

## THE COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

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The College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS) offers undergraduate and graduate programs in a variety of health disciplines. The entry-level degree programs prepare the student for initial entry into clinical or health-related practice and provide a solid foundation for further education. The curricula include rigorous academic preparation and most programs include extensive field experience at selected facilities. The graduate programs prepare students for advanced practice in the health care disciplines and to assume leadership roles in practice, education, and research. The faculty of the CNHS is committed to excellence in teaching, the conduct of research that extends knowledge and contributes to the science of each discipline, and public service to improve the health of citizens of state, national and global communities.

The following entry-level degree programs are offered: Bachelor of Science degree programs in Athletic Training; Exercise and Movement Science; Medical Laboratory Science; Medical Radiation Sciences; and Nursing. In Physical Therapy, an entry-level doctoral degree program is offered. Communication Sciences and Disorders offers a Bachelor of Science degree and an entry-level master's degree program. Nursing also offers an on-line RN-BS curriculum for RNs with an Associate Degree in Nursing and a direct entry-level degree program (DEPN) for non-nurse college graduates. Graduates of the entry-level professional programs are eligible to sit for the appropriate licensure examination and enter practice or other health-related fields. All of the professional programs needing accreditation and/or state approval for licensure eligibility have achieved and maintained such status.

Nursing offers a graduate program leading to the Master of Science degree - Clinical Nurse Leader. The Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner program is transitioning to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. The Post-M.S. DNP program offers RNs with a graduate degree in nursing a route to the DNP in Primary Care (Adult Gerontology Nurse Practitioner, Family Nurse Practitioner) or Executive Nurse Leader. The nursing graduate program is designed to enhance the clinical and academic background of licensed registered nurses and prepare them for advanced practice, nursing leadership, and/or clinical expertise.

In Medical Laboratory Science, a post-baccalaureate certificate program that prepares students to sit for the National Certification Exam is offered through Continuing and Distance Education. An online Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree is also offered through the Department of Medical Laboratory and Radiation Sciences. In Communication Sciences and Disorders, a post-baccalaureate certificate program that prepares students to practice as speech-language pathology assistants and a post-baccalaureate certificate program that prepares students to enter a master's degree program are offered through Continuing and Distance Education.

## MAJORS

- Athletic Training Education B.S.
- Communication Sciences and Disorders B.S.
- Exercise and Movement Science B.S.
- Health Sciences B.S.
- Medical Laboratory Science B.S.
- Medical Radiation Sciences B.S.
- Nursing B.S.
- Nursing (for Registered Nurses) B.S.

## MINORS

- Communication Sciences and Disorders

## REQUIREMENTS

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for admission, retention and graduation are detailed below for each of the undergraduate degree programs. The College of Nursing and Health Sciences reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any student whose academic record, performance, or behavior in the professional programs is judged unsatisfactory. All candidates for admission and continuation must be able to perform the essential clinical, as well as academic, requirements of the CNHS programs. These requirements include: the capacity to observe and communicate; sufficient motor ability to perform physical diagnostic examinations and basic laboratory and clinical procedures; emotional stability to exercise good judgment and to work effectively in stressful situations; and intellectual ability to synthesize data and solve problems. CNHS students must be able to meet these technical standards either with, or without, reasonable accommodations. Some professional licensing examiners, clinical affiliates and potential employers may require students and graduates to disclose personal health history, substance abuse history, and/or criminal convictions, which may, under certain conditions, impact eligibility for professional examinations, licensing, clinical affiliation, and employment. Some programs have additional clinical requirements such as CPR certification and up-to-date-immunizations. Radiation therapy students must demonstrate professionalism, professional development, and competency in the clinical setting.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

There are some special elements associated with clinical education. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from clinical sites and, where relevant, the costs of housing for clinical experiences. Students may need to complete a criminal background check prior to clinical placement. Evidence of a criminal record may prevent students from being eligible for clinical placement and/or professional licensure. All students must carry professional liability insurance during clinical rotations, and will be billed approximately \$40 per year for this insurance.

Students engaging in clinical education experiences must comply with required health clearances including testing, immunizations, and titers for certain infectious diseases (costs vary depending on

students' insurance). Applicants to the college's clinical programs must realize there is always an element of risk through exposure to infectious disease. The university is not responsible for medical costs resulting from injury during clinical rotation, or during any other curricular activity, unless this injury is due to negligence by the university.