College of Health and Behavioral Studies

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Mission, Vision and Values

Mission
We engage students, faculty and communities in learning, scholarship and service in health and behavioral studies to inspire responsible contributions to our world.

Vision
CHBS aspires to excellence in discovery and real-world impact on the health and well-being of individuals and communities that we serve.

Values
We promote and support departments, programs and initiatives that advance a culture of excellence and uphold the following values:

Scholarship & Professional Development
We participate actively in research and continual professional development.

Research refers to systematic examination of phenomena using scientific methods and includes the Scholarship of Teaching and the Scholarship of Learning as well as:

  • Basic Research—leads to understanding of fundamental questions.
  • Applied Research—relates basic research to find solutions to everyday problems.
  • Translational Research—relates basic research to professional applications that enhance human health and well-being in a multi-disciplinary environment.
  • Professional Development includes activities designed to enhance professional knowledge and skills.

Innovation
We pursue creative approaches/trends that strive toward new and effective solutions, while respecting successful traditions and established best practices.
Diversity
We appreciate that salient differences exist among and between peoples, programs, disciplines and professions and that such differences include—and influence—values, beliefs, interests, and worldviews.

Engaged Learning
We raise and respond to questions with a spirit of active inquiry and discovery, both individually and collectively; engage in reflective-active approaches to new information for problem-solving; develop lifelong learning skills.

Integrity
We act in a manner consistent with stated personal, professional and college values.

Service
We contribute expertise and energy to the needs of various constituencies (university, professional and extra-university).

Collaboration
We recognize commonalities, respect differences and search cooperatively for possibilities to engage in interprofessional and interdisciplinary work.

Majors and Minors
Students may select from a variety of majors, minors, programs and concentrations that are available through the departments in the College of Health and Behavioral Studies. Programs offered include the following:

Majors
- Athletic Training
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Dietetics
- Health Sciences
  - Health Assessment and Promotion
  - Health Studies
  - Public Health Education
- Health Services Administration
- Kinesiology
  - Exercise Science
  - Physical and Health Education Teacher Education
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Social Work

Minors
- Chronic Illness
- Coaching Education
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Family Studies
- Gerontology
- Nonprofit Studies
- Sport Communication
- Substance Abuse Prevention

Cross Disciplinary Programs,
Outreach Programs, Partnerships,
Academic Centers and Institutes
The College of Health and Behavioral Studies places a high value on partnerships with the community. These partnerships and our outreach programs are integral to our academic programs and assist us in meeting our responsibility to participate in efforts to enhance the well-being of our community. We value the impact of experiential activities on the enrichment of student learning. Many of the programs within the college are cross disciplinary in nature, reflecting our commitment and supporting the mission of the college. Further details about these cross disciplinary programs are provided in the minors and Academic Institutes and Centers sections of the catalog and on the CHBS website.