COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Vision
To be recognized nationally as a college that offers exemplary programs in Health and Human Services.

Mission
The College provides diverse educational opportunities leading to excellence in Health and Human Services for a global community.

Established by the Board of Regents in August 2002, the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) brings together the health and human services programs under one administration unit. One of our strengths is the breadth and depth of the diverse disciplines within the College. The College consists of eight academic units that represent an array of disciplines, and offers degrees at the associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degree levels. Academic units include Allied Health; Applied Human Sciences; Communication Sciences and Disorders; Nursing; Kinesiology, Recreation, and Sport; Physical Therapy; Public Health; and Social Work. The College oversees the South Central Kentucky Area Health Education Center, the Center for Environmental Health, the Center for Applied Science in Health and Aging, and the WKU Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Center. The College is also one of the participating institutions for the doctoral program in Rehabilitation Sciences offered through the University of Kentucky. The focus of CHHS is to provide the highest possible quality of education to prepare our students to become leaders in careers related to health and human services. Faculty are highly qualified in their respective disciplines and utilize innovative teaching strategies along with state of the art instructional technology, including IVS, web-enhanced and web-based instruction.

The disciplines in the college have their roots in outreach to the community. Disciplines in CHHS prepare students for their professions by engaging them in activities within the community that apply the theories and concepts discussed in the classroom for a more comprehensive understanding of the issues, while providing a valuable service to the communities in which we reside. To fulfill degree requirements for most programs, students are required to complete clinical experiences, field work, or internships through one of the many affiliation agreements at a myriad of health and human services facilities, agencies and organizations. Two nationally recognized mobile health and wellness units provide opportunities for students to apply skills learned in the classroom in the provision of prevention services to residents in our region.

Due to the nature of these experiences, students are required to meet various departmental or school academic requirements and federal and/or state mandates. Departments and schools may require the successful completion of specific courses or maintaining a certain GPA in order to be placed in clinical or internship experiences. Some students may be required to undergo criminal background checks and drug testing and to provide proof of health insurance, liability insurance, and/or immunization records prior to participating in any required experiences at selected on or off-campus facilities/agencies. Additionally, there may be certifications, training seminars, or other requirements specified by the facility/agency or program that a student must meet in order to be eligible for field or practical experiences at a facility. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all institutional and/or facility requirements are met as a condition of participating in the on or off-campus experiences; students may be responsible in part or in full for any costs incurred to meet such requirements. Students are also responsible for transportation to and from off-campus experiences. In some CHHS programs, the students are responsible for rental fees for clinical instruments and supplies, purchasing uniforms, equipment, and possible course and program fees above the regular tuition. At the completion of the program, students may also be responsible for fees related to national, regional, and/or state licensing exams.

CHHS is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the community through education, service, collaboration, leadership, and scholarship. This is accomplished in the various centers and programs in the college that provide for a vibrant and relevant university experience.

South Central Kentucky Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

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Connecting Students to Careers - Professionals to Communities - Communities to Better Health

The mission of the Kentucky AHEC is to promote healthy communities through innovative educational partnerships. This is accomplished by providing the following:

- educational support services to health professions, students, and health care providers;
- community health education, and
- programs that encourage health professions as a career choice.

The South Central AHEC is affiliated with the University of Louisville, School of Medicine in cooperation with WKU’s College of Health and Human Services. AHEC programs of particular interest to WKU students include the following:

- Opportunities to enhance their cross-cultural communication skills with two unique populations - an Old Order Mennonite community and a large Hispanic community;
- Interprofessional Test Prep - is a 12-week preparation program for students planning to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), Dental Admission Test (DAT), Optometry Admission Test (OAT) or the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT). This program is offered every spring for WKU students;
- Mock Interviews and personal statement reviews are offered to any student applying for admission to a professional school in which an interview is required, such as, schools of medicine, dentistry, physical therapy, pharmacy, etc.;
- Student internships are available through the South Central AHEC;

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• Bridging the Gap Medical Interpreter Training Program is a 40 hour curriculum offered several times a year and prepares students to provide medical interpreting services.

• WKU-AHEC Student Rural Health Association (SRHA) – this student organization provides students with an opportunity to develop leadership skills, team building skills, research interests, and interdisciplinary student projects. Since rural health encompasses many areas this student organization is open to all students, both clinical and non-clinical, who have an interest in rural health.

CHHS Center for Environmental and Workplace Health (CEWH)

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The mission of CEWH is to address environmental, occupational, and workplace health and safety issues through innovative education, research, partnerships, and service.

