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# COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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## Vision

To be recognized nationally as a college that offers exemplary programs in Health and Human Services.

## Mission

The College provides diverse educational opportunities leading to excellence in Health and Human Services for a global community.

The College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) is the newest college at Western Kentucky University, established by the Board of Regents in August 2002 to bring together all 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 seven academic units that represent an array of disciplines, and offers degrees at the associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degree levels. The College also offers a collaborative doctorate in Rehabilitation Sciences with the University of Kentucky. Academic units include Allied Health; Communication Disorders; Family and Consumer Sciences; Nursing; Kinesiology, Recreation, and Sport; Public Health; and Social Work. The College also oversees the CHHS Academic Center for Excellence, Institute for Rural Health Development and Research, the Kentucky Emergency Medical Services Academy, and the South Central Kentucky Area Health Education Center.

The focus of 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. The faculty are highly qualified in their respective disciplines and utilize innovative teaching strategies along with state of the art instructional technology, including ITV, web enhanced and web based instruction. Program descriptions and sample plans for course sequencing are available online at [www.wku.edu/ace/programs.php](http://www.wku.edu/ace/programs.php).

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. 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 academic requirements and federal and/or state mandates. Departments 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 and regional licensing exams.

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:

## ACADEMIC CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE (ACE)

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The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) is the student success center for the College of Health and Human Service. ACE provides a comprehensive array of programs and services to support academic success among the CHHS students. The Center provides academic advising, assistance with degree program completion, and career exploration/planning. It also houses a computer lab with software programs available specifically for our majors.

Program descriptions and sample plans for course sequencing are available online at [www.wku.edu/ace/programs.php](http://www.wku.edu/ace/programs.php).

The College's Learning Community (LC) is coordinated through ACE. The program offers students an opportunity to learn in a supportive and engaging environment. The learning community emphasizes various aspects of health and human services such as dental hygiene; nursing; communication disorders; kinesiology, recreation, and sport; public health; health care administration; social work; and family and consumer sciences, while creating activities and opportunities that support academic success.

### Unique Features of the CHHS Learning Community

- Peer mentoring from the College of Health and Human Services
- Registration in common courses with fellow LC students
- Participation in local community events
- Opportunities for group study sessions

### Community Goals

The Health and Human Services Learning Community is dedicated to students in or considering a program in the health and human services professions arena. In order to maintain a community that supports learning, participants are involved in several important areas:

- Share and learn from students with similar interests and experiences
- Participate in activities that broaden their academic experiences
- Build professional relationships with faculty members
- Establish lasting friendships with fellow community members

More information about the CHHS Learning Community is available at: [www.wku.edu/ace/lc.php](http://www.wku.edu/ace/lc.php).

## INSTITUTE FOR RURAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH (IRHDR)

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The purpose of Western Kentucky University's Institute for Rural Health Development and Research 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 all departments within the College of Health and Human Services. Resources include the WKU Mobile Health and Wellness Unit and the Mobile Dental Health Unit. Services include immunizations, health education and wellness interventions, health/oral screenings, dental services and a school based dental sealant program. The institute plays a major role in assisting CHHS in maintaining the focus of student engagement and community service, while promoting collaborative research.

The mission of the WKU Mobile Units is to provide preventative services and health promotion activities to the medically under-served and uninsured of rural Kentucky. Students and faculty within the College of Health and

Human Services provide the services which include oral cleanings, screenings, dental sealants, fluoride varnishes, health education/promotion, and health screenings. The target area to provide these services is the ten-county Barren River District Development area.

## **KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACADEMY (KEMSA)**

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The Kentucky Emergency Medical Services Academy (KEMSA) was established on December 16, 1998, when Dr. Gary A. Ransdell, President of Western Kentucky University, publicly announced its creation at a news conference attended by the media, regional politicians, and Emergency Medical Services leaders.

The Mission of the Kentucky Emergency Medical Services Academy covers several important areas:

- Support and provide high quality standardized education, training, and continuing education opportunities for out of hospital (EMS) personnel throughout the Commonwealth and region;
- Plan, coordinate, and conduct special workshops, conferences, seminars, and other unique education/training programs to enhance the skill, knowledge, and ability of EMS professionals engaged in the delivery of out of hospital services;
- Develop long-range plans and programs for the education and training of the EMS workforce in cooperation with governmental agencies, professional associations, and academic institutions;
- Conduct research and provide data for policy planning involving Emergency Medical Services;
- Provide availability to serve as liaison or coordinating agency for the boards, associations, and groups involved in the delivery of emergency medical services.

## **SOUTH CENTRAL KENTUCKY AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER (AHEC)**

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*Promoting the CommonHealth throughout the Commonwealth*

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

- educational support services to health professions, students, and health care providers.
- community health education.
- 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:

- GEAR-UP is awarded to South Central Area Health Education Center at WKU
- Opportunities to enhance their cross-cultural communication skills with two unique populations - an Old Order Mennonite community and a large Hispanic community.
- Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) – collegiate chapter of HOSA is sponsored by the South Central AHEC. This student organization provides students with an opportunity to develop leadership skills, team building skills, and interdisciplinary student projects. Students are eligible to compete at the state and national HOSA conferences in numerous categories.
- Oral health education, team building skills, farm safety programs, and an interdisciplinary student organization.
- Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician training program is offered in May and is available as an independent study class. This 32-hour program trains students to be Certified CPS Technicians who can inspect child car seats to determine if they are installed properly. Nationally, 90% of all child car seats are not installed properly.
- MCAT Prep – a 12-week preparation program for students planning to take the Medical College Admission Test offered every spring for WKU students.
- Mock Interviews – are offered to any student applying for admission to a professional school in which an interview is required, such as, schools of medicine, dental, physical therapy, etc.
- Volunteer opportunities and student internships are available through the South Central AHEC.

## DEPARTMENT OF ALLIED HEALTH

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**Program Accreditation:** Commission on Dental Accreditation (Program of Dental Hygiene) and Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (Associate Degree Program of Health Information Management)

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, a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene, a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences, a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Information Management, an Associate of Science degree in Health Information Management, and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Paramedicine.

### 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) General Education 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 235) 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 general practice dentistry, specialty practices, public health, military installations, hospitals or clinics, research facilities or public school dental hygiene.

Although 12-15 hours of general education courses (including Anatomy and Physiology and Microbiology) are required, 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 with Education Track

A degree in dental hygiene (reference number 524) with education track requires 128 semester hours, including 77 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. Requirements are outlined below:

- **Prerequisites (for admission into the program):** BIOL 131, BIOL 207/208, ENG 100, and PSY 100
- **Freshman year (in addition to prerequisite classes):** MATH 109/116/118, AH 290, HIST 119/120, COMM 145 (or 161), FACS 111, Elective Category BII.
- **Sophomore year:** DH 111, DH 112, DH 201, Elective Category B-I, DH 121, DH 122, DH 130, DH 204, DH 210, DH 226, DH 206, CHEM 109.

- **Summer school:** DH 309
- **Junior year:** FACS 381, DH 302, DH 206, DH 303, DH 304, DH 307, DH 211, SOCL 100, DH 321, DH 323, DH 324.
- **Senior year:** ENG 300, PH 383, DH 330, DH 340, DH 350, Foreign Language, Elective Category B-II, Elective Category E.

