

About the College of Education and Health Professions

Welcome to the College of Education and Health Professions! We offer programs in Teacher Education, Educational Leadership, Counseling, Nursing, Health Science, and Exercise Science.

The faculty of the College of Education and Health Professions strongly believe that what we do on a daily basis can have a tremendous impact on the lives of our students and the community. Overwhelmingly, we see the fields for which we prepare our candidates as service fields in which our graduates have the ability to be catalysts for change in their communities.

We also believe in the importance of being leaders in our fields. Faculty in the College of Education and Health Professions are engaged in the community through partnerships with school districts, hospitals, clinics, and other organizations. Our education faculty are often invited to speak across the state and nationwide about our success with new teacher preparation assessments and our effective partnerships with school districts. Our nursing faculty are being invited to speak at national conferences about preparing nurses in continuing to offer a high quality patient care in a health care system under strain due to workforce shortages. Exercise science and health science faculty are conducting research to gain insight into the obesity problem that plagues our nation in an effort to prevent diseases.

Several outreach centers support our efforts to have an impact on the community. These centers include the Center for Quality Teaching and Learning, the Coca-Cola Space Science Center, the Columbus Regional Mathematics Collaborative, and Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center. Each of these centers provides invaluable service to the region and opportunities for students in our programs to enhance their professional skills as they engage with the community.

Our graduates are widely recruited due to the reputation of our programs. We are excited that you are interested in the College of Education and Health Professions and look forward to working with you.

Vision Statement

The vision of the College of Education and Health Professions is to prepare highly qualified professionals and leaders who possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed to increase the quality of life in the community by improving P-12 student learning and professional health care.

Mission Statement

The mission of the College of Education and Health Professions is congruent with and complements that of Columbus State University. The College of Education and Health Professions has adopted the guiding principle, Creating Opportunities for Excellence, to support its mission...to achieve excellence by guiding individuals as they develop the proficiency, expertise, and leadership consistent with their professional roles. By creating opportunities for excellence, the College of Education and Health Professions prepares highly qualified teachers, counselors, nurses, health professionals and leaders who promote high levels of learning by demonstrating excellence in teaching, scholarship, and professionalism. Candidates continually acquire, integrate, refine, and model these qualities as they develop proficiency, expertise, and leadership. Ultimately, candidates believe in the serving the community by providing quality education and care. COEHP faculty guide individuals in this developmental process.

College Facts

Frank D. Brown Hall (2017), located on the RiverPark campus, houses the College of Education and Health Professions Dean's office, three academic departments (Nursing, Teacher Education and Counseling, Foundations, and Leadership), Graduate Studies, Columbus Regional Mathematics Collaborative, and Center for Quality Teaching and Learning. The Frank G. Lumpkin Jr. Center and the Health and Wellness Center provide additional facilities for programs in Health,

Physical Education, and Exercise Science. The college also has outreach centers located off the main campus: the CSU Coca-Cola Space Science Center and the Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center.

The total student enrollment at the College of Education and Health Professions in Fall 2023 was 2,090 with 1,172 undergraduate and 918 graduate students.

Educator preparation programs are housed in the College of Education and Health Professions, the College of Letters and Sciences, and the College of the Arts. English as a Second Language (ESOL), and Spanish education as well as initial secondary education programs in English, History, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, and Mathematics are offered through the College of Letters and Sciences. The College of the Arts houses programs in music, art, and theatre education. Other educator preparation programs are housed in the College of Education and Health Professions. In addition to educator preparation programs, the College of Education and Health Professions houses programs in Exercise Science, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Health Sciences, and Nursing.