

HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

About the College

Ann C. Crouter, Raymond E. and Erin Stuart Schultz Dean, College of Health and Human Development

Improving human lives through innovative research, teaching, and outreach activities is the defining goal of the College of Health and Human Development. Our educational programs emphasize interdisciplinary approaches and engaged experiential learning. We truly are "committed to improving the quality of your life." Our faculty represent some of the most respected scholars in their disciplines, outstanding researchers, teachers, and leaders in numerous national academies and organizations. Their accomplishments speak volumes about the stimulating intellectual environment that the college has been created and sustained. The college attracts intelligent, motivated and passionate students. In addition to outstanding courses in the classroom, students engage in internships, study abroad, research projects, and service-learning activities that bring them into direct contact with industry, patients, clients, families, and consumers. These experiences provide students with real-world opportunities to hone their professional skills and expand their education while improving the world in which we live.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLEGE (<http://hhd.psu.edu/college/overview>)

Mission and Goals

The College of Health and Human Development is a collaborative community of faculty, staff, students, and alumni that seeks to improve human health, development, and the quality of life for all people through innovative education, interdisciplinary research, and effective outreach with a scope that encompasses "cells to society" and conception through the end of life.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://hhd.psu.edu/college/strategic-plan>)

Departments and Schools

Department of Biobehavioral Health

Biobehavioral Health is an innovative department that explores health in an integrated way and considers biological, social, cultural and environmental factors. Biobehavioral Health students develop a strong foundation for future work or study in public health, health care, epidemiology, psychology, genetics, neuroscience, health promotion and human service, biomedical research or medical school.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://bbh.hhd.psu.edu>)

Department of Communications Sciences and Disorders

Communication Sciences and Disorders is a leader in preparing professionals who address prevention and rehabilitation of speech, language and hearing problems. The major incorporates linguistics, acoustics, psychology, anatomy, and neurobiology. Students typically pursue graduate study and professional certification and licensure and hold positions in hospitals, clinics, schools, research centers, and other settings.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://csd.hhd.psu.edu>)

Department of Health Policy and Administration

The nationally recognized program in Health Policy and Administration (HPA) prepares students to understand the problems of health care access, cost, and quality. HPA prepares students to work as health services professionals, policy analysts, or to pursue graduate study in business, law, medicine, health administration, health services research, or public health.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://hhd.psu.edu/hpa>)

School of Hospitality Management

The School of Hospitality Management combines a strong management and problem-solving orientation with real-world experiences to prepare students for the many career opportunities offered in the diverse and exciting segments of the hospitality industry. Penn State's Hospitality Management program is among the most prestigious of its kind in the nation.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://hhd.psu.edu/shm>)

Department of Human Development and Family Studies

Human Development and Family Studies teaches students how people and families develop biologically, psychologically and socially. The program prepares students to work in areas such as child care, aging, family services, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, health services and other human service and human resources fields and to pursue graduate degrees in psychology, human development, sociology, law, medicine, and public health.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://hhd.psu.edu/hdfs>)

Department of Kinesiology

Kinesiology offers an interdisciplinary program focused on human movement related to health, wellness, and performance. Students apply skills and knowledge in biomechanics, exercise physiology, motor-control, psychology, philosophy/history, and athletic training to real-life problems, preparing them for graduate study in allied health/medical professions and careers in fitness, wellness, teaching, and coaching.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://hhd.psu.edu/kines>)

Department of Nutritional Sciences

Nutritional Sciences uses human nutrition as the backbone to integrate physiological sciences, behavioral sciences, foods and food systems, and nutrition as medicine to improve the health of individuals and communities locally and globally. Nutrition majors are prepared for graduate study, health-related pre-professional programs, and careers in industry and public health.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://nutrition.hhd.psu.edu>)

Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management

Our goal is to educate and inspire students to make a difference and contribute to society. We integrate topics such as diversity, environmental sustainability, human development, health and well-being, social innovation and entrepreneurship, community and economic development, and leadership. RPTM students are prepared for graduate study as well as careers in park management, tourism (including ecotourism), event planning, recreational services, professional golf management and related fields.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://hhd.psu.edu/rptm>)

Baccalaureate Degrees

- Athletic Training, B.S.
- Biobehavioral Health, B.S. (Health and Human Development)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders, B.S.
- Health Policy and Administration, B.S. (Health and Human Development)
- Hospitality Management, B.S. (Health and Human Development)
- Human Development and Family Studies, B.S. (Health and Human Development)
- Kinesiology, B.S. (Health and Human Development)
- Nutritional Sciences, B.S.
- Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management, B.S.

