
College of Health and Human Services

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- Allied Health
- Applied Human Sciences
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Kinesiology, Recreation, and Sport
- Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Public Health
- Social Work

Vision

To be the college of choice that equips students, staff, and faculty to be innovative and transformative through exemplary programs and opportunities in health and human services.

Mission

To inspire the discovery and application of knowledge in health and human services.

Established by the Board of Regents in August 2002, the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) brings together the health and human services programs under one administration unit. One of our strengths is the breadth and depth of the diverse disciplines within the College. The College consists of eight academic units that represent an array of disciplines, and offers degrees at the associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degree levels. Academic units include Allied Health; Applied Human Sciences; Communication Sciences and Disorders; Nursing; Kinesiology, Recreation, and Sport; Physical Therapy; Public Health; and Social Work. The College oversees the South Central Kentucky Area Health Education Center, the Center for Environmental and Workplace Health, the Center for Applied Science in Health and Aging, and the WKU Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Center. The College is also one of the participating institutions for the doctoral program in Rehabilitation Sciences offered through the University of Kentucky.

The focus of the CHHS is to provide the highest possible quality of education to prepare our students to become leaders in careers related to health and human services. First year students have the opportunity to enroll directly in a specific major or pre-major program or to enroll in our "exploratory" program and investigate the many career options available to them in health and human services. Faculty are highly qualified in their respective disciplines and utilize innovative teaching strategies along with state of the art instructional technology, including IVS, web-enhanced and web-based instruction.

The disciplines in the college have their roots in outreach to the community. Disciplines in CHHS prepare students for their professions by engaging them in activities within the community that apply the theories and concepts discussed in the classroom for a more comprehensive understanding of the issues, while providing a valuable service to the communities in which we reside. To fulfill degree requirements for most programs, students are required to complete clinical experiences, field work, or internships through one of the many affiliation agreements at a myriad of health and human services facilities, agencies and organizations. Two nationally recognized mobile health and wellness units provide opportunities for students to apply skills learned in the classroom in the provision of prevention services to residents in our region.

Due to the nature of these experiences, students are required to meet various departmental or school academic requirements and federal and/or state mandates. Departments and schools may require the successful completion of specific courses or maintaining a certain GPA in order to be placed in clinical or internship experiences. Some students may be required to undergo criminal background checks and drug testing and to provide proof of health insurance, liability insurance, and/or immunization records prior to participating in any required experiences at selected on or off-campus facilities/agencies.

Additionally, there may be certifications, training seminars, or other requirements specified by the facility/agency or program that a student must meet in order to be eligible for field or practical experiences at a facility. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all institutional and/or facility requirements are met as a condition of participating in the on or off-campus experiences; students may be responsible in part or in full for any costs incurred to meet such requirements. Students are also responsible for transportation to and from off-campus experiences. In some CHHS programs, the students are responsible for rental fees for clinical instruments and supplies, purchasing uniforms, equipment, and possible course and program fees above the regular tuition. At the completion of the program, students may also be responsible for fees related to national, regional, and/or state licensing exams.

The CHHS is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the community through education, service, collaboration, leadership, and scholarship. This is accomplished in the various centers and programs in the college that provide for a vibrant and relevant university experience. The following is a brief description of these organizational units.

South Central Kentucky Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

*Connecting Students to Careers – Professionals to Communities –
Communities to Better Health*

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The mission of the Kentucky AHEC is to promote healthy communities through innovative educational partnerships. This is accomplished by providing the following:

- educational support services to health professions students and health care providers;
- community health education; and
- programs that encourage health professions as a career choice.

The South Central AHEC is affiliated with the University Of Louisville School Of Medicine in cooperation with WKU's College of Health and Human Services. AHEC programs of particular interest to WKU students include the following:

- Opportunities to enhance cross-cultural communication skills with two unique populations - an Old Order Mennonite community and the ESL population in Bowling Green.
- Inter-professional Test Prep – is a 12-week preparation program for students planning to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), Dental Admission Test (DAT), Optometry Admission Test (OAT) or the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT). This program is offered every spring for WKU students.
- Mock Interviews and personal statement reviews are offered to any student applying for admission to a professional school in which an interview is required, such as, schools of medicine, dentistry, physical therapy, pharmacy, etc.
- Student internships are available through the South Central AHEC.
- Bridging the Gap Medical Interpreter Training Program is a 40 hour curriculum offered several times a year and prepares students to provide medical interpreting services.
- WKU-AHEC Student Rural Health Association (SRHA) - This student organization provides students with an opportunity to develop leadership skills, team building skills, research interests, and inter-professional student projects. Since rural health encompasses many areas, this student organization is open to all students, both clinical and non-clinical, who have an interest in rural health.
- State Registered Nurse Aide (SRNA) classes are offered a couple of times a year during the WKU winter term and first summer session. This class prepares students to take the written and skills test to become a SRNA which can lead to employment in long term care facilities and acute care hospitals.

CHHS Center for Environmental and Workplace Health (CEWH)

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The mission of CEWH is to address environmental, occupational, and workplace health and safety issues through innovative education, research, partnerships, and service.

Objectives of the Center:

- Promote research, creativity and scholarly activity by faculty and students.
- Prepare students for lifelong learning and success.
- Enhance the diversity and international profile of faculty, staff and student populations.
- Expand WKU's economic impact on the region through student, faculty, and staff engagement.

The CEWH serves to address environmental, occupational, and workplace safety and health research in the region. This Center engages faculty, staff, and students through innovative research that enhances education, partnerships, and service offered by the College of Health and Human Services. The Center brings together disciplines throughout the College and WKU to improve the health of the community and workers by understanding the risks and conditions associated with environmental and occupational diseases and injuries, to explore methods for reducing risks and for preventing or minimizing exposure to hazardous conditions in the environment and workplace, and to translate significant scientific findings into prevention practices, products, and innovations that will effectively reduce environmental and work-related hazards, illnesses, and injuries.

CHHS Center for Applied Science in Health and Aging (CASHA)

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The CASHA was created in CHHS to engage in rigorous research to promote health, vitality, and human potential in the aging community through innovative education, research, partnerships, and service. CASHA will collaborate with community organizations and university partners to identify and address needs in the aging community. Findings will inform research, policy, practice, and program development. CASHA will integrate disciplinary perspectives in physical activity, health, human development, and cognitive psychology to optimize human potential. In addition, the Center seeks to develop the knowledge, skills, and dispositions of emerging scholars and practitioners by providing experiential and developmental learning opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.

WKU Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training Center

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The mission of the WKU CPR training center is dedicated to upholding the standard of the American Heart Association in accountability for instructors as well as excellent classroom training for the campus and the community. Classes are available to all faculty and staff, as well as anyone in the public. The types of classes available include Healthcare Provider, Heartsaver First Aid and CPR, Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid and CPR, and instructor courses for all disciplines.

Interdisciplinary Program

Interdisciplinary Patient Navigator Certificate

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Minimum Hours for Certificate: 19-23

The Interdisciplinary Patient Navigator Certificate will prepare students in the health care professions to effectively assist diverse clients to locate appropriate healthcare services, participate in healthcare decision-making, and understand medical vernacular and processes in the healthcare system. This program prepares students in the health care professions by increasing understanding of both the complexity of the US healthcare system and the diverse barriers and strengths of rural healthcare clients. Legal and ethical issues in healthcare provision are examined. Students completing this certificate will be prepared to work with patients in healthcare or community settings at all stages of the healthcare process including preventative care, maintaining a healthy lifestyle; diagnosis, treatment, and disease management; and adjustment to chronic illness or sometimes end of life. One of the required courses HIM 100 has additional requirements of 1) Liability Insurance, 2) Immunizations, 3) Drug Screen, 4) Criminal Background Check, 5) Professional Organization Membership. Some of these requirements may be met in other professional programs, and your Certificate Advisor can assist you with determining if the requirements are met. These requirements will cost about \$150 in most cases. The certificate requires 19-23 credit hours and requires the following core courses: CORE: HIM 100, AH 290, HIM 291, HIM 292, HCA 340, and 1 course from EACH of the following 3 categories: (1) Legal Issues: HIM 225, SWRK 375, SWRK 433, PH 447, or advisor approved selection; (2) Collaboration: SWRK 357, NURS 400, COMM 440, or advisor approved selection; (3) Cultural Competency: CD 200, NURS 321, SWRK 330, HCA 347, or advisor approved selection. Courses that apply to the certificate must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

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Program Accreditation: Commission on Dental Accreditation (Program of Dental Hygiene).

Allied health is defined as all the professional, technical and supportive workers in patient care, public health and health research. Allied health professions encompass a wide distribution of personnel with various levels of health education and training, which enables them to function as a member of the health care team.

The Department of Allied Health offers an Associate of Science degree in Dental Hygiene and a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene. The Department of Allied Health also houses the WKU College of Health and Human Services' Institute for Rural Health.

Programs of Dental Hygiene

Students with an interest in the program of dental hygiene may contact the Department of Allied Health. When planning a program of study in this department, each student should be aware of the University's academic requirements and regulations contained in this catalog in the chapter "Academic Information." Specific attention should be given to the subsections in the chapter entitled (a) Academic Programs, (b) Colonnade Program Requirements and (c) Academic Requirements and Regulations. Students should be aware that this academic program might require additional scholastic regulations and standards not specified in the catalog. To obtain a copy of these regulations, students should contact the department.

Enrollment in the program of dental hygiene is limited and special admission information and other special rules, standards and requirements should be obtained directly from the department office (Academic Complex, Room 236G) or from the departmental website (<http://www.wku.edu/alliedhealth/index.php>).

The baccalaureate degree curriculum is designed to prepare dental hygienists with a background for teaching, for organization and management, for research, as well as for clinical dental hygiene.

The dental hygiene associate degree curriculum is designed primarily to prepare the graduate hygienist to effectively practice as a respected member of the dental hygiene profession. The education also provides the student with knowledge, skills and attitudes that will enable him or her to serve as a community resource in matters of dental disease prevention and sound dental health practices.

The educational experience offered prepares the graduate hygienist to effectively carry out the duties as prescribed by licensure. Hygienists are prepared for varied career opportunities, which include the following settings: general dentistry practice, specialty practices, public health, military installations, hospitals or clinics, research facilities or public school dental hygiene.

Although 14 hours of Colonnade courses (including Anatomy & Physiology and Microbiology) are prerequisites, most beginning dental hygiene students will have successfully completed one or more years of college.

Transfer students with an associate degree from a dental hygiene program accredited through the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation receive a 12-hour waiver in the overall upper-division hour requirement and a 16-hour waiver in the major upper-division hour requirement.

Major in Dental Hygiene

Reference Number: 524P (seeking admission)
524 (officially admitted)

Minimum Hours for Degree: 120-126
Degree: Bachelor of Science

Minimum Hours for Major: 66-78

Sample Degree Path:

Education Track: http://www.wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/dental_hygiene_education_524.pdf

Without Education Track: http://www.wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/dental_hygiene_noneducation_524.pdf

A degree in dental hygiene *with education track* requires 126 semester hours, including 78 hours in the major, and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. The curriculum may be completed in eight semesters and one summer term within four years. For admission to the program, students must complete the prerequisites of BIOL 131, BIOL 207/BIOL 208, ENG 100, and PSY 100/PSYS 100.

Additional required courses are COMM 145, HMD 211, SOCL 100, and CHEM 109. All students must take the following courses: DH 201, DH 204, DH 206, DH 210, DH 212, DH 222, DH 226, DH 230, DH 270, DH 271, DH 302, DH 303, DH 304, DH 307, DH 309, DH 323, DH 324, DH 370, and DH 371. Students in the education track must take the following 18 hours: FACS 381, DH 330, DH 340, DH 350, and PH 383.

A degree in dental hygiene *without education track* requires 120 semester hours, including 66-67 hours in the major, and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. The curriculum may be completed in eight semesters and one summer term within four years. For admission to the program, students must complete the prerequisites of BIOL 131, BIOL 207/BIOL 208, ENG 100, and PSY 100 / PSYS 100. Additional required courses are COMM 145, HMD 211, SOCL 100, and CHEM 109. To complete the non-education track, student must take 6-7 hours from: CHEM 304, COMM 330, COMM 345, COMM 346, COMM 348, COMM 349, COMM 362, COMM 374, COMM 440, HCA 340, HCA 347, PH 381, PH 383, PH 384, PH 462, PH 464, PH 484, PSY 310, PSY 350/PSYS 350, SOCL 342, SOCL 352, SOCL 375, or SOCL 450.

Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene (A.S.)