### **Major in Dental Hygiene without Education Track**

A degree in dental hygiene (reference number 524) without education track requires 123 semester hours, including 72 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. Requirements are outlined below:

- **Prerequisites (for admission into the program):** BIOL 131, BIOL 207/208, ENG 100, and PSY 100
- **Freshman year (in addition to prerequisite classes):** MATH 109/116/118, AH 290, HIST 119/120, COMM 145 (or 161), FACS 111, Elective Category B-II.
- **Sophomore year:** DH 111, DH 112, DH 201, Elective Category B-I, DH 121, DH 122, DH 130, DH 204, DH 210, DH 226, DH 206, CHEM 109.
- **Summer school:** DH 309.
- **Junior year:** DH 302, DH 303, DH 304, DH 307, DH 211, SOCL 100, DH 321, DH 323, DH 324.
- **Senior year:** ENG 300, CHEM 304, HCA 340, PSY 350, Foreign Language Elective Category BII, Elective Category E, PH 383.

### **Major in Health Sciences**

The major in Health Sciences (reference number 564), requires 65-67 core health sciences credit hours, including a required concentration ranging from 21-22 hours. The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences is designed for students who are interested in pursuing a health and human sciences 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. Providing an option for students with a health-related associate's degree who wish to continue their education.
3. Permitting students to prepare for post-graduate or professional health sciences programs.

Students pursuing the major are required to select one of the following concentrations: Environmental Health Science, General Wellness Studies, Gerontology, Health Promotions, Health Services, Social Services, or an Associate's Degree in a health field (approved by the health science advisor). 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.

Required courses for the Health Sciences core are: FACS 111, PSY 199, BIOL 120/121, BIOL 131, CHEM 304, AH 190, AH 290, PHYS 231/232, PE 311, PH 381, PH 383 OR SOCL 300, PH 447 OR PHIL 322, HCA 340, HCA 446/447 OR CIS 243.

One of the below-mentioned concentrations is required:

- **Environmental Health Science – (22 hours)** Required courses include: ENV 280, 375, 380, 480 or 460, PH 385 and 7 hours of electives.
- **General Wellness Studies – (22 hours)** Required courses include: PE 122, 211, 212, 221, 222, 310, 312, 313, 324. At least two credit hours of the open electives need to be upper-division.
- **Gerontology – (21 hours)** Required courses include: BIOL 344, PSY 423, PH 443, SOC 342. In addition, 9 hours of electives must be chosen with approval of the academic advisor from the following (6 credit hours of electives must be upper-division): GERO 100, FACS 311, FACS 495, ECON 365, CD 489, FIN 161, HCA 345, HCA 440, HCA 471, PH 444, PH 463, PH 464, PHIL 426 OR SWRK 326.
- **Health Promotions – (22 hours)** Required courses are: SFTY 171, PH 261, 365, 384, 402, 461, 467, and 469.
- **Health Services - (21 hours)** Required courses are: HCA 344, 440, 441, 442, HCA 345 or 346, MGT 210 and ECON 202.
- **Social Services – (21 hours)** Required courses are: SWRK 101, 205, 330, 331, and 395. Students are also required to take 2 social work electives (6 hours) in consultation with their social work advisor.



An associate degree in a focused health area would also be acceptable and needs to be approved by an academic advisor. Students with a completed A.A. or A.S. degree from a KCTCS college have completed WKU general education requirements. All other students need to meet with an advisor.

\* 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.

### **Associate of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene**

The associate degree in dental hygiene (reference number 226) requires a minimum of 80 semester hours and leads to an Associate of Science degree. The curriculum may be completed in five semesters and one summer term. Requirements are outlined below:

Prerequisites (prior to fall semester first year): 12-16 hours including the following BIOL 131 and BIOL 207/208, ENG 100, and PSY 100. First semester students take FACS 111, CHEM 109, DH 111, 112, 122, 201, 210. Second semester students take DH 121, 130, 204, 206 and 226. Summer school students take DH 309. Third semester students take COMM 145, DH 211, 302, 303, and 307. Fourth semester students take any General Education Category B-I or B-II course, SOCL 100 and DH 321, 324.

### **Programs of Health Information Management**

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Enrollment in each 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. A student's application to the baccalaureate degree will be considered following successful complete of an associate degree in HIM from a CAHIIM\* accredited program.

Students are required to have professional liability insurance coverage during their program of study. In addition, students are required to submit criminal background checks, 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 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 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](http://www.wku.edu/healthinformationmanagement).

A student who makes below "C" in any Health Information Management core course is required to repeat the course. Any student whose cumulative GPA for one semester is 1.8 or below is encouraged to change into another field of study, or continue in the program for a semester on a probationary basis. If the student chooses to continue and completes another semester with a cumulative GPA of 1.8 or below, he/she will not be permitted to continue in the program. The student may apply for readmission once the cumulative GPA is 2.0 or above. In keeping with University policy, graduation from the program requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and a minimum GPA of 2.0 in Health Information Management courses.

### **Baccalaureate of Science Degree in Health Information Management**

The major in health information management (reference number 529P / 529) is designed to prepare the graduate HIM professional with skills and competencies in health data management, information policy, administering computer information systems 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.

This program requires a minimum of 120 hours and includes 53 hours for the HIM major; general education courses must be completed in consultation with advisor. Included in the 53 hours are HIM 230 and 252. If not previously completed as part of an HIM associate degree required for program admission, students must complete HIM 230 and 252 or provide evidence of mastery of course content through satisfactory completion of a departmental examination(s). Students not achieving a satisfactory score (70% or above) on the department examination(s) must complete the corresponding course(s).

Enrollment in the program is limited; program admission information and policies should be obtained directly from the program office (South Campus Academic Wing, Room 154) or by using the following website: [www.wku.edu/healthinformationmanagement](http://www.wku.edu/healthinformationmanagement).

The program will apply for candidacy status for accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).\*

Graduates of the baccalaureate program, once accredited, will be eligible to apply to write the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) national certification examination administered by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).\*\*

The following core courses are required for the major: CIS 320, CIT 310, 330, 332, 350, 370, 492, HCA 340, 342, 401 or 445, HIM 230, 252, 350, 495, and PH 383. In addition, students must select 8 hours of electives from the following courses: HIM 100, 221, 250, 251.

Students who have previously completed the associate degree in Health Information Management from a CAHIIM accredited program may be required to provide evidence of mastery of content for competency courses HIM 230-Computer Systems & Applications in HIM and 252-Healthcare Payment Systems; specialty certifications and/or training may be considered as meeting this requirement. In addition, students must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 in previous college work.

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### **Associate of Science Degree in Health Information Management**

The Health Information Management associate degree program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM)\*. 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.

The associate degree in Health Information Management (reference number 243) 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 category B elective, and six hours of category C electives. The following 37 hours are required AH/HIM courses: AH 290, HIM 100, 220, 221, 225, 230, 250, 251, 252, 291, 292, and 295. Students must also select a restricted elective from the following courses: CIS 243, INS 272, CS 157, or BIO 275. In addition, students must take CSCI 145.

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The associate degree in Paramedicine (reference number 265) requires a minimum of 65-67 semester hours (50-52 hours in major and 15 hours of additional support and general education courses). For persons already possessing national certification as a paramedic, the program leads to an associate degree. For those who are NOT certified as a paramedic, the program leads to an associate degree and eligibility to sit for the Kentucky Paramedic licensure exam.

