SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Associate Dean: Dr. Joe Franta

The School of Nursing and Health Sciences provides a unique environment for learning. Whether your focus is health promotion and wellness or illness care and disease prevention, our programs can lead you to careers as a professional to positively impact health care.

Nursing

Graduate Coordinator: Dr. Susan Belport

Undergraduate Coordinator: Dr. Ruth DePalma

Faculty: Bajah, Belport, Coram, DePalma, Edwards, Heintzelman, Holthaus, Imes, Jackson-Howard, Murtagh, Nichols, Persons, Van Winkle, Whetzel

School of Nursing Mission

The mission of the School of Nursing is to prepare graduates for professional positions as safe, competent and caring nurses to meet the healthcare needs of diverse populations.

School of Nursing Goals

The School of Nursing will:

• Provide quality learning experiences for nursing students that prepare graduates for entry level baccalaureate nursing practice or advanced nursing practice in a culturally diverse community.
• Provide multiple degree entry paths based on previous education and academic entrance criteria that support student achievement at a professional level.
• Serve as a regional nursing education center for southern Colorado, by collaborating with local and regional health care agencies to provide nursing programs.
• Maintain educational excellence demonstrated by program status consistent with the Colorado Board of Nursing, national accrediting agency criteria and educational emphases on professional nursing standards.
• Provide a supportive and caring learning environment to address the learning needs for a diverse student population.
• Support role development responsive to the changing health care environment by redefining and maintaining competencies throughout one’s practice.

The School of Nursing awards three degrees with multiple emphases:

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) emphases:
• Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)
• Adult/Gerontology Acute Care/Family Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP/FNP)
• Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)
• MS (Nursing) to DNP Population Health

The Masters (MS) with a Major in Nursing Emphases:
• Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)
• Adult/Gerontology Acute Care/Family Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP/FNP)

*All graduate emphases can be completed with a Post MS Certificate

A Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN). The BSN can be completed through:
• The basic (traditional) program
• The accelerated program (those with a previous non-nursing baccalaureate degree
• The RN (ADN) to BSN or MS online program

National Accreditation

The CSU-Pueblo School of Nursing baccalaureate educational program is fully accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3343 Peachtree Rd NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326

State Board Approval

The CSU-Pueblo School of Nursing baccalaureate educational program is fully approved by the Colorado Board of Nursing.

Colorado Community College System or Compact State Dual Enrollment/ADN to BSN

BSN courses may be taken concurrently while enrolled in a Colorado compact state or a Colorado Community College System ADN program. In addition, pre-requisite courses may be taken while concurrently enrolled. Upon receiving RN licensure and completion of all BSN courses students are eligible for escrow credits through articulation.

Health Sciences

Health Sciences Director: Dr. Carol Foust

Faculty: R. Clark, Foust, Kies-Boklema, Pickerill

The mission of the Bachelor of Science in Health Science is to prepare students for jobs in public health, athletic training and other allied health careers as well as prepare students for admission to the undergraduate BSN degree, accelerated nursing program, Master in Athletic Training and graduate school at other institutions in a variety of health science related degree such as the Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Athletic Training, Master of Public Health, Master of Occupational Therapy, Doctorate of Physical Therapy. The program is also an excellent degree path for individuals who already have a two year allied health degree to bridge them to a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science. This degree will allow students to earn credentials to move seamlessly into careers with clinics, academic institutions, laboratories, government and community and private agencies and professional sports teams.

The HS department awards two degrees:

A Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science.

The BS in Health Science (HS) program currently includes four emphasis of study:
• General Health Science
• Pre-Athletic Training
• Pre-Nursing
• Public Health

A Master’s Degree in Athletic Training.
• 3+2 Athletic Training (MS)

Department Vision
The HS Department’s vision is to provide students with a broad-based theoretical foundation supported by laboratory and field experiences that allow individual observations, inferences, and hands-on mastery of skills related to the promotion of healthy lifestyles. This vision is accomplished by creating effective professional learning opportunities based on the following conceptual hierarchy of learning skills: Information Retrieval, Conceptual Understanding, Information Analysis, Critical Thinking, Development of Relevant Skill, and Practical Application of Ideas. In so doing we prepare student to become productive, accountable, ethical, and responsible professionals.

• Athletic Training 3+2 Plan, Joint Bachelor of Science/Master of Science (https://catalog.csupueblo.edu/college-of-education-engineering-and-professional-studies/nursing-health-sciences/athletic-training-3-2-plan-bs-ms)
• Athletic Training, Master of Science (https://catalog.csupueblo.edu/college-of-education-engineering-and-professional-studies/nursing-health-sciences/athletic-training-ms)
• Health Sciences, Bachelor of Science: General Health Science Emphasis (https://catalog.csupueblo.edu/college-of-education-engineering-and-professional-studies/nursing-health-sciences/health-science-bs-general-health-science-emphasis)
• Health Sciences, Bachelor of Science: Pre-Athletic Training Emphasis (https://catalog.csupueblo.edu/college-of-education-engineering-and-professional-studies/nursing-health-sciences/exercise-science-health-promotion-recreation-bs-athletic-training-emphasis)
• Health Sciences, Bachelor of Science: Public Health Emphasis (https://catalog.csupueblo.edu/college-of-education-engineering-and-professional-studies/nursing-health-sciences/health-science-bs-public-health-emphasis)
• Health Sciences, Pre-Nursing Emphasis (https://catalog.csupueblo.edu/college-of-education-engineering-and-professional-studies/nursing-health-sciences/health-science-pre-nursing-emphasis)
• Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (https://catalog.csupueblo.edu/college-of-education-engineering-and-professional-studies/nursing-health-sciences/nursing-bsn)
• Nursing, Joint Bachelor of Science in Nursing/Nursing, Master of Science: Nurse Educator Emphasis (https://catalog.csupueblo.edu/college-of-education-engineering-and-professional-studies/nursing-health-sciences/nursing-joint-bsn-nursing-ms-nurse-educator-emphasis)
• Nursing, Master of Science: Nurse Educator Emphasis (https://catalog.csupueblo.edu/college-of-education-engineering-and-professional-studies/nursing-health-sciences/nursing-ms-nurse-educator-emphasis)