Reference Number: 226P (seeking admission)
226 (officially admitted)

Minimum Hours for Degree: 83
Degree: Associate of Science

The associate degree may be completed in five semesters and one summer term. Requirements are outlined below:

For admission to the program, students must complete the prerequisites of BIOL 131, BIOL 207/BIOL 208, ENG 100, and PSY 100/PSYS 100. The following courses are required for the program: DH 201, DH 204, DH 206, DH 210, DH 212, DH 222, DH 226, DH 230, DH 270, DH 271, DH 302, DH 303, DH 307, DH 309, DH 324, DH 370, DH 371. Additional required courses are HMD 211, CHEM 109, COMM 145, and SOCL 100.

Institute for Rural Health (IRH)

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The purpose of the WKU College of Health and Human Services' Institute for Rural Health is to identify rural health and human service needs and facilitate collaborative arrangements engaging WKU students and faculty with community agencies in addressing these needs. The Institute works closely with the departments and schools within the College of Health and Human Services. Resources include the WKU College of Health and Human Services Mobile Health and Wellness Unit and the Mobile Dental Health Unit. The Institute plays a major role in assisting the CHHS in maintaining the focus of student engagement and community service, while promoting collaborative research.

The mission of the IRH is to steward a high quality of life for rural populations and underserved areas: by engaging students and faculty in service learning and research; by providing clinical services; and by serving as a global resource for improving health in rural communities. Staff and students under supervision within the College of Health and Human Services provide the services which include oral exams, dental cleanings, dental sealants, fluoride varnishes, preventive health screenings, immunizations, and health education/promotion. The target area to provide these services is the ten-county Barren River District Development area.

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The Department of Applied Human Sciences offers Bachelor of Science degrees in Interior Design and Fashion Merchandising, Family and Consumer Sciences; and Hospitality Management and Dietetics and an Associate of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education. All AHS majors are required to take nine hours of core courses which include FACS 311 Family Relations plus six credit hours of core coursework selected from the pool of approved courses with major advisor approval.

The pool of approved courses include: HMD 211 Human Nutrition; IDFM 221 Visual Design II; FACS 310 Management of Family Resources; HMD 351 Human Resource Management; IDFM 421 Portfolio Design, and IDFM 431 Clothing and Human Behavior.

When planning a program of study in this department, each student should be aware of the University's academic requirements and regulations contained in this catalog in the chapter "Academic Information." Specific attention should be given to the subsections in the chapter entitled (a) Academic Programs, (b) Colonnade Requirements, and (c) Academic Requirements and Regulations. Students should be aware that some academic programs may require additional scholastic regulations and standards not specified in the catalog. To obtain a copy of these regulations, students should contact the department head or their advisor.

In several of the department's programs, students may be required to undergo criminal background checks and drug testing and to provide proof of health insurance, liability insurance, and/or immunization records prior to participating in any required experiences at selected off-campus facilities/agencies. Additionally, there may be certifications, training seminars, or other requirements specified by the facility/agency that a student must meet in order to be eligible for field or practical experiences at the facility. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all institutional and/or facility requirements are met as a condition of participating in the off-campus experiences; students may be responsible in part or in full for any costs incurred to meet such requirements. Students are also responsible for transportation to and from off-campus experiences. Additional policies, requirements, and costs for concentrations are specified at the departmental website, www.wku.edu/ahs.

Major in Family and Consumer Sciences

Program Coordinator: D. Sikora

Reference Number: 563

Minimum Hours for Degree: 120

Minimum Hours for Major: 51-82

Degree: Bachelor of Science

Sample Degree Path for Concentration:

Child Studies: http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/child_studies_563.pdf

Family and Consumer Sciences Education:

http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/family_consumer_science_ed_563.pdf

Family Studies: http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/family_studies_563.pdf

This program offers three concentrations which lead to a Bachelor of Science degree: (1) Child Studies, which provides a program of study for those who wish to work in a child-focused environment but do not want teacher certification; (2) Family and Consumer Sciences Education, which leads to teacher certification; and (3) Family Studies, which provides a program of study for those who wish to work in a family-focused environment.

The concentration in **Child Studies** requires a minimum of 51 hours in consumer and family sciences and related courses. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following courses required for this concentration: HMD 211, FACS 180, FACS 191, FACS 193, FACS 292, FACS 294, FACS 299, FACS 310, FACS 311, FACS 312, FACS 335 or FACS 336, FACS 399, FACS 493, FACS 494, FACS 499, FACS 393 and FACS 496.

The concentration in **Family and Consumer Sciences Education** requires a minimum of 57 hours in family and consumer sciences, and 25 hours in professional education for a total of 82 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following courses required for this major: HMD 151, HMD 251, FACS 191, FACS 281, FACS 282, FACS 310, FACS 311, FACS 312, FACS 381, FACS 422, FACS 481, FACS 493, FACS 494, AGED 300, IDFM 100, IDFM 131, IDFM 223, and a minimum of six hours of electives from the following list: HMD152 and HMD 251, HMD 171, FACS 393, FACS 495, IDFM 132, IDFM 431, PH 365, SEC 350, or elective approved by advisor. Professional education courses required are EDU 489, SPED 330, SEC 490, MGE 275, MGE 490, LTCY 421, and PSY 310. No minor is required. Students majoring in FACS education are required to meet with their advisor before enrolling for the upcoming semester. All requirements for admission to professional education must be met to fulfill the Kentucky standards for the designated teaching certificate. Current information on teacher education and certification are available on the website for the Office of Professional Educator Services: <https://www.wku.edu/educatorservices/>.

The concentration in **Family Studies** requires a minimum of 51 hours in consumer and family sciences and related courses. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following courses required for this major: HMD 211, FACS 180, FACS 191, FACS 310, FACS 311, FACS 312, FACS 380, FACS 399, FACS 410, FACS 422, FACS 493, FACS 494, FACS 495, FACS 497, FACS 499, PSYS 423 or SOCL 342, SOCL 359 or PH 365, and approved upper-level elective: FACS 395, PH 444, or elective approved by academic advisor.

Major in Hospitality Management and Dietetics

Program Coordinator: J. Simmons

Reference Number: 707P (seeking admission)
707 (officially admitted)

Minimum Hours for Degree: 120
Degree: Bachelor of Science

Minimum Hours for Major: 59-68

Sample Degree Path for Concentration:

Food, Nutrition, and Wellness: http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/food_nutrition_wellness_707.pdf

Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management:

http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/hotel_restaurant_tourism_707.pdf

Nutrition and Dietetics: http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/nutrition_dietetics_707.pdf

The major in Hospitality Management and Dietetics program offers three distinct concentrations: (1) Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management, (2) Nutrition and Dietetics and (3) Food, Nutrition, and Wellness. Common core courses for all concentrations include: HMD 151, HMD 152, HMD 211, HMD 251, HMD 252, HMD 351, HMD 353, HMD 354, HMD 452, HMD 459, and either IDFM 321 or FACS 312. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in all courses required for these majors. No minor or second major is required.

Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management Concentration

The Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management concentration requires 59 semester hours. This concentration helps prepare students for careers in hotel and resort management, restaurant management, hospital and school food service, meeting and convention planning, sales and marketing, business and industry food service, catering, and tourism. In addition to the common core courses indicated for the major, this concentration requires HMD 171, HMD 271, HMD 275, HMD 276, HMD 373, HMD 378, HMD 410, HMD 470, HMD 471, HMD 472.

Nutrition and Dietetics Concentration

The Nutrition and Dietetics concentration requires 68 semester hours. This concentration meets requirements of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics and fulfills one of the steps necessary to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist. A grade point average of 3.0 on at least 30 credit hours is required for admission to the nutrition and dietetics concentration; specific courses, including human nutrition (HMD 211) with a grade of B or better, chemistry (CHEM 105), biology (BIOL 131), and mathematics (MATH 183), require a minimum grade of "C" or higher and should be a part of these 30 credit hours. Students must have an ACT composite score of ≥ 20 or SAT (CR+M) of ≥ 950 . Additional information on the admission process and becoming a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist is available on the program website (www.wku.edu/ahs/dietetics). This concentration helps prepare students for careers in medical nutrition therapy, sports nutrition and wellness, hospital and school food service, public health nutrition, extension services, research, pharmaceutical sales, and private practice. In addition to the common core courses indicated for the major, this concentration requires HMD 201, HMD 340, HMD 360, HMD 361, HMD 362, HMD 461, HMD 462, HMD 464, HMD 465, ACCT 200, AH 290, CHEM 304, and one elective chosen from the following list: BIOL 113, BIOL 120, BIOL 231, ECON 206, EXS 311, FLK 462, HCA 340, HCA 347, HIM 291, HIM 292, HMD 364, HMD 367, HMD 368, HMD 373, MKT 220, PE 311, PH 383, PH 390, PH 402, PHIL 322, PSY 220/PSYS 220, SOCL 342, SWRK 205, SWRK 326 or other advisor approved elective. Specific courses required for the concentration may count toward Colonnade Requirements are: ECON 150, PSY 100/PSYS 100, MATH 183, CHEM 105, CHEM 106, CHEM 107, CHEM 108, BIOL 131, BIOL 207 and BIOL 208.

Food, Nutrition and Wellness Concentration

The food, nutrition and wellness concentration requires 59 semester hours. This concentration does not meet accreditation requirements leading to status as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist. This concentration helps prepare students for careers in extension services, community food programs, food service management, wellness programs, pharmaceutical sales, and quality control or public relations for the food industry. In addition to the common core courses indicated for the major, this concentration requires HMD 360, HMD 361, ACCT 200, HMD 461, HMD 465, MKT 220, PE 311, PH 390; and two designated electives selected with the advisor from the following list: COMM 240, COM 345, COMM 346, COMM 362, ENT 312, HMD 362, HMD 364, HMD 367, HMD 368, HMD 471, MGT 333, MGT 365, MKT 323, MKT 325, MKT 328, MKT 331, MKT 427, PSYS 370 or other advisor approved electives. Colonnade courses in support of this concentration include CHEM 109 and BIOL 131.

Major in Interior Design and Fashion Merchandising

Program Coordinator: S. Flener

Reference Number: 531

Minimum Hours for Degree: 120

Minimum Hours for Major: 78-81

Degree: Bachelor of Science

Sample Degree Path for Concentration:Fashion Merchandising: http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/fashion_merchandising_531.pdfInterior Design: http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/interior_design_531.pdf

The major in Interior Design and Fashion Merchandising (reference number 531) requires a minimum of 78-81 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. The program offers two distinct concentrations: Fashion Merchandising (78 hours) and Interior Design (81 hours). Course work in the major is sequential and most classes are taught once a year. Students seeking the Interior Design major need to plan for four years (8 semesters) to complete the studio sequence of course work. Common core courses for both concentrations include: IDFM 120, IDFM 221, IDFM 222, IDFM 223, IDFM 321, IDFM 410, IDFM 421, IDFM 422, IDFM 427, FACS 311, and MKT 220. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the required major/support courses. No minor or second major is required.

Fashion Merchandising Concentration

The Fashion Merchandising concentration requires 78 semester hours. Courses required for this concentration are: IDFM 120, IDFM 131, IDFM 132, IDFM 221, IDFM 222, IDFM 223, IDFM 231, FACS 311, IDFM 321, IDFM 322, IDFM 332, IDFM 333, IDFM 335, IDFM 410, IDFM 421, IDFM 422, IDFM 427, IDFM 431, IDFM 432, IDFM 433, IDFM 436, IDFM 438, MGT 210, MKT 220, and 6-hours of electives selected with the advisor.

Interior Design Concentration

The Interior Design concentration requires 81 semester hours. Courses required for this concentration are: IDFM 101, IDFM 120, IDFM 151, IDFM 152, IDFM 201, IDFM 221, IDFM 222, IDFM 223, IDFM 243, IDFM 300, IDFM 301, IDFM 302, IDFM 304, IDFM 321, IDFM 344, IDFM 401, IDFM 402, IDFM 403, IDFM 410, IDFM 421, IDFM 422, IDFM 427, FACS 311, MKT 220, ART 105 or ART 106, and a 3-hour elective selected with the advisor from the following: IDFM 308, IDFM 313, IDFM 360, IDFM 400, IDFM 423, IDFM 424, IDFM 444, IDFM 446, IDFM 448, IDFM 449, AMS 273, AMS 351, ENG 306, HORT 209, MKT 325, PJ 131, or PSY 371.

Minor in Child Studies

Reference Number: 336

Minimum Hours for Minor: 21

The minor in Child Studies requires a minimum of 21 semester hours. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following courses required for the minor: FACS 191, FACS 297, FACS 395, FACS 494, and 9 hours of approved electives chosen from the following courses in consultation with departmental advisor: FACS 311, FACS 391, FACS 393, FACS 395, FACS 422, FACS 495, FACS 496, FACS 497, FACS 499. Students majoring in the child studies concentration may not minor in child studies.

