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.

The 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. The following is a brief description of these organizational units.

**South Central Kentucky Area Health Education Center (AHEC)**

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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 cross-cultural communication skills with two unique populations - an Old Order Mennonite community and the ESL population in Bowling Green.
- Inter-professional Test Prep – is a 12-week preparation program for students planning to take the Medical College Admission Test.
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 Center for Child Welfare Education and Research (CCWEAR)**

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The Center for Child Welfare Education and Research was established in CHHS as an applied research center designed to utilize multidisciplinary partnerships and collaborations to positively impact Kentucky's children and families through research, grants, and education. The Center will build on partnerships with statewide constituents to provide best practices in child welfare education. CCWEAR will engage in child welfare research and grant activities that promote and support effective practice interventions with Kentucky's children and families.

**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.

• Early Childhood Education Director Certificate (1739) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/early-childhood-education-director-certificate)

• Family and Consumer Sciences, Bachelor of Science (563) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/family-consumer-sciences-bs)


• Hospitality Management and Dietetics, Bachelor of Science (707P, 707) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/hospitality-management-dietetics-bs)

• Interior Design and Fashion Merchandising, Bachelor of Science (531) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/interior-design-fashion-merchandising-bs)

• Meeting and Convention Planning, Minor (441) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/meeting-convention-exposition-planning-minor)

• Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/communication-sciences-disorders)
  • Communication Disorders, Bachelor of Science (595P, 595) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/applied-human-sciences/communication-sciences-disorders/communication-disorders-bs)

• Department of Physical Therapy (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/physical-health)

• Department of Public Health (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/public-health)
  • Environmental and Occupational Health Science, Bachelor of Science (548P, 548) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/public-health/environmental-health-science-bs)
  • Environmental Health, Certificate (1743) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/public-health/environmental-health-certificate)

• Health Care Administration, Bachelor of Science (559P, 559) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/public-health/health-care-administration-bs)

• Health Care Administration, Minor (386) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/public-health/health-care-administration-minor)

• Health Education and Promotion, Certificate (1741) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/public-health/health-education-promotion-certificate)


• Health Informatics, Certificate (1740) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/public-health/health-informatics-certificate)

• Health Information Management, Bachelor of Science (529P, 529) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/public-health/health-information-management-bs)

• Health Sciences, Bachelor of Science (564) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/public-health/health-sciences-bs)

• Long-Term Care Administration, Certificate (1717) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/public-health/long-term-care-administration-certificate)


• Public Health, Bachelor of Science (521P, 521) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/public-health/public-health-bs)


• Worksite Health Promotion, Certificate (1707) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/public-health/worksite-health-promotion-certificate)

• Department of Social Work (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/social-work)

• School of Kinesiology, Recreation and Sport (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/kinesiology-recreation-sport)
  • Athletic Coaching, Minor (320) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/kinesiology-recreation-sport/athletic-coaching-minor)
  • Exercise Science, Bachelor of Science (554P, 554) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/kinesiology-recreation-sport/exercise-science-bs)
  • Nonprofit Administration, Minor (422) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/kinesiology-recreation-sport/nonprofit-administration-minor)

• Outdoor Experience Leadership, Minor (442) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/kinesiology-recreation-sport/outdoor-experience-leadership-minor)

• Physical Education, Bachelor of Science (587) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/kinesiology-recreation-sport/physical-education-bs)

• Recreation Administration, Bachelor of Science (589) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/kinesiology-recreation-sport/recreation-administration-bs)

• Sport Management, Bachelor of Science (572P, 572) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/kinesiology-recreation-sport/sport-management-bs)
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• Tourism, Minor (445) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/kinesiology-recreation-sport/tourism-minor)

• School of Nursing and Allied Health (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/nursing)
  • Dental Hygiene (Associate of Science) (226P, 226) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/nursing/dental-hygiene-as)
  • Dental Hygiene, Bachelor of Science (524P, 524) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/nursing/dental-hygiene-bs)
  • Nursing, Associate of Science in Nursing (273P, 273) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/nursing/nursing-asn)
  • Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (586P, 586) (http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/health-human-services/nursing/nursing-bsn)

Suggested Degree Paths: http://www.wku.edu/degreepaths/19-20/chhs.php