

# Summer Orientation 2025



**College of Health and  
Behavioral Studies**

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# Introductions & Our JMU Stories

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# CHBS Units

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# Mission and Vision

## College of Health & Behavioral Studies Mission

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

## College of Health & Behavioral Studies Values

- Scholarship & Professional Development
- Innovation
- Diversity
- Engaged Learning
- Integrity
- Collaboration
- Collegiality
- Community







# CHBS VIRTUAL TOUR

## CHBS OVERVIEW



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# The People of CHBS



# Essential Resources

- Student Success Center
- University Health Center
- Career Fairs
- Faculty members
- Academic Advisors
- Pre-professional health advisors
- My Madison Connect







## Welcome, Katelyn!

We're so happy you're here! This is MyMadison Connect. Right now you are able to schedule appointments, find links to valuable resources, and submit questions to your support team.

You can easily make an appointment using Schedule Appointment with any of your advisors listed.

Don't see one of your assigned Advisors? Please visit MyMadison for the full list of your advisors, who will gradually become available in this new advising portal. Thank you for your patience as we add more options to serve you.

[Schedule Appointment](#)

### My Appointments

[Upcoming](#) [Past](#)

Updated just now ↻

### My Assigned Advisors

Advisor Name	Program
Lisa Carmines	Nursing - BSN
Scott Beckler	Nursing - BSN



No upcoming appointments



# CHBS Engaged Learning Experiences

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State-of-the-  
Art Labs

Study  
Abroad

Research

Clinical &  
Field  
Placements

Inter-  
disciplinary &  
Inter-  
Professional  
Education &  
Practice

# Pre-Professional Health Minors

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## *Interested in a career in one of these fields?*

- Be sure to mention this to your Academic Advisor this afternoon.
- Your Academic Advisor will be able to help connect you to a PPH minor advisor
- Declaring the minor helps you plan your schedule and provides access to resources



Pre-Dentistry



Pre-Physical Therapy



Pre-Medicine



Pre-Optometry



Pre-Pharmacy



Pre-Veterinary Medicine

## JMU Graduate Programs



Pre-Athletic Training

3+2  
Available



Pre-Occupational Therapy



Pre-Physicians Assistant

# Tips to Succeed in CHBS

- Assume responsibility for your education
- Create organizational skills
- Plan for increased independence
- Cultivate new learning strategies
- Balance your time between studying and campus life
- Ask for assistance!



# Tips to Succeed in CHBS

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## **Cultivate an effective academic mindset**

- Read your email
- Plan when to study (multiply classroom time by 2)
- Identify each professor's specific expectations
- Reflect on your course progress
- Think ahead – ex: study abroad; career planning



## **Engage in class**

- Attend regularly
- Be prepared for class
- Read materials prior to coming to class
- Develop good study habits
- Track all due dates (planner, calendar, etc.)



# More Tips to Succeed in CHBS



## **Seek out relationships with faculty and staff**

- Find a mentor(s)
- Use your advisor as a resource
- Go to faculty office hours
- Participate in faculty research



## **Find belonging by getting involved on campus**

- Engage both inside and outside of class
- Balance fun and learning
- Take advantage of the campus recreation center
- Look into discipline-specific student organizations/clubs

# Important Dates for Fall Semester

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## Semester Dates

### First Day of Classes

- Wednesday, August 20

### Fall Break

- October 22-26

### Thanksgiving Break

- November 22-30

### Winter Break

- December 12

## Enrollment Dates

### Add/Drop Deadline

- August 29

### Mid-Term Grades Available

- October 13

### Course Adjustment Deadline

- October 21

# Tips for Engaging with CHBS Faculty

- Ask questions during class for clarification
- Ask for help if you need it
- Demonstrate professional behavior, both in person and in emails
- Learn about their teaching and research
- Consider their research opportunities
- Seek face-to-face interactions



# Final Thoughts

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." – John Dewey

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