Minor in Family and Consumer Sciences

Reference Number: 372

Minimum Hours for Minor: 21

The minor in Family and Consumer Sciences requires a minimum of 21 semester hours. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following courses required for this minor: HMD 211, FACS 310, FACS 311, IDFM 100, IDFM 431 and 6 hours of restricted electives chosen in consultation with FACS advisor.

Minor in Family Home Visiting

Reference Number: 370

Minimum Hours for Minor: 21

The Family Home Visiting minor will prepare students to provide home visiting services. Potential clients include those needing parenting skills, those at risk for abusing and neglecting their children, and/or those who need other support services. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following required courses: FACS 191, FACS 294, FACS 393, FACS 395, FACS 494, FACS 496, and FACS 497.

Minor in Family Studies

Reference Number: 338

Minimum Hours for Minor: 21

The minor in family studies requires a minimum of 21 semester hours. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following courses required for this minor: FACS 191, FACS 310, FACS 311, FACS 494, FACS 495 and 6 hours of restricted electives chosen from the following courses in consultation with departmental advisor: FACS 312, FACS 391, FACS 395, FACS 422, FACS 497, FACS 499. Students majoring in the family studies concentration may not minor in family studies.

Minor in Fashion Merchandising

Reference Number: 486

Minimum Hours for Minor: 30

The minor in Fashion Merchandising requires 30 semester hours. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following courses required for this minor: IDFM 131, IDFM 132, IDFM 221, IDFM 223, IDFM 231, IDFM 333, and 12 hours of restricted electives chosen in consultation with departmental advisor.

Minor in Gerontology

Reference Number: 381

Minimum Hours for Minor: 21

The minor consists of 21 hours to be selected from core and elective courses. The core courses are GERO 100 and GERO 485. In addition, 6 hours of primary electives must be chosen from BIOL 344, PH 443, SOCL 342, or PSYS 423. Nine hours of secondary electives must be chosen from CD 489, HMD 367, ECON 365, EXS 455, FIN 161, FIN 444, HCA 340, HCA 345, HCA 353, HCA 355, HCA 471, NURS 451, PH 444, PH 447, PH 464, PHIL 322, PHIL 426, PLS 395, SWRK 326, GERO 461, GERO 481, GERO 490, GERO 495. The Gerontology coordinator should be consulted for assistance in selecting the most appropriate primary and secondary electives and in determining a field or research experience that could be taken toward the end of the coursework in the minor.

Minor in Interior Design

Reference Number: 398

Minimum Hours for Minor: 22

The minor in interior design requires 22 semester hours. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following courses required for this minor: IDFM 120, IDFM 201, IDFM 243, IDFM 300, IDFM 304, IDFM 403 and 3 hours of ID electives chosen in consultation with departmental advisor.

Minor in Meeting & Convention Planning

Reference Number: 441

Minimum Hours for Minor: 21

The minor in Meeting & Convention Planning provides students with the range of interdisciplinary skills necessary for success as a meeting, convention, and/or event manager in a variety of planning settings to include numerous venues in the hospitality and tourism industry. The minor requires a minimum of 21 semester hours. Students must complete the following 12 hours of core courses: HMD 171, HMD 313, HMD 375 and HMD 475. In addition, students must complete at least 9 hours of electives from the following list: HMD 151, HMD 276, HMD 351, HMD 373, HMD 378, COMM 240, COMM 263, COMM 330, COMM 345, COMM 346, COMM 362, HORT 209, HORT 309, HORT 330, ENT 312, MGT 311, MGT 333, MKT 323, MKT 325, MKT 328, MKT 329, MKT 331, MKT 425, MKT 427, REC 306, PSYS 370. When selecting electives, a maximum of two courses in this minor may be duplicated in the student's major or another minor (not including the practicum).

Minor in Nutrition

Reference Number: 425

Minimum Hours for Minor: 22-24

The minor in nutrition consists of 22-24 hours. The following courses are required for the minor: HMD 211, HMD 360, and CHEM 109 or CHEM 120/CHEM 121. In addition, students are required to take a 3-hour foods elective from the following list: AGECE 468, AGRI 315, AMS 301, AMS 303, BIOL 336, CHEM 306, GEOG 378, HMD 151, or SOCL 480.

From the following applied nutrition and health electives, students are required to take 9-10 hours: CHEM 304, HMD 364, HMD 367, HMD 368, PH 381, PH 390, PH 443, or PH 464 with at least one of the electives being a HMD course. Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in all courses applied to the Nutrition minor. Required prerequisites must be met for all courses.

Minor in Tourism

Reference Number: 445

Minimum Hours for Minor: 21

The minor in Tourism is an interdisciplinary program between Hospitality Management & Dietetics (HMD) and Recreation Administration (REC). The minor in tourism requires a minimum of 21 hours. Students must complete the following courses: HMD 271, HMD 373, REC 420, and REC 480 or REC 493. Students must also complete 9 elective hours as follows: a) 3 hours from HMD 151, HMD 171, HMD 276, HMD 313, HMD 375; b) 3 hours from REC 302, REC 306, REC 404, REC 426, REC 430, REC 480, REC 493; and c) 3 hours (not duplicated) from HMD 151, HMD 171, HMD 276, HMD 313, HMD 375, REC 302, REC 306, REC 404, REC 424, REC 426, REC 430, REC 480, REC 493, GEOG 481, ENT 312, MKT 321, MKT 323, MKT 326, MKT 331, or MKT 328.

Aging Specialist Certificate

Program Coordinator: T. Wilson

Reference Number: 1722

Minimum Hours for Certificate: 15

The Aging Specialist certificate will help prepare individuals for job opportunities in an aging society and in their personal lives as they and members of their family age. The 15-hour program includes 6 required hours in gerontology and 9 hours distributed across three content areas. Required courses are GERO 100 and GERO 485. The remaining 9 hours are selected among the following categories or as approved by the Aging Specialist Certificate Coordinator. GERO 490 and GERO 495 may be counted toward the certificate.

Biomedical and Health Services (3 hours): BIOL 344, CD 489, EXS 455, GERO 461, HMD 367, NURS 451, PH 443, PH 464.

Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 hours): GERO 481, SOCL 342, PSYS 423, ECON 365, PH 444, PH 447 PHIL 322, PHIL 426.

Administration, Policy, and Management (3 hours): HCA 340, HCA 345, HCA 353, HCA 355, HCA 471, FIN 161, FIN 444, PLS 395, SWRK 326.

Early Childhood Education Director Certificate

Program Coordinator: D. Babb

Reference Number: 1739

Minimum Hours for Certificate: 12

The Early Childhood Education Director Certificate prepares students to direct a child care center. Upon completion, students will receive the Kentucky Early Childhood Director Credentials. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following courses required for this certificate: FACS 191, FACS 193, FACS 335 or FACS 336, and FACS 299.

Family Home Visiting Certificate

Program Coordinator: D. Haynes-Lawrence

Reference Number: 1701

Minimum Hours for Certificate: 12

The Family Home Visiting certificate will prepare students to provide home visiting services. Potential clients include those needing parenting skills, those at risk for abusing and neglecting their children, and/or those who need other support services. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following FACS support courses required for this certificate: FACS 395, FACS 494, FACS 497, and 3 hours of electives chosen in consultation with departmental advisor.

Associate Degree Program – The department offers one associate degree program, an Associate of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education (reference number 249). Please see a departmental advisor for details about the program.

Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education (A.A.)

Program Coordinator: D. Babb

Reference Number: 249

Minimum Hours for Degree: 60
Degree: Associate of Arts

The associate of arts degree in Early Childhood Education prepares students to teach, direct or work in early childhood settings servicing infants, toddlers, and young children.

This degree requires 60 semester hours and a grade of “C” or above must be earned in the following courses required for this degree: FACS 180, FACS 191, FACS 193, FACS 198, FACS 292, FACS 294, FACS 297, FACS 299, FACS 311, FACS 313, FACS 335, FACS 336, and FACS 393.

In addition, students must take the following general education courses: ENG 100, ENG 200, COMM 145, MATH 109, SWRK 101, Explorations Arts and Humanities course, and Explorations Natural and Physical Sciences course.

Graduate Programs – The Applied Human Services Department offers a Master of Science in Child and Family Studies and a graduate certificate in Dietetic Practice (ref. # 0451). Courses in Family and Consumer Sciences may be used in Option 1 (content) or Option 2 (minor) of the Masters of Arts in Education (ref #042) or as a minor in the Masters of Arts in Education Secondary Education for Teacher Leaders (ref # 0435). For additional information see www.wku.edu/graduate or the department website.

Center for Gerontology

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The Center for Gerontology is an applied research center guided by the belief that optimal aging is attainable on both the individual and community level and requires implementing holistic strategies. Projects include promoting age friendly communities, mediating injury and disability in later life, understanding generativity among women gerontologists and maximizing financial and physical independence. The Center oversees mini-grants that promote aging research by students and faculty. Located within a historically rural environment, WKU Aging recognizes the value of interdisciplinary and intergenerational collaboration in developing approaches that respect the needs of older adults and the communities where they age. Committed to balancing gerontological theory with practice, the Center nurtures dynamic partnerships between agencies working on aging issues, Western Kentucky University and the international community.

The Center focuses on three strategic areas:

1. Contributing to new knowledge on aging populations and communities through the conduct of applied aging research.
2. Enhancing local capacity for older adults and the communities in which they live through the dissemination of community-based research, best practices, and sponsorship of programmatic activities. The Graduate Certificate in Aging Studies, the Gerontology minor and the Aging Studies Certificate are supported by the Center for Gerontology.
3. Preparing new generations of aging advocates to work with older adults, their families, and their communities.

The Center is an inaugural member of the Global Aging Research Network (GARN) through the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics and was one of the original seven US partners in World Health Organization Age Friendly Cities and Communities project. It is the home of the institutional membership of the Association of Gerontology in Higher Education and supports excellence in aging through sponsorship of a chapter of Sigma Phi Omega, the national honor society for aging and C.O.R.E., the Companions of Respected Elders.

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Major in Communication Disorders

Reference Number: 595P (seeking admission)
595 (officially admitted)

Minimum Hours for Major: 58

Program Coordinator: L. Hutchison

Minimum Hours for Degree: 120

Degree: Bachelor of Science

Suggested Degree Path: http://www.wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/communications_disorders_595.pdf

The major for students in Communication Disorders (reference number 595P prior to being accepted to the program and reference number 595 after being officially accepted to the undergraduate program) is a Pre-Professional program that requires 58 hours in the specialization areas of speech-language pathology and audiology. All courses follow guidelines recommended by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Prior to selecting Colonnade courses, you must obtain approval from your Communication Sciences and Disorders Department academic advisor to ensure selected courses meet requirements set forth by ASHA.

The undergraduate program prepares students academically for graduate study in speech-language pathology, audiology, or related areas. A master's degree is needed for national certification in speech-language pathology and an Audiology Doctorate is needed for audiology. Majors in Communication Disorders are encouraged to apply for graduate programs in December of their senior year, including to the Western Kentucky University Master of Science program in speech-language pathology. Licensure is also necessary in Kentucky but other states have various mandates for practicing professions following the Master of Science program.

Those interested in a Major in Communication Disorders should have sophomore status, be officially admitted to WKU, and submit:

1. Most recent transcript (including the Fall semester grades) documenting a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.
2. Documentation of highest ACT or SAT score
3. A completed application for official admission to the program (found on departmental website).
4. CD 280, CD 290, and CD 347 are prerequisite courses for admission to the CD 595 major.

A GAP score will be computed by multiplying the most current GPA and the student's ACT/SAT score with the top GAP scores comprising the accepted cohort.

Applications for admission into the undergraduate major are accepted until February 15. Students admitted during March of any given year will begin major coursework during the fall semester following admission. Due to the clinical practicum component of this major, enrollment to the undergraduate program is limited.

Required courses for the major are:

1. **Specialization Areas** (58 hours) - CD 280, CD 290 (1 hour), CD 347, CD 348, CD 405, CD 478, CD 481, CD 482, CD 483, CD 484, CD 485, CD 486, CD 487, CD 488, CD 489, CD 490, CD 491, CD 492, and CD 495 (6 hours).
2. **Additional Required Courses** (16 hours) – Statistics (3 hours) – MATH 183, PH 383, SOCL 300 or other advisor approved course; Chemistry or Physics (3-4 hours) – Any CHEM course or PHYS 130; Psychology or Psychological Science (3 hours)– PSY 100 or Any PSYS course; BIOL– BIOL 131 (4 hours), ENG 300 (3 hours). (Additional required courses may be used to fulfill both Colonnade and Communication Disorders program requirements.)