For those with national certification as a paramedic and seeking degree completion, program admission requires current KY Paramedic certification or National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians – Paramedic certification (NREMT-P). If not certified as a Paramedic, program admission requires current KY Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) certification or National Registry of EMT-B (NREMTB).

For those with National certification as a Paramedic WKU will award the student 40 block semester hours for current National Certification as a Paramedic after completion of 25 semester hours of specified general education classes.

Most of the required general education courses can be taken either through correspondence or the Internet. The objective of the associate degree completion in paramedicine is to afford paramedics the opportunity to increase their professional qualifications through acquiring the general education background. The paramedic student will bring the occupational or career competencies with them through the certification process. Academic subjects necessary to complete the general education requirements include standard liberal arts courses and course work useful to health care providers. This combination will provide the degree candidate a solid educational foundation compatible with and complementary to their occupational skills and status. The associate degree completion in paramedicine is valued as a means of increasing general knowledge, critical thinking skills, and professionalism within the career field.

For those with National certification as a paramedic and seeking degree completion, program admission requires National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians – Paramedic certification (NREMT-P). If not certified as a Paramedic, program admission requires current KY Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) certification or National Registry of EMT-B (NREMTB).

If not certified as a Paramedic, 40-42 hours of Allied Health (AH) paramedicine coursework and 25 hours of additional courses to fulfill major and general education requirements must be completed. Completion of the coursework leads to eligibility to sit for the Paramedicine licensure exam for Kentucky. The 40-42 hours of AH courses include; AH 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, and 111.

The 25 hours of additional courses required for both certified paramedics (degree completion) as well as those NOT certified as a paramedic include: the major courses of BIOL 131, COMM 145 or 161, and HED 247C; support courses of PSY 100, SOCL 100, MATH 109; and other general education classes of ENG 100 and a 3-hour category B elective.

<b>Suggested Program of Study (For students not certified as a paramedic)</b>	
<b>FALL</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
<b>AH 101</b> – Paramedicine I	<b>9</b>
<b>AH 102</b> – Paramedicine I Lab	<b>1</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
<b>AH 103</b> – Paramedicine II	<b>9</b>
<b>AH 104</b> – Paramedicine II Lab	<b>1</b>
<b>Summer</b>	
<b>AH 105</b> – Paramedicine III	<b>5</b>
<b>AH 106</b> – Paramedicine III Lab	<b>1-2</b>
<b>AH 107</b> – Paramedicine IV	<b>1</b>
<b>AH 108</b> – Paramedicine IV Lab	<b>1-2</b>
<b>Fall</b>	
<b>AH 109</b> – Paramedicine V	<b>9</b>
<b>AH 110</b> – Paramedicine V Lab	<b>1</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
<b>AH 111</b> – Paramedicine Lab VI	<b>2</b>
The 25 required semester hours of general education classes are required for both certified Paramedics (degree completion) as well as those NOT certified: ENG 100, BIOL 131, PSY 100, SOCL 100, COMM 145 or COMM 161, MATH 109, HED 247C, and a 3-hour Category B elective.	<b>25</b>

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

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**Program Accreditation:** Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

### Major in Communication Disorders

The major for clinicians of speech and communication disorders (reference number 595P prior to being accepted to the program and reference number 595 after being officially accepted to the undergraduate program) requires 120 hours and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. The program includes approximately 44 hours of general education courses, 55 hours in the specialization areas-speech pathology and audiology, 9 hours of professional preparation for teacher certification, and 3 hours of related studies. No minor or second major is necessary. All courses follow guidelines recommended by the American Speech Language and Hearing Association.

Prior to selecting general education courses, you must obtain approval from your communication disorders department academic advisor.

Those interested should have sophomore status, a 3.2 GPA or better, and apply for official admission to the program. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better must be maintained throughout matriculation.

Applications for admission are accepted until February 15. Students admitted during March of any given year may 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.

Students may obtain an application for admission from the department. At the time of application, students will complete a one page application form and submit a transcript verifying a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.20.



Required courses for the major are:

1. **Specialization Areas** - CD 280, 290, 347, 405, 478, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, and 495.
2. **Related Requirements** - EDU 250; SPED 330; PSY 310, Related Studies: PSY 423 (or faculty approved substitution). Students should consult the department regarding specific requirements for Category D of general education, Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

All undergraduate students are also required to complete up to a maximum of 50 supervised clinical clock hours working with people having communication disorders. The undergraduate program prepares students academically for graduate study in Communication Disorders and Audiology. A master's degree is needed for national certification in speech-language pathology or audiology. Licensure is also necessary in Kentucky but other states have various mandates for practicing professionals.

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) General Education 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.

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.

### **Minor in American Sign Language Studies**

The minor in American Sign Language Studies (reference studies 307) 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: CD 101, 102, 201, 301, 401, and 403. In addition, students must select a 3-hour elective from one of the following courses: CD 303, 306, 309, or 402.

### **American Sign Language Studies Certificate**

The American Sign Language Studies certificate (reference number 1706) broadens the student's knowledge of Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals, with an emphasis on culture and communication. The ASL studies certificate will not qualify students to become licensed interpreters. A minimum of 12 semester hours, with a grade of "C" or better must be obtained to successfully complete the certificate. The required courses are: CD 101, 102, 401. In addition, students must take three hours chosen from: CD 201, 301, 402, or 403.

### **Cross Cultural Communication in Health Care Certificate**

The certificate program in Cross Cultural Communication in Health Care (reference number 1709) requires 15 credit hours. It is designed to meet the needs of both bilingual and monolingual students. Bilingual students will receive preparation for certification as medical interpreters. The program will prepare non-bilingual students to develop and administer language access programs in health care facilities. The required courses include: AH 290, CD 200, PH 447 or PHIL 322, CD 210, COMM 440 and either CD 220 or 230. As a prerequisite, bilingual students in the medical interpreting track must pass the American Council on Teaching Foreign Language (ACTFL) Language Proficiency Interview with a score of "intermediate-high" or above, in both English and the target language. Information regarding this test and associated fees can be found at [www.actfl.org](http://www.actfl.org).

## DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

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The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences offers Bachelor of Science degrees in design, merchandising and textiles; family and consumer sciences; and hospitality management and dietetics and an Associate of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education and an Associate of Science degree in Hospitality Management. All FACS majors are required to take nine hours of core courses which include FACS 311 Family Relations plus six credit hours of core course work selected from the pool of approved courses with major advisor approval. The pool of approved courses include: DMT 110 Design Concepts; FACS 111 Human Nutrition; IDFM 221 Creative Problem Solving in Design and Merchandising; FACS 310 Management of Family Resources; FACS 351 Human Resource Management; IDFM 421 Professional Ethics and Issues Seminar, 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) General Education 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.

Suggested programs of study are available on the departmental website ([www.wku.edu/facs](http://www.wku.edu/facs)), or in the department office.

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/facs](http://www.wku.edu/facs).

### Major in Family and Consumer Sciences

This program (reference number 563) 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: FACS 111, 180, 191, 192, 292, 294, 299, 310, 311, 380, 399, 492, 493, 494, 499, a FACS upper-level elective, and SOCL 300. A minor or second major is required.

The concentration in Family and Consumer Sciences Education requires a minimum of 51 hours in consumer and family sciences, and 31 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: FACS 111, 151, 180, 191, 310, 311, 380, 381, 481, 492, 493, 494, DMT 100, 110, IDFM 131, 223, CIS 141. Professional education courses required are: EDU 250, 489, SEC 351, 352, 490, MGE 275, 490, LTCY 444, and PSY 310. No minor is required.

