisor and find out if your plan is optimized for success. Your advisor will be able to help you build a strategy for completion and may have information on how best to balance and schedule your essential course list.