
College of Health and Human Services

Administration

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General Information

The College of Health and Human Services offers professional education in the health and human service disciplines. The College consists of the following group of professional areas: School of Nursing, School of Social Work, School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, the Gerontology program, and the Graduate School of Public Health.

The College of Health and Human Services faculty, through advising, teaching, and supervising, offers students a balanced education of academic study, field placement, clinical experiences, and research opportunities. Thus, faculty and students share an understanding of the relationship between California's diverse populations and life styles. The common goal of each of the College's professional programs is to assist students in developing competence in professional practice and research methods that develop their expertise to gather information, plan, and evaluate professional actions. This commitment to students produces alumni who will continue to work effectively with our professional schools and departments to preserve and promote the well-being of individuals, groups, and communities.

Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Public Health, Master of Social Work, and Ph.D. in Language and Communicative Disorders and Public Health degrees are conferred. In addition, students may receive national accreditation, state credential or state licensure, and national or state professional certification depending upon the program and the legal requirements and obligations for practicing the profession. All programs also provide continuing education for professionals already in the field.

Curricula Offered

Refer to the Courses and Curricula section of this catalog for a complete listing of program requirements and courses offered by departments within the College of Health and Human Services.

Doctoral Programs

Language and Communicative Disorders
Public Health

Master's Degrees

Communicative Disorders (M.A.), Gerontology (M.S.), Nursing (M.S.), Public Health (M.S., M.P.H., M.P.H./M.S.W.), Social Work (M.S.W., M.S.W./M.P.H., M.S.W./J.D.); jointly with California Western School of Law).

Bachelor's Degrees

Health Science (B.S.), Nursing (B.S.), Social Work (B.A.), Communicative Disorders (B.A.), Gerontology (B.A.).

Minors

Communicative Disorders, Gerontology,
Health Science, Social Work.

Certificate Programs

Bilingual Speech-Language Pathology, Gerontology, Preventive Medicine Residency.

Credential Programs

Child Welfare and Attendance Services, Clinical or Rehabilitative Services, Pupil Personnel Services (School Social Work), School Nurse Services, and Special Education Specialist for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Research Centers and Institutes

University Center on Aging

The University Center on Aging offers the B.A. and M.S. in Gerontology. The Center is involved with such activities as supporting interdisciplinary educational and curriculum efforts; undertaking research, demonstration and evaluation activities; providing technical assistance and agency consultation for the community; coordinating workshops and seminars; and providing opportunities for student involvement in aging activities. The Center is also responsible for the coordination of a certificate program in conjunction with the College of Extended Studies and administers an undergraduate minor in Gerontology. The Center serves as a central point for the development and dissemination of data related to diversity and aging and long-term care and is administratively responsible for the National Resource Center on Aging and Injury.

Center for Behavioral and Community Health Studies

John P. Elder, Director

The Center for Behavioral and Community Health Studies is housed at 9245 Skypark Court, Suite 221, San Diego, CA 92113. The Center, formerly known as The Center for Behavioral Medicine, was established in 1982 for the purpose of promoting research and academic programs relevant to the applications of behavioral science principles to medicine and health care. The Center has seven investigators from three different colleges. The interdisciplinary center encourages participation from all of the University colleges and departments. Currently, active investigators come from the Departments of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, Psychology, and the Graduate School of Public Health. Current Center projects involve collaboration between scientists and clinicians from a variety of specialties as well as a variety of other institutions, including Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, the University of California, San Diego Medical Center, and the Children's Hospital and Health Center. Funding for the Center comes from federal and private foundation grants including several National Institutes of Health agencies. Current sponsors include the National Cancer Institute, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, the State of California Department of Health Services, and the University of California Tobacco Related Disease Research Program.

The Center provides important research experience to diverse students who intend to pursue related careers and offers opportunities for project staff and graduate students to participate in community interventions.

Center for Behavioral Epidemiology and Community Health

Melbourne F. Hovell, Director

Administered through the Graduate School of Public Health, the Center was established for the purpose of promoting research to study behavior that prevents or contributes to the cause of disease and injury. Both non-intervention and empirical studies are conducted to determine the factors most responsible for lifestyle practices related to morbidity and mortality. The Center focuses on health related behavior – either protective practices or risk practices – and has been concerned with a wide range of public health and medical concerns such as: tobacco prevention in youth; environmental

tobacco exposure reduction in children; STDs, AIDS, pregnancy prevention in adolescents, and prevention in women and divorced adults; violence and anger prevention. C-BEACH conducts scientific investigations into the following broad areas: behavioral epidemiology, measurement, and interventions (clinical and community-based).

