

Ellmer College of Health Sciences

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College Mission

The Ellmer College of Health Sciences mission is to engage learners, make discoveries and improve health. We are a forward-focused College that improves health in our communities through innovative and interdisciplinary approaches. The college values integrity, inclusiveness, excellence and partnership.

The college consists of the School of Exercise Science, the Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene, the School of Medical Diagnostic and Translational Sciences, the School of Rehabilitation Sciences and the School of Speech-Language Pathology. These schools offer a variety of master's and doctoral degrees, non-degree certificate programs, linked and degree completion programs, and professional continuing education programs. In addition, many of these programs are offered in a variety of online learning formats. The degree programs are competitive, fully accredited (if applicable), and nationally recognized for their quality graduates.

Program Application, Acceptance, and Continuance

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

Acceptance to the University does not constitute or guarantee acceptance into a health sciences program. 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 sciences programs requires strong academic achievement, including successful demonstration of knowledge and use of practical and critical thinking skills in laboratory and/or in clinical or rotations. Criminal background checks may be required as specified in course syllabi. Any student deemed unacceptable for field/clinical rotation due to results from a criminal background check will not be allowed to complete the program of study.

The Ellmer College of Health Sciences has developed graduate programs in the health-related professions that prepare individuals for practice, teaching, research, or administration in health-care delivery to meet the needs of the region, the state, and the nation. These programs include Master of Science degrees in Athletic Training, Dental Hygiene, Exercise Science, Medical Diagnostics and Precision Medicine, and in Speech-Language Pathology, the Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree, the Doctor of Physical Therapy, the Doctor of Applied Science in Kinesiology and the Ph.D. in Kinesiology and Rehabilitation.

Continuing Education Programs

Short courses, national conferences, workshops, refresher courses, certificate programs and seminars are offered by the different schools in the college on and off campus on a noncredit continuing education (CEU) basis. Professional continuing education programs cover a wide range of topics, including dental hygiene, dental assisting, nuclear medicine technology, medical laboratory science, physical therapy, mental health and speech-language pathology.

Continuing education serves the following functions:

- licensure and certification for professionals and practitioners and
- credential and degree achievement and professional development to update knowledge and skills.

Clientele served by the programs include nursing and allied health professionals, human service workers, managers and supervisory personnel, technicians, laboratory personnel, and health educators.

Visit the website to view current offerings.

Departments

- Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/dental-hygiene/>)
- School of Exercise Science (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/exercise-science/>)
- School of Medical Diagnostic and Translational Sciences (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/medical-diagnostic-translational-sciences/>)
- School of Rehabilitation Sciences (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/rehabilitation-sciences/>)
- School of Speech-Language Pathology (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/speech-language-pathology/>)

Programs

Doctor of Applied Science Program

- Kinesiology (DAS) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/programs/kinesiology-das/>)

Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program

- Occupational Therapy (OTD) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/rehabilitation-sciences/occupational-therapy-otd/>)

Doctor of Philosophy Program

- Kinesiology and Rehabilitation (PhD) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/rehabilitation-sciences/kinesiology-rehabilitation-phd/>)

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

- Physical Therapy (DPT) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/rehabilitation-sciences/physical-therapy-dpt/>)

Master of Science Programs

- Dental Hygiene (MS) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/dental-hygiene/dental-hygiene-ms/>)
- Dental Hygiene with a Concentration in Administration and Management (MS) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/dental-hygiene/dental-hygiene-administration-management-ms/>)
- Dental Hygiene with a Concentration in Community and Public Health (MS) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/dental-hygiene/dental-hygiene-community-public-health-ms/>)
- Dental Hygiene with a Concentration in Education (MS) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/dental-hygiene/dental-hygiene-education-ms/>)
- Dental Hygiene with a Concentration in Global Health (MS) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/dental-hygiene/dental-hygiene-global-health-ms/>)
- Dental Hygiene with a Concentration in Marketing (MS) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/dental-hygiene/dental-hygiene-marketing-ms/>)
- Dental Hygiene with a Concentration in Research (MS) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/dental-hygiene/dental-hygiene-research-ms/>)
- Exercise Science (MS) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/exercise-science/exercise-science-ms/>)
- Molecular Diagnostics and Precision Medicine (MS) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/medical-diagnostic->

translational-sciences/molecular-diagnostics-and-precision-medicine-ms/)

- Speech-Language Pathology (MS) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/speech-language-pathology/speech-language-pathology-m/>)

Master of Science in Athletic Training Program

- Athletic Training (MSAT) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/rehabilitation-sciences/athletic-training-msat/>)

Certificate Programs

- Modeling and Simulation - Health Sciences Certificate (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/medical-diagnostic-translational-sciences/modeling-simulation-health-sciences-certificate/>)
- Molecular Diagnostics Certificate (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/health-sciences/medical-diagnostic-translational-sciences/molecular-diagnostics-certificate/>)