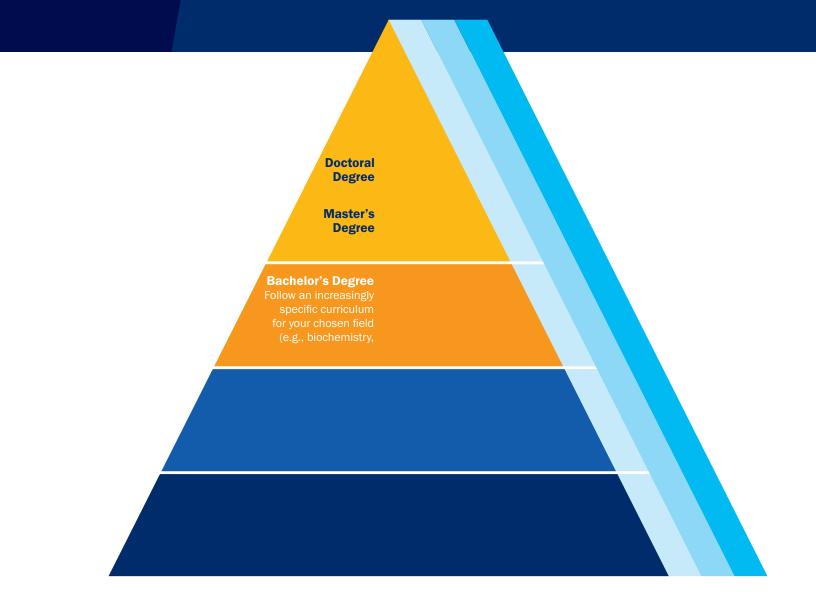


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The healthcare field today is a team-oriented environment with numerous dedicated professionals playing different roles in the well-being of the patient. Be sure you know *why* you want to work in healthcare; your personal mission will sustain you throughout your work. The point at which you will transition from your primary education into the field will vary based on the degree of specialization you seek. A long-term commitment to your community will help your career as well. Regardless, a strong base in the sciences is crucial, and a commitment to continued education throughout your career will also be important.

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