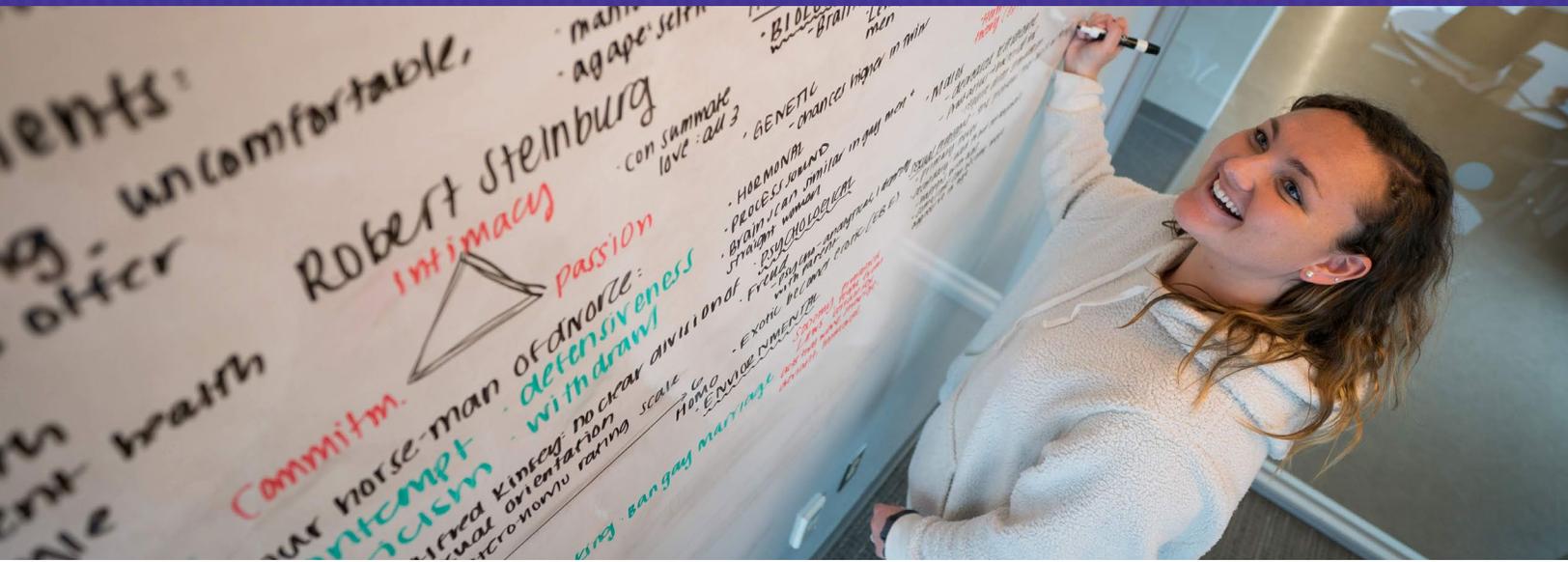


# HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL STUDIES



## Health and Behavioral Studies Highlights

- Students in almost all of our undergraduate programs participate in required **hands-on clinical practice and field experiences** ranging from 320-1,000 hours.
- State-of-the-art classrooms, simulation laboratories, research facilities, animal laboratories and an innovative academic building provide **transformative and cutting-edge learning** and experiences for students.
- Our students have an **outstanding pass rate on national PRAXIS and board certification exams** in Applied Behavior Analysis, Athletic Training, Audiology, Nurse Practitioner, Physicians Assistant, School Psychology and Speech-Language Pathology.



“The most powerful learning situations are those in which I can provide opportunities to my students in the lab and through writing. In the end, when the work is done, the students have learned skills that will translate to their academic lives and careers.”

— JESSICA IRONS  
PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

### Making Your Madison Experience Unique

The Madison Experience is about giving students the ability to craft their own individual journey to success. At JMU, you can cross disciplines and take any minor or combination of minors regardless of your major, allowing you to discover new interests and create your own path.

## Programs of Study

### MAJORS

- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Dietetics
- Health Sciences
- Health Services Administration
- Kinesiology
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Social Work

### MINORS

- Chronic Illness
- Coaching Education
- Family Studies
- Non-Profit Studies
- Substance Use Disorder Education

### PRE-PROFESSIONAL MINORS

- Pre-Athletic Training
- Pre-Dentistry
- Pre-Forensic Studies
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Physician Assistant
- Pre-Theology
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine

### GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Applied Nutrition
- Assessment and Measurement
- Athletic Training
- Audiology
- Clinical and School Psychology
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- College Student Personnel Administration
- Communication Science and Disorders
- Counseling and Supervision
- Kinesiology: Exercise Physiology
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Psychological Sciences
- School Counseling
- School Psychology
- Speech Language Pathology

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## The Madison Experience

### ACCESS TO FACULTY

Our professors make teaching their No. 1 priority. That's rare at a school our size. Small classes. Attention from professors. Big-school opportunities, yet a small-school feel.

### HANDS-ON LEARNING

80 percent of our undergrads do research, a practicum, an internship or student teach. Many JMU students do more than one of these. These are examples of how learning happens beyond the classroom at JMU.

### A GREAT VALUE

A reasonable price and a solid return on investment have long been hallmarks of the Madison Experience. Niche cited JMU #19 in its Best Value Big Colleges ranking. Superb value. Return on investment. A bright future for you.

### STUDY ABROAD

More than 1200 students participate in JMU's study abroad program each year. Imagine studying abroad through over 25 options within the College of Health and Behavioral Studies.

## Overview

Do you want to advance scientific knowledge; deliver high-quality care or services to individuals and groups; collaborate with other professionals to enhance patient and client outcomes; understand and influence human behavior; improve the lives of vulnerable populations? If so, the academic programs of the College of Health and Behavioral Studies may be perfect for you!

We value engaged learning and employ teaching and learning strategies to foster effective thinking, discernment, discovery, and lifelong learning skills. With classrooms, teaching and research laboratories, study areas, clinics and gathering spaces – many designed to promote interprofessional work – faculty members and students work for and with community partners, filling an important niche in patient care and preparing students for exceptional careers. Many students complete practicum, field work, internship or clinical experiences which help provide opportunities for skill development and community engagement. In addition, students pursue exciting engaged learning opportunities through international travel/study abroad experiences in a variety of countries, covering a wide range of subject matter.

Students interested in human health and behavior are frequently interested in pursuing a career as a health professional. The Pre-Professional Health Advising office guides students interested in athletic training, dentistry, medicine, optometry, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant studies or veterinary medicine. Students can enroll in academic minors designed to help students prepare for admission to appropriate graduate, professional programs. More information about the minors can be found at [jmu.edu/pph](http://jmu.edu/pph).



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