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About the School of Health and Applied Human Sciences (SHAHS)
• The SHAHS mission is to promote the health and well-being of all persons through exemplary preparation of future professionals, scholarly activity and community engagement.
• All programs share a vision of championing healthy lives for everyone. Active learning is the core of the student learning experience and graduates work in multiple settings, including hospitals, clinics, schools, nursing homes, resorts, and other organizations within the community and around the world.
• The SHAHS coordinates PED 101 (Physical Activity and Wellness), which introduces students to fundamental concepts and practical experiences associated with the dimensions of wellness and provides the students with the skills necessary to implement positive behavior change for lifetime wellness.
• The SHAHS features a Human Performance Laboratory and Sports Medicine Clinic that promote applied learning, as well as student and faculty scholarships.

Degrees Offered and Academic Program Coordinators
• Bachelor of Arts in Athletic Training, Dr. Steven Zinder, zinders@uncw.edu
• Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, Dr. Lisa Sprod, sprodli@uncw.edu
• Bachelor of Arts in Healthful Living and Fitness Education, Dr. Sue Combs, combsc@uncw.edu
• Bachelor of Science in Public Health, Dr. Hannah Catalano, catalanoh@uncw.edu
• Bachelor of Arts in Recreation, Sport Leadership and Tourism Management, Dr. Alexia Franzidis, franzidis@uncw.edu
• Bachelor of Arts in Recreation Therapy, Dr. Candy Ashton-Forrester, Ashtonc@uncw.edu
• Master of Science in Applied Gerontology/Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Gerontology, Dr. Anne Glass, glassa@uncw.edu
• Masters of Arts in Teaching, Physical Education and Health Specialization, offered in conjunction with the Watson School of Education
• Master of Education, Physical Education and Health Specialization, offered in conjunction with the Watson School of Education
• Physical Activity and Wellness (PED 101), Ms. Lindsey Nanney, nanneyl@uncw.edu
• Combined Programs:
  o Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science/Master of Science in Gerontology, Dr. Anne Glass, glassa@uncw.edu
  o Bachelor of Science in Public Health/Master of Science in Gerontology, Dr. Anne Glass, glassa@uncw.edu
  o Bachelor of Science in Recreation Therapy/Master of Science in Gerontology, Dr. Anne Glass, glassa@uncw.edu

Faculty
• Student learning is supported by 40 full-time faculty and 44 part-time faculty, many of whom work in the Wilmington area and bring significant clinical/professional expertise.
• Faculty serve in leadership roles within professional associations and have received numerous professional awards and honors.

Student/Alumni and Education Information
• Total Enrollment = 1,153 Students; ATR 24; EXS 331; HLFE (formerly PED) 81 (undergraduate and graduate); PBH 299; REC 142; RTH 161; GRN 15.
• Multiple degree programs in the SHAHS have achieved national accreditation including Athletic Training, Physical Education and Health, and Public Health. The Public Health program is among the first cohort of Standalone Baccalaureate Programs to be accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.
• The SHAHS maintains extensive alumni networks in the Cape Fear Region and beyond. Our alumni generously support our students and School by serving on boards, supervising internships and practicum experiences, and mentoring students.
• The SHAHS has several scholarships that support student learning.
• Several degree programs in the SHAHS feature advisor boards comprised of community partners and alumni; programs include Recreation, Sport Leadership and Tourism Management, Gerontology, and Recreation Therapy.

Interprofessional Collaboration
• SHAHS faculty and students collaborate with scholars from across the university to produce research in a wide array of academic disciplines.
• SHAHS faculty and students work collaboratively with community partners to address significant public-health issues in our region and beyond.
• All degree programs in SHAHS require extensive learning from other academic disciplines to provide students exemplary applied learning and true liberal arts experiences.

Community Engagement and Impact
• Active learning is a foundational component to each degree program. Most classes integrate classroom learning with practical experience, often in the form of service learning, and every major has a required intense internship or practicum.
• The SHAHS Community Engagement Values include:
  o Communicating our commitment to community engagement through leadership and collaboration
  o Reciprocal mentorship of students, faculty and, community members and leaders
  o Making a global impact through a regional focus
  o Developing, preserving, and expanding sustainable partnerships with community members and organizations
  o Understanding the relevance and importance of engagement in our community, whether we engage by leading or serving others
• The SHAHS sponsors or co-sponsors many community events in which our students gain first-hand experience. Examples include: Police Athletic League Cross-City Championships, Special Olympics, the paws4people family graduation/reunion, Senior Games, and Pine Valley Science Day.
• The SHAHS is a leading partner with several important community partners, including the Miracle Field, the Police Activities League, the Blue-Ribbon Commission for Youth Violence Prevention, I Can Do It You Can Do It, and the paws4people service dog training program.

Implementation Science
• The SHAHS has developed a rich tradition of student and faculty collaborative research. Under the supervision of highly qualified faculty, students complete a wide array of research projects, many of which are often published and/or presented at prestigious national conferences.
• Student and faculty scholarships are supported by sophisticated technology such as dual x-ray absorptiometry (DXA), Bod Pod, Anatomage tables and metabolic carts, among others.
• Faculty have been awarded internal and external funding to support their scholarly activities.
• Faculty have published their research in top journals within the field, including the Journal of School Health, the International Journal of Exercise Science, the Journal of Clinical Oncology, Integrative Cancer Therapies, the American Journal of Health Education, the Journal of Travel and Tourism Marketing, Health Promotion and Practice, and The Physical Educator.

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