California Center for Childhood Injury Prevention

David W. Lawrence, Director

Administered through the Graduate School of Public Health, the California Center for Childhood Injury Prevention serves as a resource center on child and adolescent injury prevention strategies. The primary mission of the Center is to reduce the frequency, severity and cost of child and adolescent injuries by assisting public health agencies and programs to incorporate injury prevention strategies into their ongoing efforts to improve the health and safety of young people. Center staff can provide data on child and adolescent injuries; technical assistance with the development, implementation and evaluation of child and adolescent injury prevention programs; and linkages with agencies, researchers, advocates and injury professionals as well as access to a variety of educational materials. The Center also houses one of the four national sites of the Children's Safety Network.

Communications Clinic for Speech, Language, Hearing Disorders and Deafness

Kathee Christensen and Charlotte Lopes, Co-Directors

Administered by the School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, the Clinic provides assessment and remediation services for SDSU students, staff, faculty, and the community. Comprehensive diagnostic and treatment programs are available for children and adults in the areas of delayed speech/language development, voice, fluency or articulation disorders, aphasia, cleft palate, cerebral palsy, loss of communication function, hearing loss and deafness. Also provided are services for bilingual/multicultural clients and speakers of English as a second language. The *Assistive Device Assessment Program* provides language, cognitive, and technical assessments related to augmentative/assistive devices and systems for individuals who have communication disabilities. Audiologic services provided by the Clinic include hearing assessment, hearing aid evaluation and selection, assistive listening device evaluations, earmolds, ear protectors, hearing conservation and speech reading/aural rehabilitation therapy. In addition, the Clinic offers opportunities for research, consultation, supervised field internships, continuing education, and other service activities. The clinic is located at 6330 Alvarado Court, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92120-4917, (619) 594-6477.

Consensus Organizing Center

Michael Eichler, Coordinator

The Consensus Organizing Center is administered through the School of Social Work. The Center's mission is to educate and train a new generation of social workers in community building techniques in order to make them effective catalysts for civic engagement and social change. Through school based programs and community interventions, the Center has created an environment for the teaching of consensus organizing skills to social workers, high school students, and community leaders. Specific activities include developing a fellowship program for high school students and provide employment opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. The Web site for the Center is www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~consensu. The Center telephone number is (619) 594-4813.

Heart Institute

Christopher C. Glembofski, Director

The Heart Institute is sponsored by the College of Health and Human Services and the College of Sciences. The goals of the Institute are to enhance basic and clinical research in the cardiovascular sciences, to foster undergraduate and graduate education in cardiovascular physiology and medicine, and to provide a community outreach service focused at heightening the awareness of

cardiovascular disease and its prevention in the San Diego region surrounding SDSU. The Institute is comprised of faculty members representing four different colleges at SDSU, as well as physicians and scientists from local hospitals and clinical research centers. Importantly, the Institute also sponsors SDSU undergraduate and graduate student memberships, which strengthens the involvement of students in all aspects of Heart Institute activities. The unusual blend of talent and expertise that comprise the Institute membership results in an interdisciplinary approach to cardiovascular research, education and community outreach that is unique to the Heart Institute. The Institute sponsors special seminars, on- and off campus, which cover a wide range of topics in the field, and provides funding for the support of graduate students who are involved in cardiovascular research at SDSU. Areas of focus for the Institute include studies of the molecular basis of cardiovascular disease, establishment of unique approaches for the early detection and prevention of cardiovascular disease, and the promotion of cardiovascular health in San Diego area K-12 schools. An important feature of these efforts that distinguishes the Heart Institute is the central role that SDSU students play in each of these areas. Funding for Heart Institute activities comes from a variety of sources, including the National Institutes of Health, the American Heart Association, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Rees-Stealy Research Foundation, and several San Diego-based biotechnology companies. For more information contact the Heart Institute office at (619) 594-5504.

International Institute for Health and Human Services Development

Dolores A. Wozniak, Director

Administered through the Office of the Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, the purpose of this International Institute is to respond to the urgent global need for human resources, particularly in the fields of health and human services. Specific activities include the development of education and training programs; promoting relevant research and model demonstration programs and projects; encouraging technical cooperation with developing countries; promoting exchange of information and experience at the international level; and engaging in the convening of conferences. The Institute also provides a comprehensive, centralized source of data and information on human resource development, linking it to internationally recognized networks, and serving as a repository and a clearinghouse for information.

