About West Chester University

A comprehensive, multipurpose institution, West Chester University of Pennsylvania offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 subject areas, as well as certification programs. As the second largest member of the State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition; the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provides more than $5,000 toward the cost of each Pennsylvania student who attends.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School. Today, more than 13,800 students, along with 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the picturesque, 403-acre campus situated in the Borough of West Chester. Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C., West Chester is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington.

Departments and Programs of Study within the College of Health Sciences

Communicative Disorders
Communicative Disorders, B.A.

Health
Health Science – General, B.S.
Health Science – Respiratory Care, B.S.
Nutrition and Dietetics, B.S.
Public Health – Environmental Health, B.S.
Public Health – Health Promotion, B.S.
Minors: Environmental Health Sciences; Nutrition

Kinesiology
Health and Physical Education, B.S., Teaching Certification
Health and Physical Education – Exercise Science, B.S.
Minors: Coaching; Exercise Science; Physical Education for Individuals with Disabilities

Nursing
Nursing, B.S.N.
B.S.N. 2 Advance (accelerated second degree program)

Sports Medicine
Athletic Training, B.S., Certification

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Communicative Disorders
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• Sports Medicine

Programs of study on inside panel of brochure
Experience a Health Sciences Career

The College of Health Sciences strives to provide high-quality undergraduate and graduate education, as well as lifelong learning opportunities through programs offered in the departments of Communicative Disorders, Health, Kinesiology, Nursing, and Sports Medicine. These goals are accomplished through the teaching, scholarly, and service activities of the faculty, staff, and students of the college.

As science continues to make new discoveries, and with the development of more advanced communications sources – 24-hour specialized cable channels, the Internet, and wireless cellular services at one’s fingertips – the general population has more information on health and wellness, medicine, fitness, and environmental issues than ever before. More specialized health-care and other services are available to consumers, and as an ageing baby-boomer population nears retirement, the need for health science professionals continues to grow.

Each curriculum within the college, all of which offer internships, clinical experience, or special study opportunities, prepares students to work directly with those in need.

- Qualified nurses continue to be a need in hospitals and health-care facilities across the nation. The University even offers an ‘Advance 2 B.S.N.’ option, which allows students with a bachelor’s degree to earn a second baccalaureate degree in an accelerated 17-month format.
- Communicative disorders helps those with speech and hearing impairments, and the University has an on-campus clinic that allows students to work with those with only the bachelor of arts degree.
- With the current emphasis on fitness and avoiding obesity, people are staying active through sports and related activities well into middle age and beyond; accordingly, the need for sports medicine to address injuries and therapeutic issues has grown over the years.

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Career Opportunities

The following are departments and programs of study within the College of Health Sciences and career opportunities students have pursued upon graduation. Degrees offered by each department are listed on the inside panel of this brochure. Additional information for each department is available through the College of Health Sciences Web site, www.wcupa.edu/_academics/healthsciences/.

Communicative Disorders: speech-language pathologists and audiologists (requires advanced degree) • positions in related health fields for those with only the bachelor of arts degree

Health: educators • environmental scientists • health care practitioners in hospitals, health departments, clinics, and agencies • nutritionists • dieticians • respiratory therapists

Kinesiology: athletic or sports information directors • coaches • educators • exercise specialists in hospitals, clinics, corporations, community centers, and facilities for individuals with disabilities • fitness trainers • recreation managers

Nursing: professional nurses in hospitals, schools, community centers, and industry • medical reporters • medical writers

Sports Medicine: athletic trainers in educational institutions, amateur or professional athletic organizations, the military, industry, and sports medicine clinics

Facilities

- The Speech and Hearing Clinic, which provides diagnostic and therapeutic services for children and adults, comprises therapy rooms with observation capabilities, clinician work areas, and an audiological test suite.
- A fully equipped food preparation laboratory is available for students in the nutrition and dietetics program.
- The Robert B. Gordon Natural Area for Environment Studies, 100 acres of natural woodland and stream-side habitat located on South Campus, is available for several kinds of outdoor studies.
- The Russell L. Sturzebecher Health Sciences Center has five full-size, multipurpose gymnasiums, a fully equipped gymnastic area, fitness center, dance studio, human performance laboratory, climbing wall, and an aquatics center with two pools and a diving well. Outdoor facilities include multipurpose playing fields, tennis courts, softball and baseball fields, ¼-mile track, and two recreational outdoor pursuits education (ROPE) courses.
- A state-of-the-art nursing skills laboratory contains hospital beds, examination tables, and other equipment found in clinical care settings. The lab recently acquired Sim-Man and Sim-Baby, which are life-like, computer-controlled mannequins with innovative technology, including respiratory, cardiac, and intestinal functions.
- Athletic training rooms contain modern equipment, including numerous electrical modalities, Cybex isokinetic dynamometers, and the latest in proprioceptive apparatus. Also available is the Human Performance Laboratory.

More information on these facilities is available on the College of Health Sciences Web site, www.wcupa.edu/_academics/healthsciences/.

Numerous scholarships are available for outstanding students. For information about these scholarships, students can request the financial aid/scholarship booklet from the Office of Admissions and check the Undergraduate Catalog, which is on the University’s Web site, www.wcupa.edu, or the scholarship Web site, www.wcupa.edu/giving/scholarships/.