All undergraduate students are required to complete supervised clinical clock hours working with people having communication disorders. Students will be required to undergo criminal background checks and provide proof of a recent physical examination, professional liability insurance, and a tuberculin skin test prior to beginning any clinical experiences, which must be updated annually. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all university requirements are met as a condition of participating in clinical experiences. Students may be responsible in part or in full for any costs incurred to meet such requirements.

When planning a program of study, each student should be aware of the university's academic requirements and regulations contained in this catalog in the chapter "Academic Information." Specific attention should be given to the subsections in the chapter entitled (a) Academic Programs, (b) Colonnade Requirements, and (c) Academic Requirements and Regulations. Students should be aware that some academic programs may require additional scholastic regulations and standards not specified in the catalog. To obtain a copy of these regulations, students should contact the department head.

Minor in American Sign Language Studies

Reference Number: 307

Minimum Hours for Minor: 21

The minor in American Sign Language Studies requires a minimum of 21 hours. Students will learn communication competency in a visual language and gain a better understanding of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing culture. This minor builds a solid foundation of ASL language and skills but does not lead to interpreter or Deaf Education certification. Students are required to take the following courses: ASL 101, ASL 102, ASL 201, ASL 301, ASL 401, and ASL 403. In addition, students must select a 3-hour elective from one of the following courses: ASL 303, ASL 306, ASL 309, or ASL 402.

Deaf Studies Certificate

Program Coordinator: A. Chance-Fox

Reference Number: 1738

Minimum Hours for Certificate: 15

The Deaf Studies Certificate will broaden student knowledge of Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals, with an emphasis on Deaf Culture. The Deaf Studies Certificate will not qualify students to become licensed interpreters. A minimum of 15 semester hours, with a grade of "C" or better must be obtained to successfully complete the certificate.

Students are required to take the following courses (15 hours): ASL 101, ASL 102, ASL 302, ASL 303. In addition, students must choose one course from the following elective courses (3 hours): ASL 403 or ASL 406.

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The function of the School of Kinesiology, Recreation and Sport at Western Kentucky University is twofold: (1) it serves the needs of the University at large by providing courses devoted to the study of movement, physical skill development and fitness; and (2) it provides an opportunity for specialized study in Exercise Science, Physical Education, Recreation Administration, and Sport Management.

Major in Physical Education

Program Coordinator: E. Pyle

Reference Number: 587

Minimum Hours for Major: 72-75

Minimum Hours for Degree: 120

Degree: Bachelor of Science

Sample Degree Path for Concentration:

Movement Studies: http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/physical_education_movement_studies_587.pdf

Teacher Education: http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/physical_education_teacher_ed_587.pdf

The major in Physical Education is designed to develop positive teaching skills in physical activity and to meet the need for qualified teachers in public/private schools, business settings, or community agencies.

The major requires 75 semester hours for the Physical Education Teacher Education concentration and 72 hours for the Physical Education Movement Studies concentration, both of which lead to a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education.

Students, who complete the professional education requirements with the Physical Education Teacher Education concentration, may be certified in the Teacher Education program. Students in the Physical Education major must complete the following core courses: PE 111, PE 121, PE 122, PE 123, PE 211, PE 212, PE 220, PE 222, PE 223, PE 300, PE 310, PE 311, PE 313, PE 314, PE 319, PE 320, PE 324, and PE 416. BIOL 131 is a prerequisite for PE 310 and PE 311.

Students need to select one of the two concentrations: 1) Physical Education Teacher Education, or 2) Physical Education Movement Studies (non-teacher certification). The Physical Education Teacher Education concentration requires the following 32 hours: EDU 250, LTCY 421, SPED 330, PETE 322, PETE 415, PSY 310, SEC 478, EDU 489, and two of the following: ELED 490, MGE 490, and SEC 490. The Physical Education Movement Studies (Non-Certification) concentration requires 29 total hours (half of which must be at the 300- or 400-level); PEMS 326 and PEMS 426 are required for this concentration. In addition, 12 hours of advisor approved electives and 13 hours from the following: SFTY 171, HMD 211, PH 381, PH 467, PH 385, PH 390, and PH 456.

Students majoring in Physical Education are required to meet with their advisor before enrolling for the next semester. A Health Education minor is recommended for all Physical Education Teacher Education majors.

Students must maintain a “C” or better in all coursework for this major. Students in the PETE concentration must meet all requirements for admission into the teacher education program and be admitted into Teacher Education prior to registering for PETE 415 and SEC 478.

Major in Exercise Science

Program Coordinator: M. Schafer

Reference Number: 554P (seeking admission)
554 (officially admitted)

Minimum Hours for Degree: 120

Degree: Bachelor of Science

Minimum Hours for Major: 55

Suggested Degree Path: http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/exercise_science_554.pdf

The Exercise Science major provides extensive study in many areas including exercise physiology, kinesiology, and biomechanics. Our highly qualified graduates pursue professional certifications, (e.g. ACSM) Certified Exercise Physiologist® (ACSM – EP) and NSCA Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS), and may go on to pursue careers in cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, strength & conditioning, corporate fitness, medically-based fitness programs, public health, and other related fields. In addition, graduates often pursue graduate and professional programs such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, exercise physiology, and athletic training, as well as other health, physical activity, research, and rehabilitative professions. Students must maintain a “C” or better in each course in the major. Additionally, in accordance with university policy, an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better must be attained upon the completion of required curriculum.

To be admitted to the Exercise Science program, students must have:

- completed 39-40 hours of coursework;
- completed the following courses with a grade of “C” or higher: EXS 122, EXS 223, EXS 296, HMD 211, SFTY 171, BIOL 131, CHEM 109 or CHEM 120/CHEM 121, MATH 116, PSY 100/PSYS 100 or PSY 220/PSYS 220 or SOCL 100 or GERO 100;
- a WKU and cumulative 2.5 GPA or higher;
- All application materials must be received by the application date in order to be fully considered for entrance into the program. A complete application packet would include: (1) application, (2) prerequisite coursework worksheet, and (3) resume.
- Work with your advisor regarding the appropriate time for the submission of your application. Please track your progress each semester and fill out the course prerequisite worksheet. You may submit your application when you are currently enrolled in your final 2 prerequisite courses and will be completing the total hours (39-40). *Please submit your application a minimum of 3 weeks prior to your priority registration date.* Any delay in receiving your application will limit your ability to enroll in the Exercise Science (EXS) courses

Students must complete the following courses: EXS 122, EXS 223, EXS 296, EXS 310, EXS 311, EXS 312, EXS 313, EXS 324, EXS 325, EXS 412, EXS 420, EXS 436, EXS 446, EXS 455, EXS 496 or EXS 498, HMD 211, and SFTY 171.

Major in Recreation Administration

Program Coordinator: R. Poff

Reference Number: 589

Minimum Hours for Degree: 120

Minimum Hours for Major: 48

Degree: Bachelor of Science

Sample Degree Paths Per Concentration:

Recreation Services: http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/recreation_administration_589.pdf

Nonprofit Administration: http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/recreation_administration_nonprofit_admin_589.pdf

Outdoor Recreation: http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/recreation_administration_outdoor_recreation_589.pdf

Facility and Event Management:

http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/recreation_administration_facility_and_event_management_589.pdf

Commercial Recreation & Tourism:

http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/recreation_administration_commerical_recreation_tourism_589.pdf

The major in Recreation Administration prepares students for exciting recreation and experience industry careers in the nonprofit, government, and private sectors. These careers are designed to help individuals, families, and communities improve their quality of life. Students pursue a concentration in Recreation and Sport Services, Nonprofit Administration, Outdoor Recreation, Facility and Event Management, or Recreation and Tourism.

The major requires a minimum of 48 semester hours (36 core + 12 concentration) and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree.

Students must complete the following 36 hours of required recreation courses: REC 200, REC 302, REC 306, REC 320, REC 328, REC 338, REC 402, REC 406, and REC 490. In addition to the above-required courses, students must complete one of the following concentrations:

Students in the **Recreation and Sport Services concentration** must complete 12 hours from the following list or other courses approved by their Recreation Administration advisor: REC 220, REC 222, REC 235, REC 330, REC 332, REC 335, REC 337, REC 404, REC 420, REC 422, REC 424, REC 426, REC 430, REC 434, REC 435, REC 437, REC 439, REC 460, REC 480, REC 482, REC 484, REC 493, SPM 200, SPM 300, SPM 305, SPM 310, SPM 315, PE 122, PE 211, PE 212, PE 222, PE 300, PE 319, PE 340, PE 341, PE 342, PE 343, EXS 122, EXS 223, EXS 296, MKT 220, MGT 210, or ACCT 200.

Students in the **Nonprofit Administration concentration** must complete the following 12 hours: REC 220, REC 460, MKT 220, MGT 333 or PS 340, or other courses approved by their Recreation Administration advisor.

Students in the **Outdoor Recreation concentration** must complete the following 12 hours: Foundations (3 hours): REC 330; Resources: (3 hours): REC 332, REC 430, or REC 434; Technical Skills (3 hours): REC 235, REC 335, REC 337, or REC 439; Electives (3 hours unduplicated): REC 332, REC 335, REC 337, REC 424, REC 430, REC 434, REC 435, REC 437, REC 439, REC 480, REC 482, REC 493, or other courses approved by their Recreation Administration advisor. At least 6 hours need to be selected from 400-level courses.

Students in the **Facility and Event Management concentration** must complete the following 12 hours: 3 hours from REC 404, REC 426, or SPM 404; 3 hours from HMD 375, or SPM 305; 3 hours from SPM 315, SPM 450, MKT 220 or MKT 331; and 3 hours (unduplicated) from REC 404, REC 420, REC 422, REC 424, REC 426, REC 430, REC 434, REC 439, HMD 375, HMD 475, or other courses approved by their Recreation Administration advisor.

Students in the **Commerical Recreation and Tourism concentration** must complete the following 12 hours: REC 420 and HMD 271; and 6 hours from REC 480, GEOG 481, HMD 373, HMD 375, HMD 475, ENT 312, MKT 331, or other courses approved by their Recreation Administration advisor.

Major in Sport Management

Program Coordinator: P. Upright

Reference Number: 572P (seeking admission)
572 (officially admitted)

Minimum Hours for Degree: 120

Degree: Bachelor of Science

Minimum Hours for Major: 57

Suggested Degree Path: http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/sport_management_572.pdf

The Bachelor of Science degree in Sport Management is a program which prepares students for a variety of successful careers within the sport industry. Course work focuses on key content areas including; sport management and leadership principles, operations, event & venue management, governance, ethics, marketing, legal, financial and integrative experiences.

To be admitted to the program, students must have:

- a minimum of an overall WKU GPA of 2.5.
- completed the following courses with a grade of C or higher: ACCT 200, COMM 145, ECON 202, MKT 220, SPM 200, and MGT 210.
- submitted a complete application including resume.

Students must complete 42 hours of the following required core courses for the major: SPM 200, SPM 290, SPM 404, SPM 402, SPM 450, SPM 452, SPM 454, SPM 490, ACCT 200, MKT 220, and MGT 210. Students must also choose 15 hours from the following list of required elective courses: SPM 300, SPM 305, SPM 310, SPM 456, ECON 323, MKT 326, SOCL 324, SPM 315 or PR 255, or PSY 340.

Prior to being allowed to take the SPM 490 course, students must have completed all courses required in the major (except SPM 490) and must have a minimum 2.8 GPA in all major courses. The remaining hours required to meet the university's requirement of 120 hours should be used to either: 1) take other electives of interest to the student or 2) select a minor that best prepares them for entry-level positions related to their interest within the sport industry. Complementary minors include but are not limited to: athletic coaching, broadcasting, business administration, economics, finance, nonprofit administration, community recreation, and facility and event management.

Minor in Athletic Coaching

Program Coordinator: K. Esslinger

Reference Number: 320

Minimum Hours for Minor: 21-24

The minor in Athletic Coaching is designed to develop positive teaching/coaching skills in athletics and to meet the need for qualified coaches in public/private schools, business settings or community agencies.

The minor requires 21-24 semester hours. Students must complete the following courses: PE 211, PE 212, PE 222, PE 310, PE 311, PE 312, PE 497, and SPM 200. In addition to these core courses, students shall have the option to select three hours from the following coaching courses: PE 340, PE 341, PE 342, or PE 343. Students must maintain a "C" or better in each course in the minor.

Minor in Community Recreation

Program Coordinator: R. Ramsing

Reference Number: 346

Minimum Hours for Minor: 24

The minor in Community Recreation requires a minimum of 24 semester hours. Students must complete the following courses: REC 200, REC 302, REC 306, REC 328, REC 420, and REC 493. In addition, students must complete 6 hours of electives from the following list: REC 220, REC 222, REC 326, REC 332, REC 422, REC 424, REC 426, REC 428, REC 430, REC 482.