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: FACS 111, 180, 191, 310, 311, 380, 399, 410, 492, 493, 494, 495, 499, SOC 300, PSY 423 or SOC 342, PSY 430 or SOC 466 or 355, SOC 359 or PH 365. A minor or second major is required.

### **Major in Hospitality Management and Dietetics**

The major in hospitality management and dietetics (reference number 707) requires a minimum of 67-68 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. The 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: FACS 111, 151, 152, 251, 252, 311, 351, 353, 354, 452, 459, ACCT 200, and MGT 210. 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 68 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 FACS 171, 271, 275, 276, 313, 373, 378, 410, 470, 471, and 472.

#### **Nutrition and Dietetics Concentration**

The nutrition and dietetics concentration requires 67 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. 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 (FACS 111), chemistry (CHEM 105), biology (BIOL 131), and mathematics (MATH 116), 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  $\geq 20$  or SAT (CR+M) of  $\geq 950$ . Additional information on the admission process and becoming a Registered Dietitian is available on the program website ([www.wku.edu/facs/dietetics](http://www.wku.edu/facs/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 FACS 261, 361, 362, 365, 461, 462, 464, AH 290, CHEM 304, and one elective selected with the advisor. General education courses in support of this concentration include ECON 150, PSY 100, SOCL 100, MATH 116, CHEM 105, 106, 107, 108, BIOL 131, 207 and 208.

#### **Food, Nutrition and Wellness Concentration**

The food, nutrition and wellness concentration requires 67 semester hours. This concentration does not meet requirements of the American Dietetic Association leading to status as a registered dietitian. 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 FACS 261, 361, 362, 364 or 368, 365, 461, 462, MKT 220, PE 311 or PE 325, and PH 390. General education courses in support of this concentration include CHEM 109 and BIOL 131.

### **Major in Interior Design and Fashion Merchandising**

The major in design, merchandising and textiles (reference number 531) requires a minimum of 76-81 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. The program offers two concentrations: interior design, and textiles and apparel merchandising. 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 textiles and apparel merchandising concentration requires 76 semester hours. Courses required for this concentration are: DMT 110, IDFM 120, 131, 132, 221, 222 or AMS 163, IDFM 223, 231, FACS 310, 311, IDFM 321, 322, 332, 333, 334, FACS 410, IDFM 421, 422, 431, 432, 433, 435, elective selected with advisor, MGT 210 and MKT 220.

#### **Interior Design Concentration**

The interior design concentration requires 81 semester hours. Courses required for this concentration are: IDFM 120, 151, 152, 201, 221, 222, 223, 243, 300, 301, 302, 304, 321, 322, 401, 402, 403, 410, 421, 422, 427, FACS 310, 311, MKT 220, and an elective selected with the advisor.

### **Minor in Child Life**

The minor in child life (reference number 345) requires a minimum of 21 semester hours. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following courses: FACS 191, 391, 393, 395, 494, PHIL 322, and a 3-hours of restricted electives chosen in consultation with a departmental advisor. This minor is specifically for students who want a career as a child life specialist.

### **Minor in Child Studies**

The minor in child studies (reference number 336) requires a minimum of 21 semester hours. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following FACS/support courses required for the minor: FACS 191, 297, 395, 492, 494,

and 6 hours of approved electives chosen in consultation with departmental advisor. Students majoring in the child studies concentration may not minor in child studies.

### **Minor in Consumer and Family Sciences**

The minor in consumer and family sciences (reference number 371) requires a minimum of 21 semester hours. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following FACS/support courses required for this minor: FACS 111, 310, 311, DMT 110, IDFM 431 and 6 hours of restricted electives chosen in consultation with departmental advisor.

### **Minor in Family Studies**

The minor in family studies (reference number 338) requires a minimum of 21 semester hours. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following FACS/support courses required for this minor: FACS 191, 310, 311, 494, 495 and 6 hours of restricted electives chosen in consultation with departmental advisor. Students majoring in the family studies concentration may not minor in family studies.

### **Minor in Food Service Management**

The minor in food management (reference number 364) requires a minimum of 24 semester hours. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following FACS courses required for this minor: FACS 151, 171, 251, 275, 313, 351, 353, and 452.

### **Minor in Interior Design**

The minor in interior design (reference number 398) requires 22 semester hours. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following FACS/support courses required for this minor: DMT 110, IDFM 120, 201 and 11 hours of restricted electives chosen in consultation with departmental advisor.

### **Minor in Lodging Management**

The minor in lodging management (reference number 412) requires a minimum of 24 semester hours. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following FACS/support courses required for this minor: FACS 171, 271, 276, 313, 351, 452, 470 and ACCT 200.

### **Minor in Meeting, Convention and Exposition Planning**

The minor in meeting, convention and exposition planning (reference number 418) provides students with the range of interdisciplinary skills necessary for success as a meeting, convention, and/or exposition manager in a variety of planning settings to include education, government, private industry, associations and other non-profit organizations. The minor requires a minimum of 21 semester hours. Students must complete the following 15 hours of core courses: FACS 171, 313, 375, MKT 325, and REC 306. In addition, students must complete at least 6 hours of electives from the following list: FACS 351, 373, 378, COMM 240, 345, 346, HORT 209, 309, 409, MGT 311, 312, 333, 365, MKT 323, 328, 425, 427, PSY 370, REC 424, 426. 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**

The minor in nutrition (reference number 425) consists of 22-23 hours. The following FACS/support courses are required for the minor: FACS 111, 261 and CHEM 109 and at least 12 hours from the following elective courses: FACS 361, 364, 365, 367, 368 or CHEM 304. A grade point average of 2.0 or better must be achieved in the minor. Required prerequisites must be met for all courses.

### **Minor in Textiles and Apparel Merchandising**

The minor in textiles and apparel merchandising (reference number 485) requires 24 semester hours. A grade of "C" or above must be earned in the following IDFM/support courses required for this minor: IDFM 132, 223, 231, 333, and 12 hours of restricted electives chosen in consultation with departmental advisor.

### **Minor in Tourism**

The minor in tourism (reference number 445) is an interdisciplinary program between the departments of Family and Consumer Sciences and Kinesiology, Recreation and Sport. The minor in tourism requires a minimum of 21 hours. Students must complete the following courses: FACS 271, MKT 220, REC 420, and REC 493 or FACS 313. Students must also complete a minimum of 9 elective hours from the following list: FACS 171, 373, 375, REC 302, 306, 404. Elective hours must be selected in such a manner that a total of nine hours in the minor come from Recreation and 9 hours from Consumer and Family Sciences courses.

### **Family Home Visiting Certificate**

The family home visiting certificate (reference number 1701) 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 minor: FACS 395, 494, 497, and 3 hours of electives chosen in consultation with departmental advisor.

### Associate Degree Programs

The department offers two associate degree programs. They are an Associate of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education (reference number 249) and the Associate of Science degree in Hospitality Management (reference number 245). Please see a departmental advisor for details about each program.

The associate of arts degree in **Early Childhood Education** requires 67 semester hours. The required courses are FACS 111, 180, 191, 192, 198, 292, 294, 295, 296, 297, 299, 311 or SOCL 220, FACS 313, SFTY 171, SWRK 101, LME 318. In addition, students must take the following general education courses: COMM 145 or 161, PSY 100, ENG 100, ENG 200, MATH 109 or 116, HIST 119 or 120 and a GEN ED CAT D elective.

