

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The College of Health Sciences has been a dynamic part of Des Moines University since its inception in 1981. Continuing to respond to the changing landscape of medicine has allowed the college to add programs that meet the needs of the students, the health care system, and its patients. The college offers five degree programs: Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD), Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MS), Master of Health Care Administration (MHA) and Master of Public Health (MPH).

Outstanding faculty and staff assure the programs' curricula keep pace with the changes in clinical practice, public health, and health care administration. The programs are designed for students who want to make the most out of their education by providing them access to faculty and facilities that provide them with a practical, hands-on approach to learning.

The MHA and MPH programs are offered with online classes, better suited to today's working professional. Being part of a medical and health professions university, the College of Health Sciences gives students access to a wide range of future health care providers and opportunities for interprofessional education. That interaction better prepares them for practice or work in today's rapidly-changing health care environment.

Mission

To advance the health and well-being of society through the development of exemplary health care professionals in a learning-centered environment.

Core Values

- Health promotion
- Life-long learning
- The transfer of evidence-based research into practice