Minor in Facility and Event Management

Program Coordinator: R. Poff

Reference Number: 367

Minimum Hours for Minor: 21

The Facility and Event Management minor provides students with practical knowledge and skills needed for successful careers in facility planning and event management.

Students must complete the following 21 hours: REC 306; 3 hours from REC 404, REC 426, SPM 404; 3 hours from SPM 305, HMD 375; 3 hours from SPM 315, SPM 450, SPM 452, MGT 301, HMD 378, MKT 331; 6 hours (unduplicated) from REC 404, REC 420, REC 422, REC 424, REC 426, REC 430, REC 434, REC 439, HMD 375, or HMD 475; and REC 493, or other courses approved by the Facility and Event Management advisor.

Minor in Nonprofit Administration**Program Coordinator:** T. Jordan**Reference Number:** 422**Minimum Hours for Minor:** 21-24

The minor in Nonprofit Administration prepares students for careers in, and service to, the nonprofit sector. Students take courses from several departments and programs of study to gain needed nonprofit competencies and experiences. This minor consists of 21-24 hours including the following required courses: REC 220, MGT 333, (ACCT 200 or REC 402 or SPM 402), REC 460, and REC 496 (150-300 hours of internship experience for 3-6 credit hours).

Students are required to take 6 hours of electives chosen from the following list or other courses as approved by the program coordinator: ACCT 420, BA 110, HMD 271, HMD 375, COMM 240, COMM 345, COMM 349, COMM 362, COMM 260, COMM 463, ECON 202, ENG 301, ENG 306, ENG 307, ENG 415, FIN 330, GERO 100, GERO 495, DCS 300, CSJ 301, LEAD 200, LEAD 325, LEAD 330, LEAD 395, MGT 210, MGT 311, MKT 220, PERF 423, PHIL 320, [PHIL 323, RELS 323, PS 250, PS 338, PSY 220/PSYS 220, PSYS 321, PSY 350, PSY 422, PSY 442, REC 302, REC 306, REC 328, REC 404, REC 424, SOCL 100, SOCL 210, SOCL 240, SOCL 300, SOCL 360, SOCL 362, SOCL 375, SOCL 410, SPM 200, SPM 452, SWRK 101, SWRK 205, SWRK 330, SWRK 344, SWRK 379. No more than 15 hours from any prefix may be used to fulfill the minor requirements. Some courses have prerequisites. Visit www.wku.edu/nonprofit for more information.

Minor in Outdoor Experience Leadership**Program Coordinator:** T. Stenger-Ramsey**Reference Number:** 426**Minimum Hours for Minor:** 24

The Outdoor Experience Leadership Minor consists of 24 hours designed to provide students with the theoretical and practical skills necessary to become leaders within the outdoor education, adventure, or resource management professions. The following foundations courses are required for the minor: REC 330 and REC 332.

Students must also complete 18 hours as follows: a) 6 hours from the following skill-development courses: REC 335, REC 337, REC 424, REC 434, or REC 439; b) 3 hours from the following planning courses: REC 430 or REC 435. c) 3 hours from the following leadership development courses: REC 437 or REC 493; d) 6 elective hours (unduplicated) from: REC 235, REC 335, REC 337, REC 338, REC 424, REC 430, REC 434, REC 435, REC 437, REC 439, REC 480, REC 482, or REC 493.

Minor in Physical Education**Program Coordinator:** E. Pyle**Reference Number:** 432**Minimum Hours for Minor:** 27

The minor in Physical Education requires a minimum of 27 semester hours. This minor is not a certifiable teaching field in Kentucky. The courses required are: PE 122, PE 211, PE 212, PE 222, PE 223, PE 310, PE 311, PE 312, PE 313 and PE 324.

Minor in Tourism**Program Coordinator:** R. Poff**Reference Number:** 445**Minimum Hours for Minor:** 21

The minor in Tourism is an interdisciplinary program between Hospitality Management & Dietetics (HMD) and Recreation Administration (REC). The minor in Tourism requires a minimum of 21 hours. Students must complete the following courses: HMD 271, HMD 373, REC 420, and REC 480 or REC 493.

Students must also complete 9 elective hours as follows: a) 3 hours from HMD 151, HMD 171, HMD 276, HMD 313, HMD 375; b) 3 hours from REC 302, REC 306, REC 404, REC 426, REC 430, REC 480, REC 493; and c) 3 hours (not duplicated) from HMD 151, HMD 171, HMD 276, HMD 313, HMD 375, REC 302, REC 306, REC 404, REC 424, REC 426, REC 430, REC 480, REC 493, GEOG 481, ENT 312, MKT 321, MKT 323, MKT 326, MKT 331, MKT 328.

Graduate Programs – The school offers courses and programs leading to the Master of Science in Recreation and Sport Administration and the Master of Science in Kinesiology and graduate certificates in Facility and Event Management; Intercollegiate Athletic Administration; and Nonprofit Administration. For additional information, see <http://www.wku.edu/graduate> or https://www.wku.edu/krs/graduate_programs.php.

School of Nursing

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Programs: The School of Nursing offers the following programs: Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), RN to BSN, Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), MSN to Doctorate in Nursing Practice (MSN-DNP), and BSN to Doctorate in Nursing Practice - Family Nurse Practitioner focus (BSN-DNP).

This catalog provides information about the undergraduate Nursing programs. For information about the graduate programs, see www.wku.edu/graduate or contact the department.

Program Accreditation: The Associate of Science in Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404.975.5000, www.acenursing.org.

The Baccalaureate, Masters, and Doctoral Nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 887-6791, <http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>. All WKU nursing programs are approved by the Kentucky Board of Nursing.

Admission: Admission to the nursing programs is competitive and requires a separate application. Enrollment in the nursing programs is limited and based on student qualifications, availability of faculty, and clinical resources. Additional admission information and application deadlines are available on the School of Nursing website.

Colonnade Requirements and Regulations: When planning a program of study in the School of Nursing, each student should be aware of the University's academic requirements contained in this catalog in the chapter "Academic Information." Specific attention should be given to the subsections regarding (a) Academic Programs, (b) Colonnade Requirements and (c) Academic Requirements and Regulations. For the most current curriculum requirements, please review the program curriculum information located on the School of Nursing website at www.wku.edu/nursing.

Upon acceptance into each program, students will be required to provide the following information/documentation:

- Professional Liability Insurance
- Annual Tuberculin (TB) test
- Current medical history
- Health Insurance
- Immunization records
- Completed medical exam
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificatic (CPR)
- Annual Influenza Vaccination
- Drug Screen
- Criminal Background check

The Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) requires a criminal background check when applying for a Registered Nurse (RN) license and rejects candidates with some types of misdemeanors and any felony conviction.

Therefore, students will be required to disclose any felony or misdemeanor convictions at the time of application to the nursing program and have a criminal background check and drug screen upon acceptance into the program and at random intervals throughout the program. Additionally, there may be certifications, training seminars, or other requirements specified by the program, facility, or agency that students must meet in order to be eligible for a clinical experience.

Students will be responsible for purchasing uniforms as described in the student handbook and any necessary supplies. Students are responsible for program, testing and course fees each semester in addition to the regular tuition. See the School of Nursing website for most current fee information. Students are responsible for providing transportation to and from off-campus experiences. It is expected that prospective students review the School of Nursing Student Handbook for additional information on policies, regulations, and requirements.

Core Performance Standards: These are the Southern Regional Educational Board approved technical standards for students in nursing programs. These standards must be met by all nursing students with or without reasonable accommodation. Students with disabilities who require accommodation (academic adjustment and/or auxiliary aids or services) to meet the core performance standards must contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC) and obtain evaluation of any necessary accommodations prior to entering the WKU nursing programs. Please see the student handbook located on the School of Nursing website at www.wku.edu/nursing for more information.

Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN)

South Campus, Room C139
Phone: 270-780-2506; Fax: 270-780-9419

Reference Number: 273P (seeking admission)
273 (officially admitted)

Minimum Hours for Degree: 61
Degree: Associate of Science in Nursing

Minimum Hours for Major: 61

The Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) program assists Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) in ASN Program completion by offering various delivery methods, scheduling options, challenge exams and experiential credit. The ASN Program prepares the graduate as a generalist to give nursing care in a variety of health care settings and provides the knowledge base for career mobility. ASN Program graduates are eligible to write the NCLEX exam to become a registered nurse.

Required Curriculum

The ASN Program consists of coursework in nursing, supportive sciences and general education courses. The degree requires a minimum of 61 semester hours including 42 semester hours in Nursing courses plus 19 hours of other courses which include BIOL 131, BIOL 207, PSY 220/PSYS 220, ENG 100, a 3 hour Quantitative Reasoning course, and one 3-hour Arts and Humanities (AH) course.

Required nursing courses include NUR 104, NUR 105, NUR 106, NURS 150, NUR 155, NUR 156, NUR 157, NUR 165, NUR 166, NUR 208, NUR 209, NUR 215, NUR 216, NUR 254, NUR 255, and NUR 257.

Applicants seeking admission to the ASN Program:

1. Submit the nursing program application by the designated deadline.
2. Submit application for admission to Western Kentucky University if not already enrolled.
3. Take the required admission assessment test.
4. Participate in an admission interview process if requested.
5. Applicants with less than 10 earned university credit hours must submit ACT examination results.
6. Applicants with 10 or more earned university credit hours must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or greater. Grade point average for the applicant with either an earned bachelor's degree or higher will be calculated using only the ASN program's required non-nursing courses.
7. Applicants who have completed college course/degrees at institutions other than WKU must submit a copy of his/her transcript to the ASN program with application as well as request an official transcript be sent to the WKU Office of Admissions, Potter Hall, Room 117, 270.745.2551 in order to receive transfer credit for required courses.
8. Submit copy of current LPN license.

Upon admission to the ASN Program, and after successful completion of NUR 150, PSY 220/PSYS 220, and BIOL 131, the licensed practical nurse will submit proof of current LPN license to the LPN to ASN Program Coordinator for the awarding of nine hours academic credit for NUR 104, NUR 105, and NUR 106.

LPNs may receive credit on the basis of departmental examinations for NUR 165, NUR 215, and NUR 254. LPNs must contact the ASN Program office for examination details. Additionally, LPNs may receive experiential credit for NUR 156, NUR 166, and NUR 216 after successful completion of each clinical course's didactic component.

Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Health Sciences Complex, Room 2204
Phone: 270-745-3391; Fax: 270-745-3392

Reference Number: 586P (seeking admission)
586 (officially admitted)

Minimum Hours for Degree: 120
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Minimum Hours for Major: 57

Sample Degree Path: http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/nursing_586.pdf

The graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree is prepared to be a professional nurse who is a generalist and who has the knowledge base for graduate study in nursing. The baccalaureate degree nurse is prepared to practice nursing in a variety of healthcare settings with emphasis on comprehensive nursing care including prevention of illness, health promotion, restoration and rehabilitation. The graduate is prepared to function in the leadership roles of the professional nurse.

The Bachelor of Science in nursing program is designed to prepare the student to write the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) to become a registered nurse. Entry into the BSN program is at the junior level, following completion of all general education and nursing pre-requisite courses. The upper division BSN nursing program consists of four semesters of full time study with 57 credit hours in the major. See School of Nursing website for example 4-year curriculum plan. Clinical hours are scheduled to meet clinical agency needs. Therefore, to avoid scheduling issues, it is required that students complete all non-nursing courses prior to entry into the nursing program. Students must progress as a cohort once admitted to the nursing program. Part-time progression is not currently available in the BSN program.

Pre-Nursing (586P)

Prior to admission into the nursing program, students are required to meet the university Colonnade (general education) requirements and a set of prerequisite courses required of all nursing students. Students who want to declare as a nursing major prior to admission into the nursing program are designated as Pre-Nursing students (reference 586P) and are assigned an advisor in CHHS. Pre-Nursing students will meet with advisors to discuss their academic preparation and determine the appropriate courses for registration. Pre-Nursing students must maintain a GPA of 2.75 or above to remain in the pre-nursing program. For more details and frequently asked questions about preparation for admission into nursing and deadlines for applications, please see the School of Nursing website. Support services in Advising and Career Development Center are available to students who decide to change from Pre-Nursing to another health related career (2nd floor Downing Student Union).

Admission to the nursing program is limited and based on selection of the most qualified applicants who meet all admission requirements. The program can be completed in 4 years if the student completes all prerequisite courses, is admitted to the nursing program in the junior year and successfully completes all nursing courses in sequence.