Center for Injury Prevention and Research

Dolores A. Wozniak, Director

Administered through the College of Health and Human Services, the purpose of the Center is to prevent intentional and unintentional injury among all segments of the community and in all age ranges, from birth to old age. The Center accomplishes this purpose by: 1) Coordinating a multidisciplinary group of professionals dedicated to injury control and prevention including traffic safety; 2) Assisting in the coordination of existing local and state resources for injury intervention and prevention; 3) Conducting ongoing injury data surveillance; 4) Supporting appropriate injury related intervention and prevention strategies aimed at individual and community change; 5) Stimulating injury intervention and prevention based research and program development; 6) Disseminating the results of injury intervention and prevention research activity generated by the Center; and 7) Providing technical assistance, training, and continuing education to appropriate target audiences in California and outside of California, as requested. Specifically, the Center will identify injury problems and gain extensive community information which will be used to develop strategic plans to control and prevent injuries. In addition, the Center will define the changes required to reach desired solutions. A systems approach will be used to address these issues as such an approach also recognizes the comprehensive nature of injury problems and the need to develop equally comprehensive solution sets.

Institute for Nursing Research
Gwenevere W. Anderson, Director

Administered through the School of Nursing, the purpose of the Institute is to promote collaboration in the conduct, dissemination, and utilization of nursing research which will contribute to the quality of patient care and service. The Institute provides a forum for research interests and activities, and also fosters collaborative research efforts among Institute nurse clinicians and SDSU Nursing faculty. This includes identifying research priorities for individual and multi-site research projects, and providing consultation for design, method, analysis, computer services, instrumentation, and manuscript preparation. The Institute also facilitates the dissemination of research findings. Web site for the Institute is at www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/chhs/nursing/inr.html.

Institute for Public Health
Lisa Clark, Executive Director

Administered through the Graduate School of Public Health, the mission of the Institute is to serve as a vehicle for the development and support of functional linkages between the SDSU Graduate School of Public Health, local public health agencies, and private organizations in the San Diego community and neighboring areas, including Mexico. These linkages expand the availability of University-based public health expertise, research and information in the areas of biostatistics, environmental health, epidemiology, health services administration, health promotion, industrial hygiene, maternal and child health, occupational health, and toxicology. Specific activities include collaborative research, technical assistance, program evaluation, consultation, continuing education and professional development, student field placement, faculty/practitioner exchange, information dissemination, and various service activities. The Institute serves to bridge public health academics and practice by facilitating meaningful partnerships between faculty, students, and local practitioners. The Institute offices are located at 6505 Alvarado Road, Suite 115, (619) 594-2632.

Social Policy Institute
Terry Carrillo, Coordinator

Administered through the School of Social Work, the mission of this Institute is to assist local and state, public and private sector leaders in the development of policies and programs that better meet the needs of the people of San Diego County and the State of California. The Institute is dedicated to helping create quality human service programs through the integration of policy development, state-of-the-art practice models and relevant research. The Institute provides expert technical assistance and consultation to public and private sector leaders in the development of progressive social policy, strategic planning and quality management. The Institute is engaged in examining health and human service issues and problems through

conducting research and evaluations, in reviewing existing studies and reports at the local, state, and national levels; and in preparing recommendations for dissemination to elected officials, special commissions, task forces, business executives, community leaders, and administrators of major institutions. Results, findings, and information are communicated through published professional monographs and journal articles, professional meetings and conferences, op-ed newspaper essays, testimony to political bodies, such as the County Board of Supervisors and State Legislators, a computer Web site, news conferences, and interviews with electronic media representatives. Scholars from several departments within the University individually and in collaboration lend their expertise to the analysis of regional health and human services problems. Issues of focus include children, youth, and family concerns, aging and the elderly, mental health, health care delivery, welfare reform, family violence, immigration, community economic development, diversity and discrimination, and homelessness. The Web site for the Institute is www.sdsu-spi.org.

Center on Substance Abuse
Anita S. Harbert, Director

Administered through the School of Social Work, the Center was established in 1985 with a primary mission of facilitating the development of knowledge and skills for the prevention and treatment of alcohol and other drug problems. Goals include developing and supporting projects in substance abuse research, curriculum, and community service. The Center is actively engaged in conducting alcohol and other drug research and evaluation projects. Over the past decade, the Center has received numerous federal, state, and county grants. Ongoing projects of the Center include the Community-Collegiate Alcohol Prevention Partnership (C-CAPP). C-CAPP is funded by the National Institute for Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse and the U.S. Department of Education. C-CAPP has the goal of reducing alcohol and other drug problems among college students. Other recent research projects include a study of California's publicly-funded substance abuse treatment system and an evaluation of the Pacific Southwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center. In addition, the Center provides services such as the Central District Driving Under the Influence Program, providing education and counseling for court-ordered offenders in the central judicial district of San Diego County. It has also been involved in the training of several hundred community professionals in substance abuse intervention, and participates in the San Diego Intercollegiate Consortium for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, and on the Professional Development Committee of the California Addiction Training and Resource Center at UCSD.

The Center is located at 9245 Sky Park Court, Suite 125, (858) 715-0860. The Student-to-Student office is located on-campus, (619) 594-5803. The DUIP program is located at Sky Park Court, Suite 101, (858) 467-6810.