

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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Vision

To establish the College of Nursing and Health Professions as a top choice for developing compassionate, practice-ready professionals and innovative leaders who advance health and well-being in Texas and beyond.

Mission

The College of Nursing and Health Professions at Lamar University prepares future healthcare leaders through excellence in education, research, and community engagement. We are dedicated to fostering student success, advancing health equity, and improving the quality of life for the individuals and communities we serve.

CoNHP Strategic Priorities

Academic Excellence

Strengthen the quality and relevance of all academic programs by maintaining accreditation, launching new high-demand degrees, integrating emerging technologies such as AI, and ensuring exceptional pedagogy across all teaching modalities.

Faculty Development & Research

Enhance faculty capacity by expanding the number of experts in growing disciplines, increasing scholarly productivity, and creating a modern research infrastructure that promotes collaboration and external funding.

Student Success

Improve student outcomes through strong academic support, expanded hands-on learning, and data-informed advising to prepare practice-ready graduates for a competitive healthcare workforce.

Community Engagement & Partnership

Deepen regional impact by building new clinical and community partnerships, offering continuing education to the health workforce, and leading initiatives addressing local health disparities.

Infrastructure & Technology

Expand physical and digital capacity to support new and existing programs, modern teaching strategies, virtual care technologies, and transparent performance monitoring.

Departments

- Department of Health and Kinesiology (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/health-kinesiology/>)
 - Athletic Education (BS) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/health-kinesiology/athletic-education-bs/>)
 - Coaching Minor (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/health-kinesiology/coaching-minor/>)
 - Exercise Science (B.S.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/health-kinesiology/exercise-science-bs/>)
 - Kinesiology (M.S.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/health-kinesiology/kinesiology-ms/>)
 - Physical Education Teacher Education (B.S.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/health-kinesiology/physical-education-teacher-education-bs/>)
 - Physical Education Teacher Education Minor (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/health-kinesiology/-physical-education-teacher-education-minor/>)
 - Public Health (B.S.) Healthcare Administration Track (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/health-kinesiology/public-health-bs-concentration-healthcare-administration/>)
 - Public Health (B.S.) Nursing Track (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/health-kinesiology/public-health-nursing-track/>)
 - Public Health (MPH) Health Disparities Track (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/health-kinesiology/public-health-mph-concentration-health-disparities/>)
 - Public Health in Healthcare Administration Minor (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/health-kinesiology/public-health-healthcare-administration-minor/>)
 - Sport Management (BS) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/health-kinesiology/sport-management-bs/>)
 - Sports and Recreational Management (B.S.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/health-kinesiology/sport-recreation-mgmt-bs/>)
- Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/dept-medical-lab-sciences/>)
 - Medical Laboratory Sciences (BS) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/dept-medical-lab-sciences/medical-lab-science-bs/>)
- Department of Nutrition, Hospitality and Human Services (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/nutrition-hospitality-human-services/>)
 - Culinary Arts Minor (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/nutrition-hospitality-human-services/culinary-arts-minor/>)

- Didactic Program in Dietetics Nutrition Certificate (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/nutrition-hospitality-human-services/didactic-dietetic-nutrition-certificate/>)
- Family Science (B.S.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/nutrition-hospitality-human-services/family-studies-bs/>)
- Family Science Minor (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/nutrition-hospitality-human-services/family-studies-minor/>)
- Hospitality Leadership (M.S.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/nutrition-hospitality-human-services/hospitality-leadership-ms/>)
- Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts (B.S.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/nutrition-hospitality-human-services/hospitality-administration-bs-culinary-arts/>)
- Nutrition - Applied (M.S.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/nutrition-hospitality-human-services/nutrition-ms/>)
- Nutrition - Dietetics (B.S.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/nutrition-hospitality-human-services/nutrition-bs-dietetics/>)
- Nutrition - Dietetics (M.S.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/nutrition-hospitality-human-services/nutrition-dietetics-ms/>)
- Nutrition - Preventive Wellness (B.S.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/nutrition-hospitality-human-services/nutrition-bs/>)
- Nutrition - Sports Nutrition (M.S.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/nutrition-hospitality-human-services/sports-nutrition-ms/>)
- Nutrition Minor (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/nutrition-hospitality-human-services/nutrition-minor/>)
- Sports Nutrition Certificate (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/nutrition-hospitality-human-services/sports-nutrition-certificate/>)
- Department of Social Work (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/dept-social-work/>)
 - Social Work (BSW) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/dept-social-work/social-work-bsw/>)
 - Social Work Minor (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/dept-social-work/social-work-minor/>)
- Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/speech-hearing-sciences/>)
 - Audiology (Au.D.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/speech-hearing-sciences/audiology-aud/>)
 - Speech and Hearing Sciences (B.S.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/speech-hearing-sciences/speech-hearing-sciences-bs/>)
 - Speech and Hearing Sciences - Speech Language Pathologist Assistant (B.S.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/speech-hearing-sciences/speech-hearing-sciences-assistant-bs/>)
 - Speech-Language Pathology (M.S.) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/speech-hearing-sciences/speech-language-pathology-ms/>)
 - Vocology Certificate (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/speech-hearing-sciences/vocology-certificate/>)
- JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/joanne-gay-dishman-school-nursing/>)
 - Certificate in Nursing Administration (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/joanne-gay-dishman-school-nursing/nursing-admin-cert/>)
 - Certificate in Nursing Education (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/joanne-gay-dishman-school-nursing/nursing-education-cert/>)
 - Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/joanne-gay-dishman-school-nursing/nursing-practice-dnp/>)
 - Nursing (BSN) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/joanne-gay-dishman-school-nursing/nursing-bsn/>)
 - Nursing Administration (MSN) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/joanne-gay-dishman-school-nursing/nursing-msn/>)
 - Nursing Education (MSN) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/joanne-gay-dishman-school-nursing/nursing-education-msn/>)
 - Nursing/Master of Business Administration (MSN/MBA) (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/joanne-gay-dishman-school-nursing/nursing-master-business-administration-msnmba/>)
 - RN to BSN Articulation Program Option (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/joanne-gay-dishman-school-nursing/rn-bsn-articulation-track/>)
 - RN to MSN Articulation Program Option (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/joanne-gay-dishman-school-nursing/rn-msn-articulation-track/>)