Guaranteed Nursing Admission (GNA) to the WKU BSN program is available to first-time, full-time college freshmen and is not available for transfer students. This is a competitive application process.

Prior to completing the GNA application, you must apply for admission to WKU, submit your ACT scores and obtain a WKU ID number. See <http://www.wku.edu/atwku/admissions.php> for details.

Students seeking the GNA must have an ACT composite score of 23 or above. In addition, all students seeking entry into the WKU BSN program must be able to meet all nursing admission requirements. Please see the School of Nursing website for details.

If awarded a GNA, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA while a full-time student in the pre-nursing program. GNA students must also initially obtain a grade of "B" or above in the following courses: CHEM 109, BIOL 131, BIOL 231, BIOL 207, BIOL 208, and NUS 102. All general education courses and nursing required prerequisite courses must be completed prior to entering the nursing program.

GNA students who maintain the above standards will be guaranteed admission to the WKU BSN program in either the Fall or Spring semester on or before the third year. If the student is not able to enroll in the BSN program during this timeframe for any reason, the GNA student will forfeit the GNA status and must reapply to the nursing program with the general applicant pool to compete for a space in the BSN program.

In addition to completion of Colonnade requirements, the following prerequisite/support courses must be completed prior to entry into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Some nursing support courses may be used for both Colonnade and nursing prerequisites.

Required Pre-Nursing Curriculum for Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree

MATH 115 or MATH 116, BIOL 131, BIOL 231, PSY 220/PSYS 220, NURS 324, NURS 102, CHEM 109, BIOL 207, BIOL 208, HMD 211, and a statistics course selected from ECON 206, MATH 183, PH 383, PSY 313/PSYS 313, SOCL 300, or SWRK 344.

The student must also have completed all requirements for general education (WKU Colonnade Program or approved general education certification transferred to WKU) prior to entry into the upper division BSN program.

Be admitted to Western Kentucky University.

1. Complete all designated prerequisite courses.
2. Have an overall grade point average of 2.75 or above for college level courses.
3. Have attained a minimum of a "C" in NURS 102, NURS 324, BIOL 131/BIOL 231, BIOL 207/BIOL 208, CHEM 109, MATH 115 or MATH 116, HMD 211, PSY/PSYS 220, and the selected Statistics course (ECON 206, MATH 183, PH 383, PSY 313/PSYS 313, SOCL 300 or SWRK 344). Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2 must have been completed no more than 5 years prior to application to the nursing program and from the same institution. Students who have obtained a minimum grade of "C" in Anatomy and Physiology more than 5 years prior to application to the nursing program must either retake the courses, or demonstrate current competency by scoring a 77% or better on the Anatomy & Physiology section of the entrance exam prior to application to the nursing program.
4. Submit application to the School of Nursing by posted deadline on website.
5. Students may be asked to participate in a preadmission interview and/or testing.

Required Nursing Curriculum for Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree

Students are required to take the following 57 hours and earn a grade of "C" or higher in each course: NURS 329, NURS 333, NURS 334, NURS 335, NURS 336, NURS 337, NURS 341, NURS 342, NURS 343, NURS 344, NURS 403, NURS 413, NURS 421, NURS 422, NURS 429, NURS 432, NURS 433, NURS 444, NURS 445, NURS 448, NURS 449.

RN to BSN Completion Program

Health Sciences Complex, Room 3322
Phone: (270) 745-2391; Fax: (270) 745-3392

Reference Number: 596

Minimum Hours for Major: 67

Minimum Hours for Degree: 120

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Sample Degree Path: (full-time): http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/nursing_rn_to_bsn_fulltime_596.pdf
(part-time): http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/rn_to_bsn_596_part_time.pdf

The RN to BSN program is designed for students who are registered nurses (RN). Each semester, two (2) cohorts of students will be admitted, a part-time and full-time cohort. When accepted for admission, students must choose which cohort they would like. The students in each of these cohorts will progress through the curriculum as a group and must take courses as noted in planned schedule for the designated cohort. The full-time cohort is reserved for students who have completed all general education and statistics requirements. Students admitted pending NCLEX will be permitted to enroll in the part-time cohort. If unsuccessful on the NCLEX, the student will not be allowed to progress in the nursing cohort courses.

RNs seeking admission to the RN to BSN program must:

1. Be admitted to Western Kentucky University.
2. Have an associate degree in Nursing or if the applicant is a diploma graduate, he/she is required to submit documentation to validate nursing and general education academic preparation and clinical experience.
3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above for college level courses.
4. Complete application for the RN to BSN program by designated deadlines.

Curriculum requirements for the RN to BSN program include completion of:

1. 36 hours of upper division nursing credit. (A registered nurse with an associate degree in nursing receives a 6-hour waiver in the upper-division hour requirement.) The required courses are: NURS 300, NURS 309, NURS 315, NURS 321, NURS 323, NURS 339, NURS 340, NURS 400, NURS 408, NURS 412, NURS 430, NURS 431.
2. University general education requirements (WKU Colonnade Program or approved general education certification transferred to WKU).
3. Three-hour statistics course.

Department of Physical Therapy

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The Department of Physical Therapy offers graduate courses designed to prepare entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy professionals. For additional information, see <http://www.wku.edu/graduate>, or the departmental website <http://www.wku.edu/physicaltherapy>.

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The Department of Public Health offers academic programs which prepare students for a wide variety of health careers. An important responsibility is to carry out applied research and other scholarly activities which provide opportunities for student engagement, maintain the academic strength of the faculty, expand knowledge in various fields, and improve health in the communities served. The department also conducts service with multiple agencies, institutions, and organizations in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and across the nation. In addition, the department provides a service to the University's Colonnade program through instruction to improve the knowledge, attitudes and behaviors of students related to Colonnade goals.

Students may pursue one of several major or minor programs. Specialized programs prepare individuals for careers in public health, health care administration, environmental health and safety, occupational safety and health, health information management, health science and related areas.

All majors and minors are expected to work closely with their academic advisors in planning their courses of study. Special interests and abilities will be considered in planning the individual course of study. More information about the department is available at: <http://www.wku.edu/publichealth>.

Departmental Academic Regulations

Students who have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours, including the courses required for seeking admission status, with an overall GPA of 2.3 (an overall GPA of 2.5 for Health Care Administration majors), qualify for admission into a program in the Department of Public Health.

Students whose grade point average falls below 2.3 for two successive semesters will be dropped from the program. Students who receive a grade below a "C" in two or more courses required in a major or minor will be dropped from the program. A student may be reinstated in the program when the overall grade point average is elevated to at least 2.3 and all courses in which a grade of less than "C" has been earned have been repeated and a grade of "C" or better was earned. Students must have an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 before enrolling in the internship. Grades below "C" in major or minor courses will not be counted toward meeting graduation requirements.

Academic regulations for Health Information Management and Health Sciences majors are described subsequently with the full descriptions of the programs.

Internships/Off-Campus Experiences

Students may be required to undergo criminal background checks and drug testing, and to provide proof of health insurance, liability insurance, and/or immunization records prior to participating in any required experiences at selected off-campus facilities/agencies.

Additionally, there may be certifications, training seminars, or other requirements specified by the facility/agency that a student must meet in order to be eligible for field or practical experiences at the facility. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all institutional and/or facility requirements are met as a condition of participating in the off-campus experiences; students may be responsible in part or in full for any costs incurred to meet such requirements. Students are also responsible for transportation to and from off-campus experiences.

Major in Environmental Health Science**Program Coordinator:** R. Taylor**Reference Number:** 548P (seeking admission)
548 (officially admitted)**Minimum Hours for Degree:** 120
Degree: Bachelor of Science**Minimum Hours for Major:** 70**Sample Degree Path:** http://wku.edu/degreepaths/17-18/documents/chhs/environmental_health_sciences_548.pdf

The undergraduate degree program in Environmental Health Science prepares the graduating student for careers as an environmental health and safety professional with government agencies, environmental consulting firms, industries, local governments, and non-profit organizations. Courses in the program are focused on basic sciences, environmental science, occupational safety and health, and environmental health. By focusing on the application of basic scientific principles to the solution of environmental health and occupational safety and health challenges, students are prepared for diverse career opportunities. Required courses in the major include the following: ENV 120, ENV 221, ENV 280, ENV 321, ENV 323, ENV 360, ENV 365, ENV 380, ENV 410, ENV 411, ENV 460, ENV 474, ENV 480, ENV 486, ENV 490, ENV 491; PH 383, PH 384, PH 385, SFTY 270, and three hours of approved electives.

Students pursuing the Environmental Health Science curriculum must take the following: COMM 145; ECON 202, PSY 100/PSYS 100, BIOL 131, BIOL 207, BIOL 208; MATH 116, MATH 117; CHEM 105, CHEM 106, CHEM 107, CHEM 108; PHYS 231, PHYS 232; ENG 307; PH 100. Some of these required courses also fulfill the Colonnade subject area requirements.

All courses listed above require a minimum grade of "C."

Major in Health Care Administration**Program Coordinator:** G. Ellis-Griffith**Reference Number:** 559P (seeking admission)
559 (officially admitted)**Minimum Hours for Degree:** 120
Degree: Bachelor of Science**Minimum Hours for Major:** 67**Sample Degree Path:** http://wku.edu/degreepaths/17-18/documents/chhs/health_care_admin_559.pdf

The Health Care Administration program has full membership in the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA).

The undergraduate degree program in health care administration prepares the student for administrative positions in various types of health care facilities and agencies, such as acute care, long term care, group medical practices, managed care organizations, health insurance agencies, public health agencies, clinics, and health related organizations such as manufacturing, marketing and consulting.

The required courses in the major are HCA 120, HCA 247 or PH 447 or PHIL 322 or PHIL 323 or MGT 305 or SWRK 433, HCA 340, HCA 342, HCA 343 or HCA 353, HCA 344, HCA 345, HCA 346 or HCA 355, HCA 347 or PH 410, ACCT 200 or HIM 252, HCA 383, HCA 440 or any 300 level or higher economics course, HCA 441 or MGT 200 or MGT 301 or HIM 225, HCA 442, HCA 445, HCA 446, HCA 447, HCA 448, HCA 449, FIN 330 or HCA 401, PH 383 or MATH 183 or SOCL 300, AH 290 or HIM 290, and two 3-hour HCA elective selected with permission of advisor. In addition to meeting the Colonnade requirements, students pursuing the health care administration curriculum must take the following: ECON 202 or ECON 203; BIOL 131, or PH 100 and PH 381 or PH 384. Some of these required courses fulfill Colonnade subject area requirements. Requirements for admission (reference number 559): 30 hours including the above courses with overall GPA of 2.5 or better.

All courses listed above require a minimum grade of "C" (both prerequisites and core courses).

Students will not be allowed to enroll in 400-level HCA classes until they are fully admitted into the HCA program.

Requirements for degree completion: 67 hours of program courses with an overall GPA of 2.5 or better.

Major in Health Information Management

Program Coordinator: J. Hunt-Shepherd

Reference Number: 529P (seeking admission)
529 (officially admitted)

Minimum Hours for Degree:120
Degree: Bachelor of Science

Minimum Hours for Major: 79-82

Sample Degree Path: http://wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/health_information_management_529.pdf

The Health Information Management bachelor degree program is accredited by Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM)*. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the American Health Information Management Association's (AHIMA)** certification examination for the designation of Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA).

The major in Health Information Management is designed to prepare the graduate HIM professional with skills and competencies in health data management, data analytics and informatics, information governance, privacy and security, compliance, clinical documentation improvement, revenue cycle management, medical coding, health information technology management and administrative and clinical work flow. Students will focus on operations management essential to ensuring an accurate and complete medical record and cost effective information processing.

Enrollment in the program is limited. A students' application to the baccalaureate degree program will be considered following successful completion of the introductory course, HIM 100: Health Data Content and Structure or following successful completion of an associate degree in HIM from a Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM*) accredited program or successful completion of the HIM 100 departmental examination.

Students are required to have professional liability insurance coverage prior to accessing health information and/or professional practice experience. In addition, students are required to submit a criminal background check, current immunization records and results of a current drug screen as part of the application process. Prior to participating in any professional practice experience (PPE) at selected health care institutions, there may be additional certifications, training seminars, or their requirements by the health care institution that a student must meet in order to be eligible for training at the chosen facility. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all institutional requirements are met prior to participation in the PPE. Students may be responsible in part of in full for any costs incurred to meet such requirements. Policies, standards and requirements should be obtained directly from the program office or at www.wku.edu/healthinformationmanagement.

