COMMUNITY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
COMMUNITY HEALTH

Community Health is a dynamic and evolving discipline that encompasses health education and health promotion. This concentration prepares students for entry into a variety of professions—patient educator and advocate, health communication specialist, health policy coordinator, wellness coordinator, community assessment coordinator, public health educator, community nutrition educator, and others. Students in the community health concentration must pursue a university approved minor. The CHHS program recommends human services, social work, criminal justice, sociology, and Spanish.

This curriculum is offered in a blended format.
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Concentration in Community Health

Community Health refers to the health status of a defined group of people and the actions and conditions to promote, protect, and preserve their health. Health education specialists develop programs and policies directed at reducing risk factors, decreasing acute and chronic disease burden, and promoting the adoption of healthy lifestyles.

This degree provides students with knowledge and training to pursue employment in hospitals, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, doctors’ offices, private businesses, and colleges, as well as for graduate study in Community Health, Public Health, and other related health disciplines.

Undergraduates who successfully complete the Community Health curriculum are prepared to sit for the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) credentialing examination.

- All Community Health and Human Services faculty hold either the CHES or MCHES (Master Certified Health Education Specialist) credential and are active members of the profession.
- The Community Health curriculum is aligned with the professional responsibilities and competences of the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing Inc.
- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment of health educators and community health workers is projected to grow 16 percent from 2016 to 2026. In May 2016, the median annual wage for community health workers was $37,330; for health educators, it was $53,070.
- Students are assigned an academic advisor who works one-on-one to assist with academic planning and career exploration tailored to individual student needs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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CORE CURRICULUM  41 HOURS

AREA I-IV COURSES MUST BE ON AGSC LIST. A 6-SEMESTER HOUR SEQUENCE IN LITERATURE (AREA II) OR HISTORY (AREA IV) IS REQUIRED. LITERATURE SEQUENCE PREFERRED.

AREA I WRITTEN COMPOSITION  6
AREA II HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS  12
AREA III NATURAL SCIENCE & MATH  11
AREA IV SOCIAL SCIENCE  12

PRE-PROFESSIONAL COURSES  20 HOURS

CHHS 141 PERSONAL HEALTH & WELLNESS  3
CHHS 140 FIRST AID  3
EPR 214 INTRO TO EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS  3
BY 115 HUMAN ANATOMY  4
BY 116 INTRODUCTORY HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY  4
NTR 222 INTRODUCTORY NUTRITION & HEALTH  3

MAJOR COURSES  42 HOURS

CHHS 223 INTRO TO DISEASE PREVENTION  3
CHHS 342 THE HEALTH EDUCATION/PROMOTION SPECIALIST  3
CHHS 343 BEHAVIORAL THEORY IN HEALTH EDUCATION/ PROMOTION  3
CHHS 421 HEALTH COMM & HEALTH COACHING  3
CHHS 431 PLAN & IMPLEM HEALTH EDUCATION/PROMOTION PROGRAMS  3
CHHS 432 ADMINISTRATION OF HEALTH EDUCATION/ PROMOTION PROGRAMS  3
EPR 414 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  3
CHHS 452 EVALUATION & GRANTSMANSHIP IN HEALTH EDUCATION/PROMOTION PROGRAMS  3
CHHS 499 COMMUNITY HEALTH INTERNSHIP  9

ELECTIVES IN COMMUNITY HEALTH  9

MINOR COURSES  18 HOURS

A MINOR IS REQUIRED. HUMAN SERVICES, SOCIAL WORK, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, SOCIOLOGY, AND SPANISH ARE RECOMMENDED. THE HUMAN SERVICES MINOR IS ONLINE.

INTERNSHIP

A DESIGNATED INTERNSHIP COORDINATOR WORKS CLOSELY WITH STUDENTS TO IDENTIFY A PLACEMENT LOCATION THAT MATCHES WITH CAREER GOALS AND INTERESTS. INTERNSHIP SITES HAVE INCLUDED:

- AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
- AMERICAN RED CROSS
- GIRLS, INC.
- THE 1917 CLINIC (HIV PREVENTION AND EDUCATION)