School of Community Health Sciences, Counseling and Counseling Psychology

Dr. Julie M. Koch—School Head

The School of Community Health Sciences, Counseling and Counseling Psychology encompasses undergraduate and graduate academic programs in health education and promotion, mental health counseling, counseling psychology, school counseling and nursing. The School seeks to fulfill the traditional functions of teaching, research, outreach and public service that are consistent with the mission of Oklahoma State University. The mission is to foster the development, integration and application of knowledge, theory, skills and experiences to promote social, physical, psychological, educational and environmental health. Consistent with the goals of the University’s Professional Education Council’s Core Concepts and Goals Statement, faculty strives to demonstrate and perpetuate teaching based on theory and research-driven educational practices.

Course Prefixes

Courses that support counseling and counseling psychology are listed in the Catalog under the CPSY prefix. Courses in health education and promotion are listed under the HLTH prefix. Courses in nursing are listed under the NURS prefix.

Health

Bridget M. Miller, PhD—Joan Donelson Jacques Endowed Professor of Health Promotion and Program Coordinator

The health education and promotion program prepares students to provide preventive services in a community, corporate, or clinical setting. Students can choose between two program options: (1) Exercise and Health; or (2) Public Health. Students culminate their degree requirements with a semester-long internship during their final semester. Upon completion of their undergraduate degree, many students continue graduate study in academic fields like Public Health, Physical Therapy, Athletic Training, Exercise Science, or Medicine. This degree track also prepares students for credentialing opportunities such as the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) exam and certifications offered through the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM).

BSN Nursing

Mary Malaska, DNP, RNC, CNE—Assistant Professor and Director

The RN to BSN program is an online baccalaureate degree program designed for individuals who have obtained Registered Nurse licensure and have successfully completed either an accredited associate’s degree or diploma program. The program is designed for working adult learners and focuses on health and wellness.

Counseling and Counseling Psychology

Valerie McGaha, PhD—Associate Professor and Area Coordinator

The counseling and counseling psychology program areas offer graduate programs in mental health counseling and school counseling leading to the MS degree in counseling as well as a PhD degree in educational psychology, with an option in counseling psychology.

Programs/Areas of Emphasis Degrees

Degrees offered through the School of Community Health Sciences, Counseling and Counseling Psychology programs include Bachelor of Science (BS), Master of Science (MS), Education Specialist (EdS), Doctor of Education (EdD) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Counseling/Counseling Psychology

• Mental Health Counseling - MS
• School Counseling - MS
• Counseling Psychology - PhD

Community Health Sciences

• Health Education and Promotion - BS
• Nursing - BSN

Health and Human Performance

• Health Education and Promotion - BS, MS, PhD