

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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About the College

The College of Health Sciences (COHS) consists of the Department of Human Sciences, the Department of Kinesiology, the Department of Public Health, and the School of Nursing. The College is comprised of undergraduate and graduate degrees focusing on clinical training and work-based learning. Internships in prestigious healthcare and medical fields, hospitals, sports organizations, government agencies, and volunteer agencies are available for many of the degree fields.

The COHS offers the most up-to-date curricula using the latest technologies. Degree fields include human sciences, kinesiology, nursing, and public health, as well as preparation for further medical study in areas such as occupational therapy, chiropractic, and physical therapy. Some of the degree areas allow for an international focus—with language immersion—through study abroad opportunities to expand the student learning experience.

Factors such as an aging population, new medical technologies, and federal legislation have increased the need for qualified healthcare employees, educators, and professionals. The COHS has made great advancements in addressing those demands by offering programs that will increase the number of educated employees for the Texas workforce.

The COHS promotes healthy living by preparing professionals for health and medical careers with a quality education at an affordable cost. Graduates will be prepared to succeed in their chosen health profession through mastery of the appropriate knowledge and skills, a well-developed sense of professionalism, and a strong commitment to promoting health and providing quality care.

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.

Highlights

- The School of Nursing became an accredited nursing program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN formerly NLNAC) in August 2013 and received full approval by the Texas Board of Nursing for the Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in January 2014.
- Graduates of the School of Nursing have a 94% first time pass rate (2023) on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), which is above state and national averages. Repeat NCLEX pass rate is 100% (2023).
- The MS in Athletic Training (MSAT) program has received initial accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) (2023-2028).
- The Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE) Program in the Department of Kinesiology is accredited by the Council for Educator Preparation (CAEP) and the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE).
- Study Abroad opportunities in Human Sciences, Kinesiology, Public Health, and Nursing.
- The Interior Design Program is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) and the National Association for Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).
- The MS in Dietetic Internship Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- The Food Science and Nutrition Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Academic Programs

Department of Human Sciences

- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Interior Design (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/human-sciences/ba-interior-design/>)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Fashion Merchandising (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/human-sciences/bs-fashion-merchandising/>)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Food Science and Nutrition (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/human-sciences/bs-food-science-nutrition/>)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Interior Design (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/human-sciences/bs-interior-design/>)
- Minor in Fashion Merchandising (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/human-sciences/minor-fashion-merchandising/>)
- Minor in Human Nutrition (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/human-sciences/minor-human-nutrition/>)
- Minor in Interior Design (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/human-sciences/minor-interior-design/>)

Department of Kinesiology

- Bachelor of Science, Major in Human Performance and Wellness Management (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/kinesiology/bs-human-performance-and-wellness-management/>)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Kinesiology (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/kinesiology/bs-kinesiology/>)
- Bachelor of Science, Double Major in Education and Kinesiology (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/education/school-of-teaching-and-learning/bs-education-and-kinesiology/>)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Kinesiology (Clinical Exercise Science) (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/kinesiology/bs-kinesiology-clinical-exercise-science/>)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Kinesiology (Clinical Exercise Science), 3+2 MSAT (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/kinesiology/bs-kinesiology-and-msat-athletic-training/#text>)
- Undergraduate Certificate in Sport Coaching (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/kinesiology/undergraduate-certificate-sport-coaching/>)
- Minor in Kinesiology (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/kinesiology/minor-kinesiology/>)

- Minor in Sport Coaching (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/public-health/minor-health/>)

School of Nursing

- Bachelor of Science, Major in Nursing (BSN) (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/nursing/bsn-nursing/>)
- RN to BSN (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/nursing/rn-bsn/>)
- LVN to BSN (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/nursing/lvn-bsn/>)

Department of Public Health

- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Bilingual Health Care Studies; Minor in Foreign Language (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/public-health/ba-bilingual-health-care-studies/>)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Health Care Administration (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/public-health/bs-health-health-care-administration/>)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Health Sciences (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/public-health/bs-health-sciences/>)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Health Sciences: 3+2 MSAT Option (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/public-health/bs-health-sciences-and-msat-athletic-training/>)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Public Health (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/public-health/bs-public-health/>)
- Bachelor of Science, Major in Public Health: 4+1 MPH Option (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/public-health/bs-public-health-and-mph-public-health/>)
- Minor in Health (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/health-sciences/public-health/minor-health/>)

Scholarships

College of Health Sciences

- Cady/Huskey-Health Scholarship: \$2,000
- COHS Bridge Scholarship: \$2,000
- Crowley/Gilbert Family Scholarship: \$1,000
- William (Al) and Elizabeth Rampmeier Endowed Scholarship: \$1,000

Department of Kinesiology

- Betty Alexander Scholarship: \$1,000
- H O Crawford Scholarship or H.O. "Molly" Crawford Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000
- Joe and Mary Kirk Endowed Scholarship: \$1,000
- Margaret Powell Scholarship Award: \$1,000
- Robert L. Case Health & Kinesiology Wellness Endowed Scholarship: \$1,000
- Sam Houston Athletic Training Alumni & Friends Scholarship: \$1,500
- Robert J. Wagner Scholarship: \$1,000

Department of Human Sciences

- Elmadel Driscoll Robinson Endowed Scholarship: \$1,000
- Family and Consumer Sciences Memorial Endowed Scholarship: \$1,000
- Keener Family COBA/FCS Scholarship: \$1,000
- Lena Campbell Mathis Endowed Scholarship: \$2,500
- Lynch Endowed Scholarship: \$1,000
- Mattie Bea Prather Medford Family and Consumer Sciences Endowed Scholarship: \$1,000
- Rachel Mary Prather Allen Family and Consumer Sciences Endowed Scholarship: \$500
- Wiley G. and Marian Boyd McDonald Endowed Scholarship: \$1,000

Department of Public Health

- Roy G. Moss, Jr., Health Education Endowed Scholarship: \$500
- Behrens Family Scholarship in Honor of Dr. William V. Hyman: \$1,000

School of Nursing

- Charlie W. & Laverna M. Lucko Memorial Endowed Scholarship: \$1,000
- Ed and Celia Franklin Endowed Scholarship for Nursing: Amount varies
- Marjorie Milliet Eglsaer Nursing Endowed Scholarship: \$1,000
- Mary Ellen Ragsdale Nursing Scholarship: \$5,000
- Roland E. Black Nursing Scholarship: \$3,000
- St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital Nursing Scholarship: \$2,000
- Stewart-Jones Nursing Scholarship: \$1,000
- Sue Walker Rogers Nursing Endowed Scholarship: \$1,000
- Nurseify Excellence in Nursing Scholarship: \$1,000