

# College of Health Sciences

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The mission of the College of Health Sciences is to provide leadership in healthcare by offering excellent educational experiences in a quality learning environment to facilitate the development of competent, caring health professionals, by generating knowledge through inquiry and discovery, and by engaging in lifelong learning, and professional and community service. The college vision is to be a nationally ranked and internationally recognized leader in advancing health care by educating competent health professionals, generating practically significant scientific knowledge and innovative technologies, fostering scholarly collaborations and promoting positive public health policies. The college values integrity, inclusiveness, excellence and partnership. The degree programs are competitive, fully accredited, and nationally recognized for quality graduates.

The college consists of the School of Community and Environmental Health, the Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene, the School of Medical Diagnostic and Translational Sciences, the School of Nursing, and the School of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training. These schools offer a variety of baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees, undergraduate, graduate, and non-degree certificate programs, accelerated and degree completion programs, minors, and professional continuing education programs. In addition, many of these programs are offered off-campus and in a variety of distance learning formats. See individual program information or the Graduate Catalog for details.

## Program Application, Acceptance, and Continuance

A separate application must be submitted to be considered for acceptance into the health science majors. Application information, qualifications, deadlines, and advisors are listed in the specific program sections of the catalog and on the web site.

**Acceptance to the University does not constitute or guarantee acceptance into a health science major.** Students are notified by the program director of their acceptance and any other program specific requirements such as physicals, immunizations, technical standards, etc.

Continuance in the health science majors requires strong academic achievement, including successful demonstration of knowledge and use of practical and critical thinking skills in laboratory and in clinical rotations. Criminal background checks may be required as specified in course syllabi. Any student deemed unacceptable for clinical rotation due to results from a criminal background check will not be allowed to complete the program of study.

## Advanced Placement

Advanced placement credit may be earned for courses offered by the College of Health Sciences upon validation of mastery of the subject matter and skills covered in the respective course(s). A fee may be charged for the assessment of competency. Please check with the school offering the course for further information.