The associate of science degree in **Hospitality Management** requires 61 semester hours. The required courses are FACS 151, 152, 171, 251, 252, 271, 275, 276, ACCT 200, MGT 200, MGT 210, MKT 220. In addition, students must take the following general education courses: ENG 100, COMM 161, ENG 200, a category B elective, FIN 161, a category C elective, a category D science elective, MATH 109 or MATH 116, and FACS 111.

### Graduate Degree Programs

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). A graduate certificate in Dietetic Practice (ref #0451) is also available. Specific information about graduate courses can be obtained from the Graduate Studies Catalog and from the department office.

## DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY, RECREATION, AND SPORT

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

### Major in Physical Education

The major in Physical Education (reference number 587) is designed to develop positive teaching skills in physical activity and to meet the needs for the development of qualified teachers in public/private schools or business settings or community agencies. The major requires 73 semester hours leading 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, 121, 122, 123, 211, 212, 220, 222, 223, 300, 310, 311, 313, 314, 319, 320, 324, 483, and 416. BIOL 131 is a prerequisite for PE 310 and 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 29 hours: EDU 250, SPED 330, PETE 322, PETE 415, PSY 310, SEC 478, SEC 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, FACS 111, 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

The major in exercise science (reference number 554P/554) requires 55 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of



Science degree. Exercise science includes extensive study in various areas of exercise physiology, kinesiology, and biomechanics. Students who complete this degree will be prepared for certifications from organizations such as the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA), and may pursue careers in such fields as fitness management, corporate fitness and health promotion, medically-based fitness, and strength coaching, among others. The exercise science degree also prepares students for further post-graduate study in areas such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, medicine, nutrition, and research. 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 42-43 hours of coursework;
- completed the following courses with a grade of "C" or higher: EXS 122, 223, 296, FACS 111, SFTY 171, BIOL 131, CHEM 109 or CHEM 120/121, MATH 116, PSY 100, SOCL 100 or GERO 100;
- a WKU and cumulative 2.5 GPA or higher;
- submitted all application materials by the required deadline. 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. All 3 items should be completed and four copies submitted to the program coordinator by: July 1 (for fall acceptance) or November 1 (for spring acceptance).

Students must complete the following courses: EXS 122, 223, 296, 310, 311, 312, 313, 324, 325, 412, 420, 436, 446, 455, 496 or 498, FACS 111, and SFTY 171.

### **Major in Recreation Administration**

The major in recreation administration (reference number 589) requires a minimum of 48 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. Students must complete the following recreation courses: REC 200, 302, 304, 306, 320, 402, 404, 406, and 490. In addition, students must choose 12 hours of electives from: REC 220, 235, 322, 326, 328, 330, 332, 335, 337, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 434, 435, 437, 439, 482, 484, 494, or 496.

### **Major in Sport Management**

The Bachelor of Science degree in sport management (reference number 572P / 572) is a program which prepares students for successful careers within the sport industry. To be admitted to the program, students must obtain a minimum of an overall WKU GPA of 2.5 and complete ENG 100, COMM 145 or 161, ECON 202, MKT 220, SPM 200, and MATH 109 or higher with a minimum of a grade of C in each course. Students must complete 51 hours of the following courses for the major: SPM 200, 404, 402, 450, 452, 454, 490, ECON 323, SOCL 324, ACCT 200, ECON 202, MKT 220, MKT 326 and MGT 210 and then use the remaining 25 hours 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, and facility and event management.

### **Minor in Athletic Coaching**

The minor in athletic coaching (reference number 320) requires 21 to 24 semester hours. Students must complete the following courses: SPM 200, PE 310, 311, 312, and 493. In addition to these core courses, students shall select eight (8) to nine (9) hours from the following coaching courses: PE 333, 340, 341, 342, or 343. The minor is designed for those persons who want to enter a teaching and coaching career and who do not desire to major in physical education.

### **Minor in Community Recreation**

The minor in community recreation (reference number 346) requires a minimum of 24 semester hours. Students must complete the following courses: REC 200, 302, 306, 328, 420, and 493. In addition, students must complete 6 hours of electives from the following list: REC 220, 222, 326, 332, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 482.

### **Minor in Facility and Event Management**

The facility and event management minor (reference number 367) provides students with practical knowledge and skills for the effective management of facilities and events. The minor requires a minimum of 21 semester hours. Students must complete the following courses: REC 306, REC 404 or SPM 404, REC 426, SPM 450, REC 493, and six hours of advisor approved electives.

### **Minor in Nonprofit Administration**

The minor in nonprofit administration (reference number 422) 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 22-25 hours including the following required courses: REC 220, MGT 333, (ACCT 200 or REC 402 or SPM 402), REC 460, REC 494, 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, FACS 271, 375, COMM 240, 345, 348, 349, 362, 460, 463, ECON 202, ENG 301, 306, 307, 415, FIN 330, GERO 100, 495, ICSR 300, 301, LEAD 200, 325, 330, 395, MGT 210, 311, MKT 220, PERF 423, PHIL 320, 323, RELS 323, PS 250, 338, 440, PSY 199, 321, 350, 422, 442, REC 302, 306, 328, 404, 424, SOCL 100, 210, 240, 300, 360, 362, 375, 410, SPM 200, 452, SWRK 101, 205, 330, 344, 379. No more than 13 hours from any prefix may be used to fulfill the minor requirements. Some courses have prerequisites. Students who complete the minor, have at least 300 hours of nonprofit internship experience, and participate in the program's student association are eligible (but not required) to apply for the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP) credential and the Nonprofit Management and Leadership Certification. Visit [www.wku.edu/nonprofit](http://www.wku.edu/nonprofit) for more information.

### Minor in Outdoor Leadership

The outdoor leadership minor (reference number 426) consists of 24 hours that is designed to provide students with the theoretical and practical skills necessary to become outdoor professionals and to lead groups responsibly in the backcountry. The following courses are required for the minor: REC 330, 332, 335, 337, 435, 437. In addition, students must choose six hours of electives from: REC 235, 328, 422, 424, 430, 434, 439, or 482.

### Minor in Physical Education

The minor in physical education (reference number 432) requires a minimum of 27 semester hours. This minor is not a certifiable teaching field in Kentucky. The courses required are: PE 122, 211, 212, 222, 223, 310, 311, 312, 313 and 324.

### Minor in Tourism

The minor in tourism (reference number 445) is an interdisciplinary program between the Departments of Consumer and Family Sciences and Kinesiology, Recreation and Sport. The minor in tourism requires a minimum of 21 hours. Students must complete the following courses: FACS 271, MKT 220, REC 420, and REC 490 or FACS 313. Students must complete a minimum of 9 hours from a list of restricted electives in consumer and family science and recreation administration.

**Requirements (12 hours)** FACS 271, MKT 220, REC 420, REC 490 or FACS 313

**Restricted Electives (9 hours)** REC 302, REC 322, REC / SPM 404, FACS 171, FACS 373, FACS 375

### Graduate Degree Programs

The department offers courses and programs leading to the Master of Science in Recreation and Sport Administration and the Master of Science in Kinesiology. See the Graduate Studies Catalog for further details or visit the department website at <http://www.wku.edu>.