Associate Degrees

- Human Development and Family Studies, A.S. (Health and Human Development)

Minors

- Deafness and Hearing Studies, Minor
- Diversity and Inclusion in Health and Human Development, Minor
- Global Health, Minor
- Health Policy and Administration, Minor
- Human Development and Family Studies, Minor
- Information Sciences and Technology in Health Policy and Administration, Minor
- Kinesiology, Minor
- Nutritional Sciences, Minor
- Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management, Minor

Certificates

- Adult Development and Aging Services, Certificate
- Children, Youth and Family Services, Certificate
- Meeting and Event Management, Certificate

College Procedures

Academic Warning

A student who fails to earn a 2.00 cumulative grade-point average will be placed on academic warning. A student placed on academic warning will have a hold placed on registration and will be required to meet with an academic adviser in order for this registration hold to be removed. Notifications concerning the hold will be sent to a student's campus email address. To remove academic warning, the cumulative grade-point average must be 2.00 or higher.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://hhd.psu.edu/student-services/academic-progress>)

READ SENATE POLICY 54-20: ACADEMIC WARNING (<http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/54-00-academic-progress/#54-20>)

Academic Suspension

A student in academic warning who fails to maintain a semester grade-point average of 2.00 or higher will be academically suspended. A student who has been academically suspended may not schedule courses at the University for two consecutive semesters. (Note: Summer session is equal to one semester.) If suspended, a student should meet with their adviser to discuss re-enrollment.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://hhd.psu.edu/student-services/academic-progress>)

READ SENATE POLICY 54-40: ACADEMIC SUSPENSION (<http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/54-00-academic-progress/#54-40>)

Change of Campus

Students may begin their studies in the College of Health and Human Development at any of the Penn State campuses and are expected to remain at the campus of admission until achieving fifth semester standing. Students initiate a request for Change of Campus using the Update Campus application in LionPATH.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://hhd.psu.edu/student-services/handbook/policies-procedures/#CCHDPolCOC>)

Concurrent Majors

A Concurrent Majors Program is one in which students take courses to concurrently meet the requirements of at least two majors, with graduation for all majors in the program occurring during the same semester. To add a concurrent major in the College of Health and Human Development, students must initiate the Add Major function in LionPATH located in Update Academics and complete the paper form for approval (<http://www.psu.edu/oue/aappm/concurrent.pdf>). Students should work with academic advisers in both majors before initiating the LionPATH Update Academics request.

MORE INFORMATION (<https://handbook.psu.edu/content/concurrent-majors-program>)

READ SENATE POLICY 60-00: COMPLETING MORE THAN ONE UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR PROGRAM (<http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/60-00-completing-more-than-one-undergraduate-program/#60-00>)

Resources

Center for Student Advising and Engagement

The Center for Student Advising and Engagement serves as a central location to support College of Health and Human Development students and their families. The Center assists undergraduate students to explore educational opportunities and develop decision-making skills that will contribute to their academic, career, and life goals.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://hhd.psu.edu/student-services>)

Office for Diversity and Inclusion

The mission of the Office for Diversity and Inclusion is to promote and enhance the diversity of the college's faculty and student body, and to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone. We support the college's efforts to recruit, retain, and graduate underrepresented students in our majors.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://hhd.psu.edu/college/diversity>)

Research and Research Centers

Faculty in the College of Health and Human Development are world renowned for multidisciplinary research on all aspects of human health, developmental sciences, and management in hospitality, healthcare, human services, recreation and other service organizations. Undergraduates have opportunities to work with some of the brightest and most well-respected researchers in the world.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://hhd.psu.edu/undergraduate-education/research-opportunities>)

Study Abroad and Global Opportunities

Resources available through the College of Health and Human Development can identify the best study abroad program for you. We have many faculty-led study abroad programs in the College, and can connect you with other Penn State-approved programs. We are also home to the Global Health minor.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://hhd.psu.edu/undergraduate-education/global-opportunities>)

Career Resources

Graduates from the College of Health and Human Development work in nearly every segment of the services economy—healthcare, hospitality, tourism, recreation, parks, sports, education, and all human service fields. The rapidly growing career paths offer meaningful and purposeful work improving the quality of life for people.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://hhd.psu.edu/cms/Overview/Career-Opportunities>)

Honors Programs

Schreyer Honors College

The Schreyer Honors College, regarded as one of the nation's top programs of its kind, promotes achieving academic excellence with integrity, building a global perspective, and creating opportunities for leadership and civic engagement. Schreyer Scholars, including Gateway Scholars admitted after their first or second year of enrollment, are a diverse and motivated group of approximately 2,000 students at University Park and 20 Commonwealth campuses. The College strives to educate students who will have an important and ethical influence in the world, to improve educational practice, and to continue to be recognized as a leading force in honors education nationwide.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://www.shc.psu.edu>)

Honors in the College of Health and Human Development

The College of Health and Human Development has a vibrant community of more than 100 Schreyer Honors College students. Department faculty advisers work closely with students to connect them with research opportunities, fellowships and scholarships, and internships and clinical experiences. The College is also home to a unique program to develop female leaders—The Women's Leadership Initiative is supported by alumnae of the College and women leaders throughout the nation and provides opportunities for emerging women leaders to develop the core values, attitudes and competencies that are critical components of quality leadership.

MORE INFORMATION (<http://hhd.psu.edu/undergraduate-education/honors-program>)

Contact

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
325 Health and Human Development Building
University Park, PA 16802
814-865-1428
healthhd@psu.edu

<http://hhd.psu.edu/>