This program requires a minimum of 120 hours and includes 79-82 hours for the HIM major; Colonnade courses must be completed in consultation with advisor HIM courses completed with a grade of "C" or higher for transfer students and graduates from CAHIIM Accredited programs will be accepted as substitutions for equivalent HIM courses. Transfer students and graduates from HIM programs in non-CAHIIM Accredited programs may provide evidence of mastery of course content through satisfactory completion of departmental examinations. Departmental examinations are available for the following courses: HIM 100, HIM 230, HIM 250, HIM 251, HIM 252, AH 290 / HIM 290, HIM 291, and HIM 292. Students not achieving a satisfactory score (70% or above) on the department examination(s) must complete the corresponding course(s). National specialty certifications and/or training may be considered as evidence of mastery of course content in specific courses.

The following courses are required for the major: HIM 100, HIM 225, HIM 230, HIM 250, HIM 251, HIM 252, AH 290 or HIM 290, HIM 291, HIM 292, HIM 330, HIM 350, HIM 351, HIM 421, HIM 422, HIM 430, HIM 450, HIM 495, HCA 340, PH 383, CSCI 145C or CIS 141, CIS 243 or CS 157, CIT 350 or BDAN 330, and 12 credit hours selected from the following: CIT 310, CIT 330, CIT 332, CIT 492, BDAN 310, BDAN 410, BDAN 420, BDAN 430, BIOL 131 must be completed prior to full admission to the program. A student who makes below "C" in any Health Information Management core course is required to repeat the course.

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**AHIMA, 233 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601-5800. (312) 233-1100; www.ahima.org

Major in Health Sciences**Program Coordinator:** G. English**Reference Number:** 564**Minimum Hours for Degree:**120**Minimum Hours for Major:** 59-66**Degree:** Bachelor of Science**Sample Degree Path for Concentration:***Preparatory Health Sciences:*https://www.wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/health_sciences_prep_health_science_564.pdf*Health Sciences Allied Health:*https://www.wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/health_sciences_allied_health_564.pdf*Health Services Leadership & Management:*https://www.wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/health_sciences_health_svc_leadership_564.pdf

The major in Health Sciences, requires 59-66 health sciences credit hours, including a required concentration ranging from 21-27 hours. The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences is designed for students who are interested in pursuing a health and human services related career. The program is an interdisciplinary program with three primary purposes:

1. Allowing students with a general interest in Health Sciences to pursue a B.S. while obtaining a concentration in a specific area of Health and Human Services.
2. Permitting students to prepare for post-graduate or professional health sciences programs.
3. Providing an option for students with a health-related associate's degree who wish to continue their education.

Students pursuing the major are required to select one of the following concentrations: Preparatory Health Sciences, Health Services Leadership and Management, or an Associate's Degree in a health field (approved by the health science advisor) for the Health Sciences Allied Health concentration. Students who transfer to WKU with an applied associate degree (e.g., Associate of Applied Science) from a health-related program receive a 12-hour waiver from the overall upper-level course requirement for the health science major. Students who transfer to WKU with an applied associate degree from a health-related program will need 23 hours in the major upper-division hour requirement. WKU Associate Degreed students do not receive waivers in upper-division hour requirements for the major or degree.

Required courses for the Health Sciences core are: HMD 211; PSY 100/PSYS 100 or PSY 220/PSYS 220; BIOL 113 or BIOL 120/BIOL 121 or BIOL 131; CHEM 105/CHEM 106 or CHEM 109 or CHEM 116, or PHYS course; AH 290 or HIM 290; PE 310 or PE 311 or PE 313 or PH 390; PH 381; PH 383 or SOCL 300 or BIOL 382 or STAT 301 or PSY 313/PSYS 313 or MATH 183; PH 384; PH 447 or PHIL 322 or PHIL 323 or MGT 305 or SWRK 433 or LEAD 330; HCA 340; HCA 446/HCA 447 or CIS 243 or CIS 321; HCA 441 or HIM 225 or MGT 200 or MGT 301.

One of the below-mentioned concentrations is required:

- **Preparatory Health Sciences** – (24-27 hours): Choose any of the following courses:
 - *Biology:* BIOL 120*/BIOL 121*, BIOL 122/BIOL 123, BIOL 131*, BIOL 207/BIOL 208, BIOL 224/BIOL 225, BIOL 231, BIOL 344
 - *Chemistry:* CHEM 107/CHEM 108, CHEM 116, CHEM 120/CHEM 121, CHEM 222/CHEM 223, CHEM 304, CHEM 340/CHEM 341, CHEM 342/CHEM 343
 - *Health Information Management:* HIM 291, HIM 292
 - *Hospitality Management and Dietetics:* HMD 360, HMD 361
 - *Math:* MATH 117, MATH 136
 - *Psychological Sciences:* PSYS 160
 - *Public Health:* PH 365, PH 464, PH 468
 - *Physics:* PHYS 201*, PHYS 202*, PHYS 231*/PHYS 232*, PHYS 233*/PHYS 332*, PHYS 255*/PHYS 256*. (* unduplicated).
- **Health Services Leadership & Management** – (24-27 hours): Please choose any of the following courses:
 - *Biology:* BIOL 344
 - *Counselor Education:* CNS 110, CNS 432
 - *Communication:* COMM 348, COMM 440, COMM 450,
 - *Exercise Science:* EXS 455
 - *Family and Consumer Sciences:* FACS 310, FACS 311, FACS 395, FACS 491, FACS 497
 - *Finance:* FIN 161
 - *Gerontology:* GERO 100, GERO 461
 - *Health Care Administration:* HCA 345, HCA 347, HCA 353, HCA 446/HCA 447
 - *Health Information Management:* HIM 100, HIM 252, HIM 291, HIM 292
 - *Hospitality Management and Dietetics:* HMD 360, HMD 367, HMD 368

- *Interdisciplinary Studies:* IDST 369, IDST 390, ISDT 395
 - *Leadership:* LEAD 200, LEAD 300, LEAD 325, LEAD 330*
 - *Management:* MGT 200*, MGT 301*, MGT 305*, MGT 333
 - *Public Health:* PH 100, PH 165, PH 261, PH 365, PH 410, PH 443, PH 444, PH 464, PH 467, PH 468
 - *Psychological Sciences:* PSYS 333, PSYS 423
 - *Sociology:* SOCL 342, SOCL 440
 - *Special Education:* SPED 200
 - *Social Work:* SWRK 101, SWRK 205, SWRK 330, SWRK 326, SWRK 357, SWRK 375, SWRK 395, SWRK 437. (*unduplicated)
 - Other courses with advisor approval.
- **Health Sciences Allied Health** – (Health Related A.S./A.A./A.A.S. to Health Sciences Allied Health B.S. Concentration). An associate's degree in a focused health area may fulfill the concentration requirement with the approval of a Health Sciences academic advisor. Students with a completed A.A. or A.S. degree from a KCTCS college will be considered to have completed the WKU Colonnade general education requirements. All other students need to meet with an advisor. In addition to completing the Health Sciences core, students need to fulfill all other appropriate major and degree requirements.

Students must earn a "C" or better in each course in the major. Additionally, in accordance with university policy, an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better must be attained upon completion of required curriculum.

Major in Public Health

Program Coordinator: G. Lartey

Reference Number: 521P (seeking admission)
521 (officially admitted)

Minimum Hours for Degree: 120
Degree: Bachelor of Science

Minimum Hours for Major: 70

Sample Degree Path:

Public Health: https://www.wku.edu/degreepaths/18-19/documents/chhs/public_health_521.pdf

The program in public health consists of a core of 58 credit hours of coursework and 12 hours of electives for a total of 70 hours in the major.

Core Requirements (58 hours)

Required courses in the core are: BIOL 131, BIOL 207 & BIOL 208; CHEM 109; MATH 109 or MATH 115 or higher; PH 100, SFTY 171, PH 261, PH 381, PH 383, PH 384, PH 385, PH 483, PH 490; PSY 100/PSYS 100 or PSY 220/PSYS 220 or SOCL 100; COMM 145, ENV 460, PH 484, and PH 485.

Requirements for Seeking Admission (reference number 521P): 24 hours including COMM 145, PH 100 and PSY 100/PSYS 100 or PSY/PSYS 220 or SOCL 100; with an overall GPA of 2.0 or better.

Requirements for Admission (reference number 521): 30 hours including the above courses plus BIOL 131 and CHEM 109 with an overall GPA of 2.3 or better.

Electives: An additional 12 hours must be selected with advisor approval. Six of these hours have to be upper division. Student may choose from the following courses: BIOL 315, CHEM 314, CHEM 330, ENV 280, ENV 321, ENV 323, ENV 360, ENV 365, ENV 375, ENV 380, ENV 410, ENV 411, ENV 430, ENV 474, ENV 480, ENV 490, GEOG 310, AH 290 or HIM 290, SFTY 270, HMD 211, HCA 340, HCA 347, HCA 459, LEAD 200, LEAD 300, LEAD 325, LEAD 330, PH 365, PH 382, PH 390, PH 402, PH 443, PH 444, PH 447, PH 456, PH 464, PH 467, PH 468, PS 338, SOCL 260, SOCL 270, SOCL 350, SOCL 360, SOCL 362, SOCL 375, SOCL 376, SOCL 260, STAT 330, SWRK 101.

Minor in Environmental Health

Reference Number: 373

Minimum Hours for Minor: 27

This 27 credit hour minor will prepare students and assist them to acquire public health protection skills for program design, implementation and the evaluation of policies and practices to assist in preventing or reducing environmental hazards on individuals and communities.

The required courses include PH 280 or ENV 280; PH 385, ENV 360, ENV 380, ENV 410, ENV 460, ENV 480 and 6 hours of upper division ENV courses. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.3 to be eligible for this minor. All courses in the minor must be completed with a minimum grade of "C". Some required courses may have pre-requisites that help fulfill Colonnade requirements. These pre-requisites include CHEM 105/CHEM 106, CHEM 107/CHEM 108, and MATH 118 or higher.

Minor in Global Health Service

Reference Number: 382

Minimum Hours for Minor: 18

Students in various disciplines, such as health administration, public health, social work, environment health, anthropology, and nursing, may use the minor to augment their majors with courses that cover skills for analyzing important global trends in health, and provide knowledge and understanding of diversity in culture and health issues. The minor provides students with fieldwork experience in a global context. The minor requires 18 hours, including 15 hours of core coursework and a 3-hour elective. Students are required to take the following 15 hours: HCA 347, PH 381, PH 385, PH 462 or FLK 462, and HCA 459. A 3-hour elective should be chosen from the following courses: ANTH 341/FLK 341, ANTH 342/FLK 342, ANTH 345/FLK 345, ANTH350/FLK 350, ANTH 382, FLK 280 (or FOLK 280C), GEOG 455, PH 384, SOCL 440.

Minor in Health Education

Reference Number: 389

Minimum Hours for Minor: 23

The minor in Health Education requires a minimum of 23 semester hours. This minor provides a basic foundation for students desiring preparation in health promotion and disease prevention. The minor in health education may be used in combination with many majors to enhance student's career opportunities and as preparation for graduate study in a variety of health disciplines. Completion of the minor along with a teaching certifiable major leads to certification in health education. Required courses are BIOL 131; SFTY 171; PH 261, PH 365, PH 381, PH 461, and PH 467. Three credit hours of electives must be selected from the following courses with approval of the academic advisor: PH 385, PH 456, PH 463, PH 465, or HMD 211.

Students utilizing the minor in health education for teacher certification must complete SEC 483, Teaching Health, as a required support course. All courses in the minor must be completed with a minimum grade of "C."

Minor in Health Education and Promotion

Reference Number: 387

Minimum Hours for Minor: 27

This 27 credit hour minor is designed to improve students' skills in program design, implementation and evaluation in diverse settings. Graduates from the program may pursue employment opportunities community/public health educators, employee wellness managers, health coaches and community health workers. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.3 to be eligible for this minor. All courses in the minor must be completed with a minimum grade of "C".

The required courses are PH 100, PH 261, PH 383, PH 384, PH 390, PH 402, PH 483, PH 484 and PH 485. Some required courses may have prerequisites that help fulfill Colonnade requirements. These prerequisites include BIOL 131, HMD 211 and CPR certification.

Minor in Health Care Administration

Reference Number: 386

Minimum Hours for Minor: 23

The minor in Health Care Administration requires a minimum of 23 semester hours. This minor is compatible with various majors such as business, social and behavioral sciences, allied health, nursing, communication, journalism, public health, and etc.

Requirements are HCA 340, HCA 344, HCA 440, HCA 441, and HCA 442; AH 290; and HCA 345 or HCA 346; and PH 447. In addition, students must complete MGT 210 and ECON 202, as prerequisites to the above required courses. All courses in the minor (including MGT 210 and ECON 202) must be completed with a minimum grade of "C." Students pursuing this minor must have approval from a health care administration advisor.

