

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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Mission

The College of Health Sciences prepares students for meaningful professions in health and human sciences, fostering a spirit of inquiry and exploration. Our focus is on immersive, community-engaged education aimed at empowering individuals, families, and communities across East Texas. By prioritizing student-centered learning, real-world engagement, research, and healthcare outreach, we aim to contribute positively to the state of Texas and beyond.

Vision

Cultivating the next generation of leaders in health and human sciences.

Core Values

- **Student-Centric:** We prioritize the success, growth, and well-being of our students, placing their needs at the center of our educational and support efforts.
- **Belonging:** We cultivate an environment where every member of our community feels valued and respected, with a sense of belonging and well-being.
- **Discovery:** We promote an ethos of curiosity and inquiry in the classroom and beyond to advance the body of knowledge throughout health and human sciences disciplines.
- **Transformational:** We are committed to creating positive impacts through our work in education, research, and community practice.
- **Collaboration:** We foster teamwork and partnerships within our college, across the university, and with community organizations to achieve common goals.

Contact Information

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Website

College of Health Sciences (<http://www.shsu.edu/academics/health-sciences/>)

Department of Human Sciences (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/health-sciences/human-sciences/>)

- Master of Science in Dietetics (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/health-sciences/human-sciences/dietetics-ms/>)

Department of Kinesiology (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/health-sciences/kinesiology/>)

- Master of Science in Kinesiology - (Sport and Human Performance) (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/health-sciences/kinesiology/kinesiology-ma/>)
- Master of Science in Sport Management (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/health-sciences/kinesiology/ms-sport-management/>)

Department of Physical Therapy (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/health-sciences/physical-therapy/>)

Department of Physician Assistant Studies and Athletic Training (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/health-sciences/physician-assistant-studies-and-athletic-training/>)

- Master of Science in Athletic Training (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/health-sciences/physician-assistant-studies-and-athletic-training/ms-athletic-training/>)

Department of Public Health (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/health-sciences/public-health/>)

- Master of Health Administration (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/health-sciences/public-health/mha/>)
- Master of Public Health (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/health-sciences/public-health/mph/>)
- Master of Science in Health Care Quality and Safety (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/health-sciences/public-health/ms-health-care-quality-safety/>)
- Graduate Certificate in Health Care Quality and Safety (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/health-sciences/public-health/health-care-quality-and-safety-certificate/>)

Dual Degree (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/dual-degrees/>)

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Master of Public Health (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/dual-degrees/do-osteopathic-medicine-and-mph-public-health/>)