School of Health and Human Sciences

SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

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About

In the School of Health and Human Sciences, academic programs are offered through the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, the Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation, the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, the Department of Kinesiology, the Department of Nutrition, the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, the Department of Public Health Education, and the Department of Social Work, including a program in Gerontology. There is also a graduate program in Genetic Counseling. Each department and program offers varied courses for all university students and programs of study leading to undergraduate and graduate majors and minors in their respective areas. The school’s programs are designed to meet specialized interests of students and also the requirements of state and national accrediting agencies and professional associations.

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders provides opportunities for the study of normal speech, language, and hearing as well as the study of associated disorders, leading to the bachelor of science degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology. The courses offered in this program are pre-professional and prepare the student for further study at the graduate level. Faculty and students in Communication Sciences and Disorders provide services to clients in the University Speech and Hearing Center, and engage in cooperative work with area schools, hospitals, and other human service agencies. In addition, a Master of Arts degree is offered, preparing clinicians to serve children, youth, and adults with communication disorders. There is also a Ph.D. degree offering advanced study in teaching and research.

In the Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation, a student majoring in Recreation and Parks Management may choose from two areas of concentration: Therapeutic Recreation or Community Recreation and Event Planning. These concentrations lead to the bachelor of science degree. A Community and Therapeutic Recreation minor and a master of science (M.S.) degree are also available. The undergraduate program has been fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT) since 1981.

The Program in Genetic Counseling offers an interdisciplinary master of science degree. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling (ACGC). Applicants admitted to the program are expected to enroll as full-time students, registering for the required courses for each of the four semesters of the program and for intervening summer sessions.

Programs in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies focus on early care and education, child and adolescent development, and family studies. At the undergraduate level, students prepare for entry level positions in early childhood settings and agencies, Birth through Kindergarten classroom licensure, community agencies serving children, adolescents and their families; and family-related careers in family, government, and community service agencies. Master’s and doctoral programs provide opportunities for research and advanced study in these areas.

The Department of Kinesiology offers the major in Kinesiology leading to the bachelor of science degree. Students may select concentrations in Kinesiology and Physical Education and Health Teacher Education (licensure track). The department also offers minors in Sport Coaching and Community Youth and Sport Development. Kinesiology prepares students for careers in preventive and rehabilitative exercise and fitness, and may be tailored to meet the needs and interests of students planning graduate study in athletic training, medicine, occupational therapy, or physical therapy. This department also offers graduate studies leading to the master’s degree and doctoral degrees (Ph.D. and online Ed.D.).

The Department of Nutrition offers undergraduate studies with majors in Human Nutrition and Dietetics, Nutrition and Wellness, and Nutrition Science and graduate programs for the master’s degree, doctoral degree, and a post-baccalaureate dietetic internship certificate. The undergraduate Human Nutrition and Dietetics concentration (also known as the Didactic Program in Dietetics) and the Dietetic Internship program are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). The Department of Peace and Conflict Studies offers a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Arts, and a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate. Peace and Conflict Studies is an area of interdisciplinary study focusing on conflict management and resolution. Students receive professional preparation including strategies for building peaceful and just social systems, communities, and societies.

The Department of Public Health Education offers the Public Health major, leading to the bachelor of science degree. Within the Public Health major, students may select a concentration in Community Health Education or Health Studies (online only). The Community Health Education concentration is a professional program preparing graduates to become Health Educators. The requirements of the Community Health Education concentration meet the professional standards of the field of Health Education allowing graduating students to sit for the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) national credentialing exam. An online Health Studies concentration is available for those looking for a pre-professional or non-professional degree option. A Health Studies minor is also available. The department also offers graduate studies leading to a master of public health (M.P.H.) degree and the doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in community health education. Post-Baccalaureate Certificates (P.B.C.) in Health and Wellness Coaching and in Workplace Wellness are available. As a complement to the academic enterprise of the department, faculty, and students within Public Health Education are also actively involved in local and national research and outreach.

The Department of Social Work prepares undergraduate students for entry level generalist social work positions in public and private social service agencies, health care organizations, courts, and school systems. The master of social work degree, offered in collaboration with North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, is the only joint program of its kind in the nation. The B.S.W. and J.M.S.W. programs are both accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. A joint
Ph.D. degree program began in Fall 2019. The M.S.W. and Ph.D. are joint programs with North Carolina A&T.

The Program in Gerontology is housed in the Department of Social Work and offers an undergraduate minor in gerontology, a post-baccalaureate certificate in gerontology, and an online master of science in gerontology. Courses fulfilling the certificate program may be used to meet requirements in a degree program in accordance with the policies of the Graduate School.

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  - Nutrition, M.S. ([https://catalog.uncg.edu/health-human-sciences/nutrition/nutrition-ms/](https://catalog.uncg.edu/health-human-sciences/nutrition/nutrition-ms/))
  - Nutrition, Ph.D. ([https://catalog.uncg.edu/health-human-sciences/nutrition/nutrition-phd/](https://catalog.uncg.edu/health-human-sciences/nutrition/nutrition-phd/))
• Community Health Education, Ph.D. (https://catalog.uncg.edu/health-human-sciences/public-health-education/community-health-education-phd/)
• Health and Wellness Coaching, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (https://catalog.uncg.edu/health-human-sciences/public-health-education/health-wellness-coaching-pbc/)
• Workplace Wellness, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (https://catalog.uncg.edu/health-human-sciences/public-health-education/workplace-wellness-pbc/)
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  • Gerontology Undergraduate Minor (https://catalog.uncg.edu/health-human-sciences/social-work/gerontology-minor/)
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