Minor in Occupational Safety and Health

Reference Number: 427

Minimum Hours for Minor: 24

The minor in Occupational Safety and Health requires a minimum of 24 semester hours. Requirements are ENV 120, ENV 221, ENV 321, ENV 322, and ENV 423 and 9 hours of ENV upper-division electives. In addition, the student must complete supporting courses as follows: SFTY 171, CHEM 109, and ENG 307.

Minor in Environmental Studies and Sustainability

(See Environmental Studies and Sustainability in the Department of Geography and Geology.)

Minor in Worksite Health Promotion

Reference Number: 495

Minimum Hours for Minor: 18

The minor in Worksite Health Promotion requires a minimum of 18 semester hours. The minor will enable students to merge worksite health promotion with physical education, nutrition, health education or business management courses in their professional preparation. Required courses are: ENV 120; PH 261, PH 381, PH 390, PH 402; PE 100. All courses in the minor must be completed with a minimum grade of a "C."

Associate Degree in Health Information Management (A.S.)

Program Coordinator:

J. Hunt- Shepherd

Reference Number: 243P (seeking admission)
243 (officially admitted)

Minimum Hours for Degree: 62
Degree: Associate of Science

The Health Information Management associate degree program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM)*. The program is not accepting new students for admission at this time. Please contact the Department of Public Health for additional information. Graduates of the program are eligible to apply to take the American Health Information Management Association's (AHIMA)** certification examination for the designation of Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT). The health information technician is the professional responsible for maintaining components of health information systems consistent with the medical, administrative, ethical, legal, accreditation, and regulatory requirements of the health care delivery system. In all types of facilities, and in various locations within a facility, the health information technician possesses the technical knowledge and skills necessary to process, maintain, compile, and report health information data for reimbursement, facility planning, marketing, risk management, utilization management, quality assessment and research; abstract and code clinical data using appropriate classification systems; and analyze health records according to standards. The health information technician may be responsible for functional supervision of the various components of the health information system.

Enrollment in the program is limited. A student's application to the associate degree program will be considered following successful completion of the introductory course, HIM 100: Health Data Content and Structure.

Students are required to have professional liability insurance coverage during their program of study. In addition, students are required to submit criminal background check, current immunization records and results of a current drug screen as part of the application process. Prior to participating in any professional practice experience (PPE) at selected health care institutions, there may be additional certifications, training seminars, or other requirements that a student must meet in order to be eligible for training at the chosen facility. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all institutional requirements are met prior to participation in the PPE.

Students may be responsible in part or in full for any costs incurred to meet such requirements. Rules, standards and requirements should be obtained directly from the program office or at www.wku.edu/healthinformationmanagement.

A student who makes below a "C" in any Health Information Management core course is required to repeat the course. The associate degree in Health Information Management requires a minimum of 62 semester hours and leads to an Associate of Science degree.

Students must take the following general education courses: ENG 100, MATH 109 or MATH 116, BIOL 131, a three-hour Colonnade Arts and Humanities (AH) course, and six hours of Colonnade Social and Behavioral (SB) courses. The following HIM curriculum courses are required AH/HIM courses: AH 290 or HIM 290, HIM 100, HIM 220, HIM 221, HIM 225, HIM 230, HIM 250, HIM 251, HIM 252, HIM 291, HIM 292, and HIM 295.

Students must also select a restricted elective from the following courses: CIS 243, INS 272C or CS 157. In addition, students must take CSCI 145C or CIS 141.

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Environmental Health Certificate

Program Coordinator: G. Lartey

Reference Number: 1743

Minimum Hours for Certificate: 21

This 21 credit hour certificate program will equip graduates with public health protection skills for program design, implementation and the evaluation of policies and practices to assist in preventing or deducting environmental hazards on individuals and communities.

The required courses are: PH 280 or ENV 280; PH 385, ENV 360, ENV 380, ENV 410, ENV 460 and ENV 480. Some required courses may have pre-requisites that help fulfill Colonnade requirements. These prerequisites include CHEM 105/CHEM 106, CHEM 107/CHEM 108 and MATH 118 or higher.

Health Education and Promotion Certificate

Program Coordinator: G. Lartey

Reference Number: 1741

Minimum Hours for Certificate: 21

This 21 credit hour certificate program is designed to improve students' skills in program design, implementation and evaluation in diverse settings.

The required courses are: PH 383, PH 384, PH 390, PH 402, PH 483, PH 484 and PH 485. Some required courses have prerequisites that help fulfill Colonnade requirements. These prerequisites include BIOL 131, HMD 211, MATH 109 or MATH 115 or higher and CPR certification.

Health Informatics Certificate

Program Coordinator: J. Hunt- Shepherd

Reference Number: 1740

Minimum Hours for Certificate: 19-22

The certificate in Health Informatics is multidisciplinary and is designed to prepare health profession students with the introductory skills and knowledge needed for electronic health records usability, interoperability and data exchange, meeting meaningful use initiatives, improving clinical workflow, and analyzing data to improve overall health care delivery and outcomes through the use of health information technology.

Courses for the certificate may also meet the requirements for other degree programs. This certificate may be completed with 19-22 credit hours. The follow core courses are required (18 hours): CSCI 145C or CIS 141, CS 157, CIS 243, BDAN 330 or CIT 350, HIM 330, HIM 430. The student must choose between 1 – 4 credit hours from the following courses (Must be completed prior to HIM 330): HIM 100, DH 100, SWRK 205, CD 280, HCA 340, or other health care introductory class as approved by Health Informatics Certificate Advisor.

Long-Term Care Administration Certificate

Program Coordinator: M. Eaton

Reference Number: 1717

Minimum Hours for Certificate: 15

The Long-Term Care Administration certificate, which is accredited through the National Association of Long Term Care Administrators Board (NAB), requires 15 semester hours. The certificate in conjunction with the undergraduate degree program in health care administration prepares students for careers in both long-term care administration and other adult care services. It follows a cohort model with students being enrolled every fall term. This certificate requires the following courses: HCA 345, HCA 355, HCA 353, GERO 100, and PH 443.

Occupational Safety & Health Certificate

Program Coordinator: R. Taylor

Reference Number: 1705

Minimum Hours for Certificate: 15

The certificate program in Occupational Safety & Health requires 15 hours and is designed to provide training for careers focused on the protection of human health from occupational hazards in the built and natural environments.

Courses will require application of basic Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) principles and challenges, which will prepare students for diverse opportunities in safety and health, environmental health and safety with industry, government agencies, consulting firms and businesses. The required courses are: ENV 120, ENV 221, ENV 321, ENV 322, and ENV 423.

Public Health Certificate

Program Coordinator: G. Lartey

Reference Number: 1742

Minimum Hours for Certificate: 18

This 18 credit hour certificate program is designed to provide core public health concepts and skills to students and professionals in the public health field and other health-related areas. This program will also increase students' knowledge and skills in public health competencies.

The required courses are PH 100, PH 381, PH 383, PH 384, PH 385 and PH 483. Some required courses may have pre-requisites that help fulfill Colonnade requirements. These pre-requisites include MATH 109 or MATH 115 or higher, 3 hours of CHEM and 3 hours of BIOL.

Worksite Health Promotion Certificate

Program Coordinator: C. Watkins

Reference Number: 1707

Minimum Hours for Certificate: 18

The certificate program in Worksite Health Promotion requires 18 semester hours and is designed to provide training for students and professionals who have an interest in developing worksite health promotion programs in the private sector. This certificate program will provide a comprehensive skill base for assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of health promotion programs in a worksite environment. The required courses are PE 100, ENV 120, HMD 211, PH 100, PH 261, and PH 402.

Graduate Programs – The department offers a Master of Public Health, Master of Health Administration, and Master of Science in Environmental and Occupational Health Science, as well as graduate certificated in Advanced Worksite Health Promotion, Environmental Health and Safety, and Global Health Administration. The Master of Arts in Education with a minor in health education is also available. For additional information see www.wku.edu/graduate or contact the department.

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The undergraduate social work program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

The social work profession grew out of societal concerns about individual and social problems associated with the distribution of resources and opportunities. Today's social workers address social issues related to stresses on individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. As professionals, social workers give their attention to inequities in the distribution of resources and opportunities and other factors interfering with persons' ability to reach their full potential.

The undergraduate social work program depends on a strong liberal arts base and a generalist practice foundation to achieve its mission and goals. The mission of the BSW program at WKU is to prepare culturally competent social workers for practice with diverse communities and client systems.

The program promotes a commitment to professional ethics, leadership, professionalism, social justice, and lifelong learning in order for graduates to practice effectively in a global community. For more information regarding the BSW program and its goals, please visit the departmental webpage: <http://www.wku.edu/socialwork/bsw>.

When planning a program of study in this department, each student should be aware of the University's academic requirements and regulations contained in this catalog in the chapter "Academic Information."

Specific attention should be given to the subsections in the chapter entitled (a) Academic Programs, (b) Colonnade Requirements, and (c) Academic Requirements and Regulations. Students should be aware that some academic programs may require additional scholastic regulations and standards not specified in the catalog. To obtain a copy of these regulations, students should contact the department or visit the departmental webpage.

Students may be required to undergo criminal background checks and drug testing and to provide proof of health insurance, liability insurance, and/or immunization records prior to participating in any required experiences at selected off-campus facilities/agencies. Additionally, there may be certifications, training seminars, or other requirements specified by the facility/agency that a student must meet in order to be eligible for field or practical experiences at the facility. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all institutional and/or facility requirements are met as a condition of participating in the off-campus experiences; students may be responsible in part or in full for any costs incurred to meet such requirements. Students are also responsible for transportation to and from off-campus experiences.

Major in Social Work**Program Coordinator:** S. Funge**Reference Number:** 594P (seeking admission)
594 (officially admitted)**Minimum Hours for Degree:**120
Degree: Bachelor of Social Work**Minimum Hours for Major:** 54**Sample Degree Path:** http://wku.edu/degreepaths/17-18/documents/chhs/social_work_594.pdf

The social work major consists of 54 semester hours, 45 hours in social work and 9 hours in supportive courses. It is not necessary to have a minor for graduation.

Consistent with the program's emphasis on a liberal arts foundation, during the freshman and sophomore years, students will take courses in English, political science, economics, math, biology, sociology, psychology, and also public speaking and history. These courses will also fulfill several of the Colonnade requirements. A list of the required liberal arts and sciences courses that must be taken as prerequisites for applying to the social work major is available on the departmental webpage or can be obtained from the department.

Requirements for the social work major are: 45 semester hours in social work - SWRK 101, SWRK 205, SWRK 330, SWRK 331, SWRK 345, SWRK 357, SWRK 375, SWRK 378, SWRK 379, SWRK 381, SWRK 395, SWRK 480, SWRK 481, SWRK 482, SWRK 483, and a minimum of nine hours of electives approved by the advisor. Three hours of the electives must be in social work. Social work elective options are SWRK 270, SWRK 300, SWRK 325, SWRK 326, SWRK 356, SWRK 433, SWRK 436, SWRK 437, SWRK 450, SWRK 451, SWRK 485, SWRK 490, SWRK 495, SWRK 496. The other six hours of electives should be chosen in consultation with advisor.

Admission to the major: The academic advisor reviews the student's academic status. If necessary, students are advised to fulfill prerequisites for admission to the program. Upon completion of prerequisite courses, including SWRK 101 and 205, students must complete an application process for formal admission to the social work program. The BSW Admissions and Retention Committee reviews each application. Students must have attained a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 and sophomore status in order to be admitted. Guidelines for admission and retention are stated in the BSW Student Handbook, which is available in the departmental office or on the departmental webpage. The following 27 hours are required for admission: SWRK 101, SWRK 205, ENG 100, MATH 183 or SWRK 344 or SOCL 300 or PSY 313/PSYS 313 or PH 383, PS 110, ECON 150 or ECON 202 or ECON 203, PSY 100/PSYS 100 or PSY 220/PSYS 220, SOCL 100 or AGRI 108, BIOL 113 or BIOL 120 or BIOL 131.

Minor in Social Work**Reference Number:** 459**Minimum Hours for Minor:** 21

The Social Work minor consists of 21 semester hours. Required courses are SWRK 101, SWRK 205, SWRK 330, SWRK 331, and select one of the following courses: SWRK 344, SWRK 345, or SWRK 395. Students are also required to take two social work electives in consultation with their social work advisor. Only the major prepares the student for beginning professional social work practice. Social work practice courses and the social work practicum are not available to minors.

Graduate Program – The Department of Social Work offers the Master of Social Work (MSW). For additional information, see www.wku.edu/graduate or contact the department.