



WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

# Health Sciences

Department of Health Sciences, College of Education & Human Services

## Program of Study

The Health Sciences major allows students to study Community Health Education or Environmental and Occupational Safety. Minors include Community Health, Emergency Management, Health Services Management, and Occupational Safety.

Our Emergency Medical Technician's Training courses are designed to improve proper emergency care to victims of trauma or sudden illness. Those in the medical field are encouraged and often required to obtain such training. Satisfactory completion results in eligibility to take the EMT state certification examination.

At Western, there are two study areas in Health Sciences: (1) Community Health Education and (2) Environmental and Occupational Safety. Each is designed to prepare you for entry-level positions. Students in both study areas take courses in human diseases, community and public health, epidemiology, environmental science, and microbiology. Majors complete their training in Health Sciences with a professional internship during their final academic term.

## Faculty

Department of Health Sciences courses are taught by faculty holding doctoral degrees from distinguished universities across the United States such as Southern Illinois University, Oklahoma State University, University of Toledo, Oregon State University, Indiana University, University of Arkansas, and University of New Mexico. All are dedicated educators, skilled in fostering active student participation. They are also active scholars and have to their credit books, chapters in books, articles, and scholarly presentations at professional conferences.

## Scholarships

The department offers four scholarships for majors. All are named after distinguished former faculty members in the department: the Willis and Rosemary Zorn Scholarship for demonstration of commitment to self-education; the W. I. Taylor Memorial Scholarship for achievement in professional development; the V. F. Lowell Award for undergraduate professionalism in health sciences; and the John H. and Mary M. Leach Scholarship, which is awarded in even years to an incoming freshman. Detailed information on scholarships is available from the department advising office, (309) 298-1438; the University's Scholarship office, (309) 298-2001; or on the Web at [wiu.edu/scholarship](http://wiu.edu/scholarship).

## Honors in Community Health

To be eligible for the Centennial Honors College, entering freshmen must have an ACT composite score of at least 28 OR have a 26 or 27 composite ACT and be in the top 15% of their graduating class OR have an ACT composite score of at least 24 and be in the top 10% of their high school graduating class. Transfer students with at least 12 semester hours and up to 59 semester hours of undergraduate courses are admitted with a grade point average of at least 3.3 OR 3.4 for 60 semester hours or more. To find out more, visit [wiu.edu/honors](http://wiu.edu/honors).

General honors seminars in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences provide students with the opportunity to explore key academic issues with distinguished faculty members. In the Health Sciences major, honors students take courses for honors credit and, as seniors, prepare an honors thesis under the direction of a department faculty member.

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### Student Activities

Eta Sigma Gamma is the National Professional Health Education Honorary. Pi Chapter has been honored four times by the Eta Sigma Gamma national office as the outstanding national chapter. Five Pi Chapter students received national Gamman of the Year honors. There are also a wide variety of student activities and organizations available to all Western students. Learn more at <http://osa.wiu.edu>.

### Special Opportunities

Our classrooms and offices are housed in Stipes Hall. The department's academic rooms include three electronic classrooms, one seminar room, and a specially supplied trauma education area. Department equipment includes health and environmental monitoring, and an array of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), first aid, and safety learning devices.

### After College

Our Health Sciences Community Health Education graduates are prepared in the disciplines of community and public health education and are extremely marketable.

They have been successful in gaining employment in positions focused on planning, implementation, and evaluation of health-promoting and health-enhancing programs for individuals, groups, and communities. They work in business and industry; healthcare facilities; community organizations; and local, state, and federal governmental agencies.

Our Health Sciences Environmental and Occupational Safety graduates are prepared to address a variety of issues related to health and the environment, including water quality, food safety, air quality and pollution control, solid and toxic waste disposal, and public policy. They have been successful in gaining employment in local, state, and federal environmental agencies; business and industry; and environmental consulting agencies.

### For More Information

The department welcomes visitors. Call the Department of Health Sciences chair at (309) 298-1076 or e-mail the adviser at [SE-Dorsett@wiu.edu](mailto:SE-Dorsett@wiu.edu). You can also learn more about the department by visiting [wiu.edu/health](http://wiu.edu/health).

### Higher Values in Higher Education

Located in Macomb (population 20,000), with a campus in the Quad Cities (Moline, IL), Western Illinois University offers a caring and supportive learning environment to more than 13,000 students in west-central Illinois. Western students have all the advantages of a large public university—strong faculty, state-of-the-art technology and facilities, and a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities—in an atmosphere free from distractions. Western Illinois University is a member of the NCAA and competes at the Division I level, sponsoring 20 intercollegiate sports in a broad-based athletics department. Western's presence in the Quad Cities spans more than 40 years, and that campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 1,500 students. The core values that are at the heart of the University are academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth, and social responsibility.

Western's GradTrac and Cost programs guarantee that students can achieve their degrees within four years while paying a fixed rate for tuition, fees, room, and board.

Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity employer with a strong commitment to diversity. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of people, including, but not limited to, minorities, women, and individuals with disabilities. WIU has a non-discrimination policy that includes sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, or veteran status.



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