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**Program Accreditation:** Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Kentucky State Board of Nursing, National League for Nursing, National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

The School of Nursing offers the following programs: an Associate of Science in Nursing, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (prelicensure and RN to BSN Completion) a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) and a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

The Associate of Science program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). The Baccalaureate and MSN programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

The Associate of Science in Nursing 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. 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 health care 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.

Enrollment in the nursing programs is limited and based on student qualifications. There are no restrictions regarding age, sex, race or religious persuasion. Additional information on admission requirements and school policies are located on the School website. 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) General Education 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](http://www.wku.edu/nursing).

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

- Professional Liability Insurance
- Immunization records
- Annual Tuberculin (TB) skin test
- Completed medical exam
- Current medical history
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification (CPR)
- Health Insurance
- Annual Influenza Vaccination

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. A link to the student handbook is located on the School of Nursing website at [www.wku.edu/nursing](http://www.wku.edu/nursing).

### **Associate Degree in Nursing (273)**

**South Campus, Room C109**

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The faculty of the Associate Degree Nursing Program of Western Kentucky University (reference number 273) ascribe to the University's commitment to produce nationally and globally competitive graduates and to provide continuing education opportunities for lifelong learning to our constituents. The mission of the Associate Degree in Nursing program is to provide the educational resources to meet the regional needs for registered nurses. The 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.

The nursing program has been accredited since 1966 by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404.975.5000, [www.nlnac.org](http://www.nlnac.org). The program also has full approval from the Kentucky Board of Nursing. The Kentucky Board of Nursing determines eligibility for licensure. Applicants for licensure must provide necessary information regarding drug, alcohol, or conviction history for determination of licensure eligibility. The Kentucky Board of Nursing has the power to deny a nursing graduate the right to take the NCLEX-RN.

#### *Admission Information*

Admission to the program is competitive and requires a separate application. Enrollment in the program is limited and based on the availability of faculty and clinical resources. There are no restrictions regarding age, sex, race, religious persuasion, marital status, or qualified person with disability. Application deadlines are January 15 for admission into the fall and July 15 for admission into the spring semester. Students are admitted to the South Campus program in both the fall and spring semesters. Students are admitted to the program on the Glasgow campus in the fall semester only.

The Associate Degree in Nursing Program consists of course work in nursing, supportive sciences and general education. The program requires a minimum of 69 semester hours including 43 semester hours in Nursing plus 26 hours in general education courses which include BIO 131C, BIO 207C, CHM 109C, MA 109C or MA 116C, PSYC 199C, ENGL 100C, SOC 100C, and one 3 hour Category B – Humanities course. Admission to the program is limited and admission is selective and competitive. Persons desiring to enter the Associate Degree in Nursing Program must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Complete applications for admission to both Western Kentucky University (if not already enrolled) and the ADN program. The ADN program application must be received by January 15 for fall semester admission and July 15 for spring semester admission.
2. Take the required admission assessment test.
3. Participate in an admission interview process if requested.
4. Applicants with less than 10 earned university credit hours must submit ACT examination results with ADN application.
5. Applicants with 10 or more earned university credit hours must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or greater.
6. Grade point average for the applicant with either an earned bachelor's degree or higher or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) will be calculated using only the ADN 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 ADN 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. Students who have obtained a grade of C or higher in Anatomy & Physiology (BIO 131C or equivalent), more than 5 years prior to application to the nursing program must either retake the course or demonstrate current competency by passing a challenge exam prior to application to the program. Currently practicing LPNs will be exempt from the five year limitation for Anatomy & Physiology.
9. LPNs must submit a transcript for their LPN program and a copy of their current LPN license.

*Admission Information: Licensed Practical Nurses Application*

Upon admission to the associate degree nursing program, and after successful completion of NUR 150, PSY 199/ PSYC 199C, and BIOL 131 / BIO 131C, the licensed practical nurse will submit proof of current LPN license to the ADN program director for the awarding of nine hours credit for NUR 104, 105, and 106.

LPNs may receive credit on the basis of departmental examinations for NUR 165, 215, and 254. LPNs must contact the ADN program office for examination details. Additionally, LPNs may receive experiential credit for the following courses: NUR 166, 209, 216 after successful completion of each clinical course's didactic component.

*Required Curriculum For Associate of Science Degree in Nursing*

Students are required to take: BIO 131C, PSYC 199C, NUR 104, 105, 106, CHM 109C, NUR 155, 156, 165, 166, ENG 100C, BIO 207C, NUR 208, 209, 215, 216, SOC 100C, MA 109C or 116C, NUR 254, 255, 256, 257, and a category B - humanities elective for a total of 69 semester hours.

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Prelicensure Program (586)**

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The Bachelor of Science in nursing program (reference 586) is designed to prepare the student to write the National Council Licensure Exam to become a registered nurse. The program consists of eight semesters of course work in sciences, general education and nursing totaling 124 credit hours. 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 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 during orientation 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, please see the School of Nursing website. Support services in CHHS Academic Center for Excellence are available to students who decide to change from Pre-Nursing to another health related career.

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.

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

AH 290, Nursing 102, FACS 111, MATH 116, Statistics Course, CHEM 109, BIOL 207, BIOL 208, BIOL131, BIOL 231, PSY 199, \*PHIL 322, ENG 100, ENG 200, ENG 300, Foreign Language (102 Level), Public Speaking (COMM 145 or 161), Category BII (cannot be PHIL), Category C (cannot be PSY), Category E, \*CHHS 175 or UC 175.

\*Indicates course is recommended but not required for admission.

Applicants seeking admission to the prelicensure baccalaureate program must:

1. Be admitted to Western Kentucky University.
2. Complete all designated prerequisite courses.
3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or above for college level courses.
4. Have attained a minimum of a "C" in all required science courses. Anatomy and Physiology must have been completed no more than 5 years prior to application to the nursing program. 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 passing a challenge exam prior to application to the nursing program.
5. Submit application to the School of Nursing by January 15 for fall semester admission or July 15 for spring semester admission.
6. Students may be asked to participate in a preadmission interview and/or testing.

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing - RN to BSN Program (596)**

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing – RN to BSN program (reference 596) is designed for students who are registered nurses (RN). 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. Documentation on transcript of completion of PSY 199.
4. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above for college level courses.
5. Complete application for the RN to BSN program by designated deadlines.
6. 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.
7. 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.

Required Sequence of Courses for BSN Students (586 Officially Admitted)			
1st Semester Nursing	Hrs.	2nd Semester Nursing	Hrs.
NURS 324 (Patho)	3	NURS 329 (Pharm. I)	2
NURS 335 (Assessment)	3	NURS 341 (Med-Surg I)	3
NURS 336 (Assessment Lab)	1	NURS 342 (MS I Clinical)	3
NURS 333 (Fundamentals)	3	NURS 343 (Psych Nursing)	2
NURS 334 (Fund. Clinical)	2	NURS 344 (Psych Clinical)	1
		NURS 337 (Health Promotion and Disease Prevention)	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
3rd Semester Nursing	Hrs.	4th Semester Nursing	Hrs.
NURS 429 (Pharm II)	2	NURS Elective	3
NURS 413 (Evidence Based Practice)	3	NURS 403 (Prof Issues/Leadership)	4
NURS 432 (Med-Surg II)	3	NURS 421 (Complex Nursing)	3
NURS 433 (MS II Clinical)	3	NURS 422 (Senior Practicum)	3
NURS 444 (OB-Peds)	4	NURS 448 (Community Health)	3
NURS 445 (OB-Peds Clinical)	2	NURS 449 (Com Health Clinical)	2
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>18</b>



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, 309, 315, 321, 323, 339, 340, 400, 405, 408, 412, 430, 431.
2. University general education requirements
3. A three-credit hour statistics course.
4. Psychology 199 (Developmental Psychology) and FACS 111 (Human Nutrition).