Objectives of the Center:
Promote research, creativity and scholarly activity by faculty and students.
Prepare students for lifelong learning and success.
Enhance the diversity and international profile of faculty, staff and student populations.
Expand WKU's economic impact on the region through student, faculty, and staff engagement.

The CEWH serves to address environmental, occupational, and workplace safety and health research in the region. This Center engages faculty, staff, and students through innovative research that enhances education, partnerships, and service offered by the College of Health and Human Services. The Center brings together disciplines throughout the College and WKU to improve the health of the community and workers by understanding the risks and conditions associated with environmental and occupational diseases and injuries, to explore methods for reducing risks and for preventing or minimizing exposure to hazardous conditions in the environment and workplace, and to translate significant scientific findings into prevention practices, products, and innovations that will effectively reduce environmental and work-related hazards, illnesses, and injuries.

CHHS Center for Applied Science in Health and Aging (CASHA)

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The CASHA was created in CHHS to engage in rigorous research to promote health, vitality, and human potential in the aging community through innovative education, research, partnerships, and service. CASHA will collaborate with community organizations and university partners to identify and address needs in the aging community. Findings will inform research, policy, practice, and program development. CASHA will integrate disciplinary perspectives in physical activity, health, human development, and cognitive psychology to optimize human potential. In addition, the Center seeks to develop the knowledge, skills, and dispositions of emerging scholars and practitioners by providing experiential and developmental learning opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.

WKU Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training Center

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The mission of the WKU CPR training center is dedicated to upholding the standard of the American Heart Association in accountability for instructors as well as excellent classroom training for the campus and the community. Classes are available to all faculty and staff, as well as anyone in the public. The types of classes available include Healthcare Provider, Heartsaver First Aid and CPR, Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and CPR, and instructor courses for all disciplines.

Departments and Programs

• Department of Allied Health (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/allied-health)
• Department of Applied Human Sciences (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences)
  • Aging Studies, Certificate (0419) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/aging-studies)
  • Child and Family Studies, Master of Science (0489) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/child-family-studies)
• Dietetic Practice, Certificate (0451) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/dietetic-practice-certificate)
• Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/communication-sciences-disorders)
  • Speech-Language Pathology, Master of Science (0466) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/communication-sciences-disorders/speech-language-pathology)
• Department of Physical Therapy (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/physical-therapy)
  • Physical Therapy, Doctor of Physical Therapy (0013) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/physical-therapy/doctor-physical-therapy)
• Department of Public Health (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/public-health)
  • Environmental and Occupational Health Science, Master of Science (0473) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/public-health/environmental-safety-certificate)
  • Environmental Health and Safety, Certificate (0427) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/public-health/environmental-safety-certificate)
  • Global Health Administration, Certificate (1735) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/public-health/global-health-administration-certificate)
• Health Administration, Master of Health Administration (153) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/public-health/mha)
• Health Education, Certificate (0494) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/public-health/health-education-certificate)
• Public Health, Master of Public Health (152) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/public-health/mph)
• Workplace Health Promotion, Certificate (1746) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/public-health/advanced-worksites-promotion-certificate)
• Department of Social Work (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/social-work)
  • Social Work, Master of Social Work (157) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/social-work/msw)
• School of Kinesiology, Recreation and Sport (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/kinesiology-recreation-sport)
  • Facility and Event Management, Certificate (0455) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/kinesiology-recreation-sport/facility-event-management-certificate)
  • Intercollegiate Athletic Administration, Certificate (0481) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/kinesiology-recreation-sport/intercollegiate-athletic-administration-certificate)
  • Kinesiology, Master of Science (0454) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/kinesiology-recreation-sport/kinesiology-ms)
  • Nonprofit Administration, Certificate (0463) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/kinesiology-recreation-sport/nonprofit-administration-certificate)
  • Recreation and Sport Administration, Master of Science (095) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/kinesiology-recreation-sport/recreation-sport-administration-ms)
• School of Nursing (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/nursing)
  • Family Nurse Practitioner, Post-MSN Certificate (0449) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/nursing/family-nurse-practitioner-certificate)
  • Nursing Practice, Doctor of Nursing Practice (0011) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/nursing/dnp)
  • Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing (149) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/nursing/msn)
  • Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Post-MSN Certificate (0479) (http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/health-human-services/nursing/psychiatric-mental-health-nurse-practitioner-certificate)