

# COLLEGE of HEALTH and SOCIAL SERVICES

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**Bachelor of Community Health**  
**Bachelor of Human and Community Services**  
**Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Occupational Health**  
**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**  
**Bachelor of Social Work**

The College of Health and Social Services brings together associated disciplines and professional fields of study directly applied to the improvement of the quality of life and its existence in rapidly changing family and community environments. The college includes the Departments of Health Science, Nursing, and Social Work.

While the ultimate responsibility for planning an academic program in compliance with university, college, and departmental requirements rests with you, the college recognizes the importance of helping you work out appropriate academic programs. All Health and Social Service students pursuing a bachelor's degree are advised about academic matters in the dean's office, located in the Health and Social Services building. In addition, you are encouraged to contact departments for specific subject area information and career planning. Once students are accepted into the nursing program, they are advised about academic matters in the Department of Nursing.

## Bachelor Degree Graduation Requirements

Five bachelor degree programs are available: Bachelor of Community Health, Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Occupational Health, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Social Work, and Bachelor of Human and Community Services (via distance education only).

To be awarded a bachelor's degree you must:

1. complete the requirements for the degree as shown by the department in which the degree is offered including a minimum of 54 credits of upper-division courses (numbered 300 and above) and the minimum total number of credits required for the degree;
2. complete at least 38 credits of general education course work selected from the list of approved general education courses presented in the general education section of this catalog and the specific general education courses that may be required by each department; and
3. complete any other requirements for graduation as discussed under "Regulations" in the "General Information" chapter of this catalog.

## HEALTH SCIENCE

### Professor Stephen D. Arnold, department head

*Professors* Brandon, Buckingham, Mondragón, Olsen, Smith; *Associate Professors* Hill (Emerita), Rao; *Assistant Professors* Forster-Cox, Koziel; *College Assistant Professor* Cardenas; *Adjunct Professors* Holtzman, Starfield; *Adjunct Associate Professors* Bishop, Escobedo, Hussain, Lucchino, Vilchis; *Adjunct Assistant Professors* Banegas, Jacobs; *Adjunct Instructor* Reyna; *Part-Time Faculty* Banegas, Buchanan, Goodman, Hawe, Hensley, Hill, Kelly, Jacquez, Lopez, McDaniel, Moraros, Quick, Roth-Edwards, Ruiz  
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**DEGREE:** Bachelor of Community Health  
**DEGREE:** Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Occupational Health

**MINORS:** Border Health, Community Health  
Environmental and Occupational Health  
Gerontology, Health Administration

Requirements for health science minors may be found on-line at [www.nmsu.edu/~hthdpt/](http://www.nmsu.edu/~hthdpt/)

### DEGREE: Bachelor of Community Health

The curriculum in community health prepares students for careers in community and public health programs, and in voluntary, private, and governmental agencies. Upon completion of the degree, the graduate is eligible to take the national Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) examination administered by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. The Bachelor of Community Health degree has the full approval of the national Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE)/American Association for Health Education (AAHE)/Baccalaureate Program Approval Committee (SABPAC).

Students seeking admission to the Bachelor of Community Health degree in the Department of Health Science at NMSU are first admitted as pre-community health (PCHL) students. Students keep this designation until they have met the following admissions requirements:

- A) A grade-point average of at least 2.50 after completion of 29 credits of specified general education course work.
- B) A grade of S in HL S 100 and a grade of C or better in HL S 150.
- C) Submission of an application packet that includes (1) a brief personal statement of interest in the profession, (2) a copy of the most recent university transcript, and (3) percentile scores on the department's writing assessment (given in HL S 100).
- D) A grade of C or better in MATH 115.

### General Requirements (44 credits)

General education requirements for the Department of Health Science follow those outlined by the university in this catalog. The following courses are specific general education courses required by the department. Community/junior college transfer students may be able to transfer general education courses if they are equivalent to those offered at NMSU.

BIOL 101G/L, Human Biology/Lab, or BIOL 111G/L, Natural History of Life/Lab, or BIOL 211G/L, Cellular and Organismal Biology/Lab	4
COMM 253G, Public Speaking, or COMM 265G, Principles of Human Communication	3
CS 110G, Computer Literacy, or BCS 110G, Introduction to Computerized Information Systems	3
ENGL 111G, Rhetoric and Composition	4
ENGL 203G, Business and Professional Communication, or ENGL 218G, Technical and Scientific Communication	3

### Accreditation

Within the College of Health and Social Services, the baccalaureate degree program in the Department of Nursing is accredited by the National League for Nursing. The baccalaureate degree program in the School of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The Bachelor of Community Health degree program in the Department of Health Science is accredited by the Society for Public Health Education/American Association of Health Education Baccalaureate Program Approval Committee.