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

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

Students may pursue one of several major or minor programs. Specialized programs prepare individuals for careers in public health, health care administration, environmental 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: [www.wku.edu/publichealth](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.

### **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

The major in environmental health science (reference number 548) requires a minimum of 70 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. No minor or second major is required. A total of 120 semester hours are required for graduation.

The undergraduate degree program in environmental health science prepares the graduating student for careers as an environmental health scientist with government agencies, environmental consulting firms, industries, local governments, and non-profit organizations. By focusing on the application of basic scientific principles to the solution of environmental health science and protection challenges, students are prepared for diverse career opportunities. Required courses in the major include the following: ENV 120, 280, 321, 323, 360, 365, 375, 380, 410, 411, 460, 474, 480, 486, 490, 491; PH 383, 384, 385 and six-nine hours of approved ENV electives.

In addition to meeting the general education requirements of the university, students pursuing the Environmental Health Science curriculum must take the following: COMM 145; ECON 202, PSY 100, BIOL 131, 207, 208; MATH 116, 117; CHEM 105, 106, 107, 108; PHYS 231, 232; ENG 307; PH 100 AND CHHS 175. Some of these required courses also fulfill the general education subject area requirements.

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

Suggested Program of Study			
Department of Public Health Environmental Health Science Major 548			
<b>Freshman Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Freshman Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
BIOL 207	3	BIOL 131	4
BIOL 208	1	ENG 200	3
ENG 100	3	Category F (PH 100)	3
Category A (COMM 145)	3	Category B (Elective)	3
Category A (Foreign Language)	3	Category C (HIST 119 or 120)	3
Category B (Elective)	3		
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Sophomore Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Sophomore Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
CHEM 105	3	CHEM 107	3
CHEM 106	1	CHEM 108	1
MATH 116	3	ENG 300	3
Category C (PSY 100)	3	MATH 117	3
ENV 280	3	Category C (ECON 202)	3
Category E Elective	3	ENV 120	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Junior Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Junior Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
PHYS 231	3	PH 383	3
PHYS 232	1	ENV 321	3
PH 385	3	ENV 323	1
ENV 375	3	ENV 380	3
ENG 307	3	ENV 410	3
ENV Elective	3	ENV 411	1
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Senior Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Senior Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
PH 384	3	ENV 474	3
ENV 360	3	ENV 490	3
ENV 365	1	ENV Elective	3
ENV 460	3	ENV 491	3
ENV 480	3		
ENV 486	1		
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total Hours: 120</b>			

**Major in Health Care Administration  
(no minor or second major required)**

The major in health care administration (reference number 559) requires a minimum of 73 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. No minor or second major is required. This 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 ACCT 200 and ACCT 201; MGT 210; FIN 330; AH 290; PH 383, 384, and 447; HCA 340, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 383, 440, 441, 442, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449 and two 3-hour HCA elective selected with permission of advisor. Additionally, ENG 306 is required prior to obtaining the healthcare administration degree.

In addition to meeting the general education requirements of the university, students pursuing the health care administration curriculum must take the following: ECON 202; BIOL 131; PH 100; MATH 116 and COMM 145 or 161. The required courses must be completed prior to completing 15 hours of health courses.

Requirements for seeking admission (reference number 559P): 24 hours including MATH 116 (or higher); PH 100 with an overall GPA of 2.0 or better.

Requirements for admission (reference number 559): 30 hours including above courses plus BIOL 131 and ECON 202 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: 73 hours of program courses with an overall GPA of 2.5 or better.

**Major in Public Health  
(no minor or second major required)**

The program in public health (reference number 521) leads to the Bachelor of Science degree. The curriculum consists of a core of 40-44 credit hours of course work and either one of two concentrations consisting of 26 to 30 credit hours of course work. Students pursuing this major are required to select one of the following concentrations: environmental health, or public health education.

Suggested Program of Study			
Department of Public Health Health Care Administration 559			
<b>Freshman Year Fall Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Freshman Year Spring Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
ENG 100 (A)	3	HIST 119/120 (C)	3
COMM 161/145 (A)	3	BIOL 131 (D)	4
PH 100 (F)	3	Language (A)	3
MATH 116 (D)	3	Social/Behavior (C)	3
		Humanities (B)	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Sophomore Year Fall Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Sophomore Year Spring Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
ENG 200 (B)	3	AH 290	2
ECON 202 (C)	3	Humanities (B)	3
Natural Science (D)	3	World Cultures (E)	3
ENG 300	3	ENG 306	3
ACCT 200	3	ACCT 201	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Junior Year Fall Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Junior Year Spring Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
MGT 210	3	FIN 330	3
HCA 340	3	HCA 345	3
HCA 342	3	HCA 344	3
PH 383	3	HCA Elective	3
HCA 383	1	HCA 446	3
		HCA 447	1
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Senior Year Fall Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Senior Year Spring Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
HCA 343	3	HCA 445	3
HCA 441	3	PH 384	3
HCA 346	3	PH 447	3
HCA 440	3	HCA 442	3
# HCA Elective	3	HCA 448	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>		
HCA 449	6		
# Elective is labeled to be used to satisfy minor requirement, general education requirement, or HCA program courses as needed. Total – 122 semester hours excludes the optional business minor (332). Healthcare Administration major does not require a minor. However, students who select to add any minor may graduate with more than 128 hours. <i>Electives</i> HCA 347 (3), HCA 401 (3), PH 381 (3), PH 443 (3), HIM 252C (3), and others with the permission of HCA advisor.			
<b>Total Hours: 122</b> <i>(A-F) denotes General Education Category</i>			

**Core Requirements (40-44 hours)**

Required courses in the core are: BIOL 131, 207, & 208; CHEM 109; MATH 116 or higher; PH 100, SFTY 171, PH 381, 383, 384, 490 or ENV 367; PSY 100; and COMM 145.

**Requirements for Seeking Admission**

(reference number 521P): 24 hours including COMM 145, PH 100 and PSY 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.

**Environmental Health Concentration (26 hours)**

Required courses for the environmental health concentration are: BIOL 472; ENV 280, 460, 486 & 495; and PH 385. In addition, nine hours must be chosen with approval of the academic advisor from the following: BIOL 315; CHEM 314, 330, & 432; ENV 321, 360, 410, 415, 430, 440, & 480; GEOG 474 & 487; GEOL 310, 375 & 487. Students completing this option are prepared for careers as environmental specialists in public health departments; other local, state and national governmental regulatory agencies; and non-governmental agencies.

**Public Health Education Concentration (30 hours)**

Required courses for the public health education concentration are PH 261, 385, 461, 483, 484 & 485. In addition, 12 hours must be chosen with approval of the academic advisor from the following: AH 290; FACS 111; HCA 340; SFTY 270, PH 365, 382, 390, 402, 443, 444, 447, 460, 464, 467 & 468. Students completing this option are prepared for careers as public health educators, health promotion specialists and wellness program directors in public health departments; voluntary and private health agencies; industry; health care facilities; professional health associations; and consulting firms. This program is approved by the Society for Public Health Education and the American Association for Health Education (SOPHE / AAHE). All courses listed above require a minimum grade of "C."

