

College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Top 3 Things Prospective Students (and Their Families) Should Know About the College of Nursing and Health Sciences:

1. UVM is ranked among the [“10 Best Colleges to Study Health Professions”](#) for its number of quality majors within the field, small class sizes and collaborative learning with professors, and high salaries following graduation and at the mid-career level. The ranking was reported by *USA Today* and compiled by College Factual.
2. Together the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, the UVM College of Medicine, and The University of Vermont Medical Center form one of just 138 academic medical centers in the U.S. The UVM Medical Center is a regional referral and Level 1 trauma center providing advanced care to approximately one million people in Vermont and northern New York.
3. CNHS graduate programs in communication sciences and disorders, physical therapy, and nursing are ranked among *U.S. News & World Report’s Best Graduate Schools*.

What Is New For The Coming Year?

- **The Nursing and Health Sciences First Year Interest Group (nhsFIG)** provides a unique opportunity for students to live together in Davis Hall on Redstone campus, with access to on-site advising and mentor support, study and discussion groups, and social events.
- **The Program in Integrative Health** is an initiative by CNHS, the UVM College of Medicine, The UVM Medical Center, UVM Medical Group, and the Laura Mann Center for Integrative Health to foster collaboration in the academic study and clinical application of integrative medicine.

Experiential Learning Opportunities:

- All CNHS students engage in case-based and clinical simulation scenarios beginning in their first year of study. A clinical simulation laboratory, human motion analysis laboratories, child language labs, and clinical sites across the state, region, and nation provide practical experience side-by-side with nurses and physicians, athletic trainers and exercise scientists, speech-language pathologists and audiologists, medical laboratory scientists, radiation therapists, and nuclear medicine technologists.
- Opportunities for **undergraduate research** mentorship are prevalent in all disciplines. Some students have published work with their faculty mentors.
- CNHS students in all majors have **studied abroad** – in Bali, Norway, Mexico, and Australia, among other places. The nursing curriculum offers an opportunity to study public health in Uganda.

What Makes Your Program Unique Compared To Peer Institutions?

UVM's College of Nursing and Health Sciences is part of the University of Vermont Health Network, and just steps away from the University of Vermont Medical Center and the College of Medicine, with access to talented faculty practitioners and hands-on learning opportunities. We offer interprofessional experiences and engage students in case-based clinical simulation scenarios from the first year of study.

What is your college doing to further the first year experience for new students?

- First-year students in all CNHS majors take *NH 50: Applications to Health*, an introduction to the personal, professional, and academic challenges involved in studying health-related disciplines, and the platform for the College's first-year student advising program.
- The Nursing and Health Sciences First Year Interest Group (nhsFIG) (see above)

Is there important information for transfer students?

CNHS cohort sizes are limited by the number of clinical placements available in each program. Selection of applicants is competitive, and the opportunity to transfer into a major, even from within the university, is not assured. In addition to GPA, relevant volunteer or work experience in a clinical setting is taken into consideration in the selection process.

Our Graduates Have Gone On To...

- **Athletic Training** alumni take jobs in high school, collegiate, and professional sports, outpatient orthopedic rehabilitation clinics, performing arts organizations and the military. Past graduates have attended the University of Virginia, Old Dominion, and Clarkson.
- Most **Communication Sciences and Disorders** alumni pursue graduate study and clinical certification in speech-language pathology, audiology, psychology, linguistics, or medicine, taking jobs in schools, medical centers, clinics, nursing homes, and private practices. (Some careers, such as speech-language pathology, are available with a bachelor's degree.)
- **Exercise and Movement Science** program graduates work in health and wellness promotion, exercise prescription and programming, and the health and fitness industry. Recent graduates have taken positions in fitness and corporate wellness, research labs, adaptive sports programs, and community organizations including the YMCA, Spaulding Rehabilitation, VT Adaptive Ski and Sports, The New York Rangers of the NHL, and the U.S. Paralympic Ski Program. Many students pursue advanced clinical degrees in physical and occupational therapy or medicine, or to become physician's assistants.
- **Medical Laboratory Science** alumni are actively recruited by hospitals, research laboratories, public health agencies, biotechnology companies, the pharmaceutical industry, and diagnostic instrumentation and computer firms. Recent graduates have taken jobs at Yale New Haven Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, John Hopkins Hospital, the Mayo Clinic, the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, Green Mountain Antibodies, and Hematologic Technologies. Many alumni enter into graduate programs in medicine,

biomedical sciences, pharmacy, and Public Health, and physician assistant programs. Alumni have gone to Cornell, John Hopkins University, George Washington University, the University of Pennsylvania, Franklin Pierce University, Northwestern University, and Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, among other institutions.

- **Radiation Therapy** alumni take jobs providing direct patient care in treatment centers, hospitals, and major medical facilities. Medical Dosimetry, sales, research and development, and hospital administration provide additional career options.
- **Nursing** alumni take jobs in all areas of nursing practice, including hospitals, physician's offices, home healthcare services, and nursing care facilities. Past graduates have taken jobs in the intensive care nursery and surgical inpatient and cardiothoracic surgery units of Fletcher Allen Medical Center in Vermont, Albany Medical Center, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Emory University Hospital, and the Visiting Nurse Association. The baccalaureate degree provides a foundation for further study in master's and doctoral programs.