COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Recognized as the “health college” of George Mason University, the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) offers highly specialized interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate degree programs that prepare students for professional careers aimed at improving the public’s health and well-being across the lifespan, while eliminating health disparities and promoting social justice. Graduates from our programs work in official health and social agencies, non-governmental health organizations, private industry, colleges and universities, and in a variety of clinical health care settings.

CHHS offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in community health, global health, health administration, health informatics, health policy, health system management, nursing, public health and social work and selected academic minors, concentrations, and graduate certificates. To learn more about our degree programs, please visit https://chhs.gmu.edu/academics or call the CHHS Office of Student Affairs at 703-993-1901.

Throughout the year, CHHS hosts degree program information sessions to interested students. For dates and times and registration information, visit the Prospective Student Information Sessions (https://chhs.gmu.edu/admissions/prospective-student-information-sessions/) website.

Academic Programs

CHHS is committed to educating the next generation of health professionals, researchers, and educators. Our School of Nursing (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/health-human-services/nursing/) produces more new RNs each year than any other program in Virginia, and these graduates have one of the state’s highest pass rates on the nursing licensure exam. Through the PhD program in nursing, the college is helping to fill the need for nursing faculty and researchers, and through the DNP program, provides an opportunity for nurses to become experts as nurse practitioners, nurse administrators, or nurse educators. The Department of Health Administration and Policy (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/health-human-services/health-administration-policy/) prepares students for careers as leaders of health care organizations and as health policymakers at the state and national levels, while the Department of Global and Community Health (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/health-human-services/global-community-health/) trains public health practitioners with a global reach, who can intervene and improve the health of local and international populations. The Department of Nutrition and Food Studies (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/health-human-services/nutrition-food-studies/) integrates education, research, and outreach in preparing students to improve the health and well-being of populations through food and nutrition. The Department of Social Work (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/health-human-services/social-work/) educates undergraduate and graduate students to be professional social workers practicing in either community organizations or clinical settings. The CHHS academic units offer a variety of specializations within degree programs, including gerontology, epidemiology and biostatistics, health informatics, clinical social work, and conflict analysis and resolution.

Faculty

College Faculty

Professors
Alemi, Cheskin, Cuellar, Drews-Botsch, Gerber, Griffin, Guccione, Higgins, Hong, Jacobsen, Kitsantas, Kubik, Louis, Maddox, Metcalf, Roess, Rome, Rose, Tompkins, Weiler, Wolf-Branigin

Associate Professors

Assistant Professors

Instructors
K. Chang, Goodknight

Administrative Faculty
Beckwith, Brown-Rolle, Cornejo, Dugger, Fleck, Gillette, Green, Helmick, Holmes, Johnson, Jouyer, Kargbo, Okuda, Park, Perez-Brodeur, Sawyer, Stokes, Thompson, Walsh, Williams

ASTHO Affiliate Faculty
Allen, Dennison, Fraser, Lane, Plescia, Ruebush, Yeide

Emeriti
Allinger, Baghi, Boland, Boyd, Boren, Carty, Chong, Howell, Jenkins, Langley, Moore, Moss, Nichols, Normile, Parker-Smith, Raskin, Redmond, Ritchie, Silva, Sluzki, Sorrell, Vail, Walker, Whittington, Wu
School of Nursing students are sent information regarding the criminal background check process, and associated fees, upon admission. Other students are informed individually as they are considered for practicum activities requiring background checks. Students are responsible for notifying the assistant dean of student affairs of any arrests, regardless of adjudication, that occur after acceptance and during enrollment in the program. Failure to promptly notify the assistant dean of student affairs may be grounds for termination from the program.

Health Records
To comply with the policies established by the Commonwealth of Virginia, all students must provide current immunization records to the university’s Student Health Services at the time of admission to the college. Immunizations may be obtained through Student Health Services (http://shs.gmu.edu/) on any of the Mason campuses. All students in the School of Nursing also must submit immunization records to the School of Nursing at the time of admission. Additional documentation of good health may be required.

Students should keep copies of their health records should agencies require them for clinical and practicum assignments. All costs associated with immunizations and certifications are the student's responsibility.

Insurance and Liability
Students are strongly advised to maintain health insurance coverage at all times. All students enrolled in the School of Nursing are required to maintain health insurance at all times. A student health insurance plan (http://shs.gmu.edu/insurance/) is available to eligible students through Mason. Students are responsible for their own health care, including emergency care, and CHHS assumes no financial responsibility for the health care of students. Enrolled students who are performing internships and similar experiential learning as a required part of their academic programs are considered agents of the university. They are covered for professional liability by the Commonwealth of Virginia Risk Management Plan (http://risk.gmu.edu/) while engaged in their prescribed educational duties.

Academic Outreach
The mission of the Office of Academic Outreach is to provide off-campus graduate coursework that supports the continued professional development and competency of practicing health professionals. This purpose is accomplished through collaborative relationships with expert health and instructional resources—individual and organizational—both internal and external to the University.

Academic Policies
Students should become familiar with the university’s general academic policies in addition to those specific to each academic unit. See Academic Policies (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/).

Graduate Admission
Admission decisions are made by the faculty committee on admissions of the respective graduate programs. Denial of admission is not subject to appeal. Applicants denied admission to a program are not permitted to enroll in courses in that program through Non-Degree Studies.

If an applicant is offered graduate admission, the college reserves the right to withdraw that offer of admission or to terminate a student in a graduate program if:

- During his or her academic studies, the admitted applicant has a significant drop in academic performance or fails to graduate with a degree prior to the first day of classes for the term admitted.
There has been a misrepresentation in the application process.
Prior to the first day of classes for the term admitted, the college learns that the admitted applicant has engaged in behavior that indicates a serious lack of judgment or integrity, irrespective of the outcome of any disciplinary process related to such behavior.

The university further reserves the right to require the applicant to provide additional information (and/or authorization for the release of information) about any such matter.

Non-Degree Enrollment
Non-degree status enables students who have no immediate degree objective or may need to satisfy prerequisites for admission to a degree program to enroll in courses for which they are qualified without seeking formal admission to a degree program. Applicants should be aware of the fact that non-degree admission does not guarantee enrollment in any specific course or future degree program. Enrollment in specific courses is based on eligibility criteria and availability of space in courses. In some areas of study, enrollment may be restricted or prohibited.

Non-degree applications and their established deadlines are available online through the Office of Admission (https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/). Detailed information regarding non-degree admission policies and procedures can be found in Non-Degree Enrollment (http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/non-degree-enrollment/).

The Department of Global and Community Health, the Department of Health Administration and Policy, the Department of Nutrition and Food Studies, and the Department of Social Work welcome non-degree students in their classes on a space-available basis. Programs in the College of Health and Human Services which have course restrictions are listed below.

Graduate Non-Degree Restrictions
All Graduate Programs
Students may take a maximum of 9 credit hours in non-degree studies. A student cannot graduate or receive a degree while in non-degree studies. Non-degree graduate students may not register for classes numbered 800 or higher.

Nursing, MSN
A student may be eligible to enroll in approved non-degree MSN courses when space is available if the student:

- Has not applied for the MSN program and has not been previously denied admission to the MSN program;
- Holds a BSN from an accredited college and achieved a cumulative degree GPA of 3.00;
- Holds a current RN license.

MSN non-degree students may not take classes numbered 800 or higher. In addition, they may take a maximum of 9 credit hours in non-degree studies.

Undergraduate Non-Degree Restrictions
Nursing, BSN
Students must be admitted into the BSN program in order to register for undergraduate nursing (NURS) courses.