**Minor in Global Health Service**

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 (reference number 382) 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, 385, 462 or FLK 462, and HCA 459. A 3-hour elective should be chosen from the following courses: ANTH/FLK 341, ANTH/FLK 342, ANTH/FLK 345, ANTH/FLK 350, ANTH 382, FLK 280 (or FOLK 280C), GEOG 455, PH 384, SOCL 440.

**Minor in Health Education**

The minor in health education (reference number 389) 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

Suggested Program of Study			
Department of Public Health Public Health Major 521 - Environmental Health Concentration			
<b>Freshman Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Freshman Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
ENG 100 (A)	3	PSY 100 (C)	3
CHHS 175 (Recommended)	3	COMM 145	3
PH 100 (F)	3	MATH 116 (D)	3
General Education Elective (B)	3	General Elective	3
BIOL 131 (D)	4	CHEM 109 (D)	4
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Sophomore Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Sophomore Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
ENV 280 (D)	3	PH 381	3
BIOL 207/208 (D)	4	ENG 200 (B)	3
Foreign Language Course (A)	3	General Elective	3
General Education Elective (B)	3	General Education Elective (C)	3
HIST 119/120 (C)	3	General Elective	3
		SFTY 171 (F)	1
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Junior Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Junior Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
ENG 300 (A)	3	PH 384	3
PH 385	3	Env. Health Elective	3
PH 383	3	General Education Elective (E)	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Senior Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Senior Year</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
ENV 460	3	ENV 486	1
BIOL 472	4	ENV 495	3
Env. Health Elective	3	PH 490	6
General Elective	3		
General Elective	3		
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total Hours: 120</b>			
<i>(A-F) denotes General Education Category</i>			

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, 365, 381, 461, and 467. Three credit hours of electives must be selected from the following courses with approval of the academic advisor: PH 385, 456, 463, 465, 385, or FACS 111.

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 Care Administration**

The minor in health care administration (reference number 386) 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, 344, 440, 441, and 442; AH 290; and HCA 345 or 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**

The minor in occupational safety and health (reference number 427) requires a minimum of 24 semester hours. Requirements are ENV 120, 221, 321, 322, 327, 331, 367, and 423. In addition, the student must complete supporting courses as follows: SFTY 171, CHEM 109, and ENG 307.

**Minor in Environmental Studies**

(See Environmental Studies under Pre-professional and Interdisciplinary Programs in Ogden College of Science and Engineering.)

**Minor in Worksite Health Promotion**

The minor in Worksite Health Promotion (reference number 495) 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, 381, 390, 402; PE 100. All courses in the minor must be completed with a minimum grade of a "C."

**Long-Term Care Administration Certificate**

The long-term care administration certificate (reference number 1717) requires 15 semester hours, and in conjunction with a bachelor's degree, 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, 355, 353, GERO 100, and PH 443.

<b>Suggested Program of Study</b>			
<b>Department of Public Health Public Health Major 521 - Public Health Education Concentration</b>			
<b>Freshman Year Fall Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Freshman Year Spring Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
ENG 100 (A)	3	PSY 100 (C)	3
CHHS 175 (Recommended)	3	COMM 145/161 (A)	3
PH 100 (F)	3	MATH 116 (D)	3
General Education Elective (B)	3	General Education Elective (C)	3
BIOL 131 (D)	4	CHEM 109 (D)	4
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Sophomore Year Fall Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Sophomore Year Spring Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
PH 261	3	PH 381	3
BIOL 207/208 (D)	4	ENG 200 (B)	3
Foreign Language Course (A)	3	General Elective	3
General Education Elective (B)	3	General Elective	3
HIST 119/120 (C)	3	General Elective	3
		SFTY 171 (F)	1
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Junior Year Fall Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Junior Year Spring Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
ENG 300 (A)	3	PH 384	3
General Elective	3	PH 385	3
PH 383	3	Public Health Ed. Elective	3
Public Health Ed. Elective	3	General Elective	3
PH 461	3	General Elective	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Senior Year Fall Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Senior Year Spring Semester</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>
PH 483	3	PH 484	3
PH 485	3	Public Health Ed. Elective	3
Public Health Ed. Elective	3	PH 490	6
General Education Elective (E)	3		
General Elective	2		
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total Hours: 120</b>			
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### **Occupational Safety & Health Certificate**

The certificate program in Occupational Safety & Health (reference number 1705) 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 management, and business careers. The required courses are: ENV 120, 221, 321, 322, and 423.

### **Worksite Health Promotion Certificate**

The certificate program in Worksite Health Promotion (reference number 1707) 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, FACS 111, PH 100, 261, 402.

### **Graduate Degree Programs**

Graduate study in the health discipline is available in three degree plans: (1) the Master of Arts in Education (M.A.E.), with minor in health education, (2) the Master of Public Health (MPH) with concentrations in health education and environmental health, and (3) Master of Health Administration (MHA). For more detailed information, consult the Graduate Studies Catalog.

## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK**

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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>.

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) General Education 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

The social work major (reference number 594 / 594P) 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. Students interested in selecting social work as their major program of study should make an appointment with the BSW Program Director, Academic Complex, Room 211.

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 general education 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, 205, 330, 331, 344, 345, 375, 378, 379, 381, 395, 480, 481, 482, 483, and a minimum of nine hours of electives approved by the 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, 205, ENG 100, MATH 116 or higher, PS 110, ECON 150 or ECON 202 or ECON 203, PSY 100 or PSY 199, SOCL 100 or AGRI 108, BIOL 113 or BIOL 120 or BIOL 131.

### Minor in Social Work

The social work minor (reference number 459) consists of 21 semester hours. Required courses are SWRK 101, 205, 330, 331, and 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.

Suggested Program of Study			
Department of Social Work Bachelor of Science - Social Work 594/594P			
First Year			
Fall Semester	Hrs.	Spring Semester	Hrs.
ENG 100*	3	ENG 200	3
CHHS 175	3	General Education Course	3
SWRK 101*	3	PS 110*	3
MATH 116 or 117 or 118 or 119*	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	PSY 100 or PSY 199*	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
Second Year			
BIOL 113, 120, or 131*	3	SOCL 100 or AGRI 108*	3
ECON 150, 202, or 203*	3	HIST 119 or 120	3
SWRK 205*	3	COMM 145 or 161	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
General Elective	3	General Education Course	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
Third Year			
ENG 300	3	SWRK 331	3
SWRK 330	3	SWRK 345	3
SWRK 344	3	SWRK 379	3
SWRK 375	3	General elective	3
General elective	3	Advisor Consent Elective+	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
Fourth Year			
SWRK 378	3	SWRK 480	3
SWRK 381	3	SWRK 481	3
SWRK 395	3	SWRK Elective+	3
Advisor Consent Elective+	3	General Elective	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>12</b>
Summer Session			
SWRK 482	3		
SWRK 483	3		
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>6</b>		
<b>Grand Total Hours: 120</b>			
* Required prerequisite for major. + See social work faculty advisor. Students should also see their social work faculty advisor in order to discuss suggested general electives. The above plan is a sample. There is some flexibility with the social work course plan, however, students need to work closely with their advisors regarding admission to the social work program, completion of general education requirements, as well as following the appropriate course sequence for the major. Interested students are encouraged to contact the program director for further information.			