

Parallel Major (50 points)

Due Date: Week 16

Assignment Submission: Submit on e-Portfolio on Parallel Major page.

Students in the College of Health Sciences are advised to have a Parallel Plan. A Parallel Plan can help address the question of “what if I do not get into my intended major?” One option for a parallel planning is selecting a Parallel Major.

In this assignment each student will be asked to answer/identify each of the following:

- a. Complete MyMajors Quiz: <https://odu.mymajors.com/quiz> . This quiz is a helpful tool for you find your interests listed as majors. You do not need to choose your top result, but should consider all of the top results and research them.

Top Five: Nursing, Film/Cinema/Video, Theatre, Health Sciences, Journalism

- b. List your Parallel Major. Your Parallel Major must be an **undergraduate** degree offered here at ODU.

My parallel major is Health Sciences

- c. Why did you choose this as your Parallel Major? What interests you about this major?
I chose this major because of the vast array of career paths that I could pursue. It would allow me to still be close to nursing and medicine in general by helping educate others on how to go about their life in the most meaningful and efficient way. I could help individuals with day-to-day problems and occupations or I can educate them on how their body works in a multitude of different settings.
- d. List some interesting facts about this major.
According to My Majors, the Health Sciences major is dedicated to public service. It helps to develop knowledge and programs for the community related to all things health and well-being. This major ranges from the direct improvement of patient health to the study of leisure and cultural phenomena within someone’s life. The Health Sciences major also prepares students to work in different settings such as: schools, businesses, medical care settings, and communities as health educators.
- e. Research at least one career that you can do with this major and provide information on that career.

Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians

Job Description: Conduct tests on pulmonary or cardiovascular systems of patients for diagnostic purposes. May conduct or assist in electrocardiograms, cardiac catheterizations, pulmonary functions, lung capacity, and similar tests. Includes vascular technologists.

Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators

Job Description: Review settled claims to determine that payments and settlements are made in accordance with company practices and procedures. Confer with legal counsel on claims requiring litigation. May also settle insurance claims.

Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists

Job Description: Diagnose and treat mental disorders; learning disabilities; and cognitive, behavioral, and emotional problems, using individual, child, family, and group therapies. May design and implement behavior modification programs.

Audiologists

Job Description: Assess and treat persons with hearing and related disorders. May fit hearing aids and provide auditory training. May perform research related to hearing problems.

Administrative Services Managers

Job Description: Plan, direct, or coordinate one or more administrative services of an organization, such as records and information management, mail distribution, facilities planning and maintenance, custodial operations, and other office support services.

- f. Create a plan for pursuing this major
 - i. Additional classes required (if applicable) ([Use DegreeWorks "What If" analysis](#))

The only additional class I would have to take is the Health Sciences Writing Intensive Course along with 12 hours of upper-level course work.
 - ii. How could you gain professional experiences to learn more about this area of study?

I could volunteer or intern at local medical facilities and shadow a healthcare professional that has a degree in Health Sciences.
 - iii. ODU List the advisor for this major (if Parallel Major is outside of the College of Health Sciences). [Directory of Advisors website](#)

As my parallel major is within the same College of Health Sciences, I would continue to have the same advisor as I do now.

Rubric

Criteria	Excellent (47-50 points)	Sufficient (42-46.99 points)	Minimal (37-41.99 points)	Unacceptable (0-36.99 points)
Inclusions of requested information	Includes all requested information and goes into detail for each question.	Includes most of the information requested. Correct, but limited details provided for each question.	Partial, or incorrect program listed as parallel plan. Missing or incorrect information.	No, or unrealistic parallel plan identified. Does not answer any of the questions.
Ease of finding information	Assignment is easily found from the menu bar of the student's e-portfolio and is clearly identified. Fonts are easily read and layouts are appropriate to the assignment.	Page is viewable but not easily locatable. Fonts are readable, information is present but does not have a logical flow.	No Logical flow to information. Missing, and/or partially answered questions. Font is illegible.	No page, or information provided.
Writing quality of assignments	Writing is clear, concise, and well organized with excellent sentence/paragraph construction. Thoughts are expressed in a coherent and logical manner. There are no spelling, grammar, or syntax errors per page of writing.	Writing is mostly clear, concise, and well organized with good sentence/paragraph construction. Thoughts are expressed in a coherent and logical manner. There are no more than three spelling, grammar, or syntax errors per page of writing.	Writing is unclear and/or disorganized. Thoughts are not expressed in a logical manner. There are no more than five spelling, grammar, or syntax errors per page of writing.	Writing is unclear and disorganized. Thoughts ramble and make little sense. There are numerous spelling, grammar, or syntax errors throughout the response.