FAQ’s

Academic Program

• What can I study at the CNU College of Health Sciences (CNU CHS)?

CNU CHS is on a mission to develop the highest quality health care leaders and professionals using a combination of elements of high-impact learning (outlined in "What is unique about your program?") and rigorous academic preparation.

Our program offers a bachelor of science (BS) in health sciences. Students choose from one of three unique concentrations:

**Human Biology:** Provides a solid education in biomedical science while meeting the course requirements of most professional health schools like medicine, pharmacy, dental, optometry, physical therapy and veterinary medicine.

**Biopsychology:** Appropriate for students who desire preparation for professional health schools and who are also interested in the science of human behavior, mental health and mental illness.

**Health Science Administration:** Offered for students who wish to work in the administrative side of healthcare delivery. The curriculum includes introductory science in the first year, which is essential for understanding the basics of human biology, followed by courses relevant to business and management.

• What is unique about your program?

We believe that well-rounded students make well-rounded professionals, so CNU CHS is designed to provide students with a foundation of leadership, research, and community service.

All year 1 students will participate in a college success seminar which provides information about student services, as well as information about life topics such as personal finance, career planning, and staying healthy in college.

We also incorporate elements of high-impact learning which will set our graduates apart in the workplace and in applications for graduate and professional degree programs. In year 2, students are required to participate in a service-learning project with a CNU CHS community partner. In Year 3, students begin a scholarly research project which is completed in Year 4. Students will also participate in a leadership academy in Year 4.

Other features of the program include:

- Guaranteed course enrollment
- Faculty mentoring
- Ample leadership opportunities
- Small classes in a focused and collaborative academic environment
You can find more information about high-impact educational practices at
http://www.aacu.org/leap/hips.

- How long will it take me to complete my program at CHS?
  Each program is expected to take four years for degree completion, with the exception of students who are admitted to the accelerated professional degree programs.

- Is this a good choice for my future career goals?
  All concentrations at CNU CHS provide core classes, which are excellent preparation for professional degree programs, including medicine, dentistry, optometry, physical therapy, and several other graduate-level programs. The health sciences administration concentration may be a good option for students interested in law school or MBA programs. CNU CHS also has comprehensive career services for all enrolled students.

- Is your program accredited?
  Yes, all of California Northstate University’s programs are regionally accredited by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC).

- What is the cost of your program?
  Tuition for the 2015/2016 academic year is $29,650.

Admissions

- What are your application cycle dates and deadlines?
  Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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- How does CNU CHS make admissions decisions?
  The goal of the admission decision process is to identify and select applicants that have an excellent chance of success, are most likely to thrive at our campus, and will enhance the university’s academic and cultural community. The Admission Committee employs a holistic review, relying on both quantitative and qualitative indicators, to admit the most qualified applicants. All applicants are required to submit transcripts, standardized test scores, and a personal statement as part of their application to CNU CHS.

- Do you prefer the SAT or ACT?
  CNU CHS will accept both SAT and ACT scores. Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide all SAT and ACT scores because the admissions committee will use the best scores from all tests to determine admissions and class placement.

  Please note the codes for CNU CHS are: SAT - 7669 and ACT -7032.
• **Does CNU CHS accept transfer students?**
   Students who are interested in transferring and completing their bachelor degree at CNU are encouraged to contact admissions.chs@cnsu.edu to schedule a meeting with the Director of Admissions.

• **Does CNU CHS accept out-of-state students?**
   Yes, out-of-state students are eligible to apply to CNU CHS and out-of-state students will be charged the same tuition rate as California residents.

• **Does CNU CHS accept international students?**
   CNU is currently finalizing requirements for the university to be able to accept international students. If you are an international student and would like updates from CHS, please e-mail admissions.chs@cnsu.edu with the subject, “Listserv”.

• **If I am admitted to College of Health Sciences, does that guarantee me admissions to the CNU College of Pharmacy (COP) or CNU College of Medicine (COM)?**
   While CNU CHS students will not be guaranteed acceptance into the CNU College of Pharmacy or College of Medicine, we do have programs that will select top performing students for an accelerated track into CNU COP or COM.

   For more information about CNU College of Pharmacy, visit [http://pharmacy.cnsu.edu/prospective-students/admissions](http://pharmacy.cnsu.edu/prospective-students/admissions)

   For more information at CNU College of Medicine, visit [http://medicine.cnsu.edu/](http://medicine.cnsu.edu/)  
   [http://medicine.cnsu.edu/shareddocs/COM_AdmissionsBrochure.pdf](http://medicine.cnsu.edu/shareddocs/COM_AdmissionsBrochure.pdf)

• **Who do I contact with additional questions about admissions?**
   For immediate assistance, please contact admissions.chs@cnsu.edu or 916-686-7674.

**Outreach**

• **When can I tour the campus?**
   You can set up a private tour of our campus by contacting admissions.chs@cnsu.edu or 916-686-7674. CNU also offers Open House events throughout the year, which offer students and their families an opportunity to participate in sample courses and hands-on lab activities. If you’d like to receive updates about upcoming events at California Northstate University, e-mail admissions.chs@cnsu.edu with the title “CHS Listserv.”

• **Where does CHS recruit?**
   Currently CHS recruiters work solely in California. We typically attend college fairs sponsored by school districts, individual high schools, and community-based organizations. We also provide classroom presentations at high schools and community colleges.
Check our Recruitment Events Calendar to see if CHS will be at an event near you!

- **How do I request that a CHS recruiter attend an event at my event and/or campus?**
  For inquiries about recruitment events, please e-mail Sandra Ramirez, Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator, at sandra.ramirez@cnsu.edu, or call 916-686-7674.

- **What is the CHS Summer Science Camp?**
  High school students can attend half-day and full-day Summer Science Camp at our facilities. All of our programs are run by CHS staff and faculty and will provide hands-on lab experience in biotechnology. Our full-day program also provides an SAT workshop, CPR certification, a college essay workshop, career exploration workshops, and opportunities to meet individually with faculty and admissions staff. Our 2015 applications for Summer Science Camp are currently open. Please contact Janie Carlson at janie.carlson@cnsu.edu for details. Applications and dates for our 2016 program will be posted here by March 2016.

**Other topics**

- **I am an educator looking for STEM resources for my classroom. Who do I contact?**
  The Biology Education to Careers (BETC) Program at CNU CHS provides regional high school science teachers with training and classroom resources they can use to show students the connections between class work and opportunities in the modern life sciences/biology related workplace. BETC offers teachers who have attended our free workshop access to our Equipment Loan Program (ELP), also at no cost. There are three kits available through the ELP: Biotechnology, PCR, and Transformation. Each loan kit comes with curriculum, equipment and supplies to run the scenario-based, hands-on classroom laboratory activities. BETC also employs student interns who are willing to assist in these classroom activities upon availability.

- The BETC staff participates in events throughout the region and provides opportunities for students to learn about biotech through different hands-on activities for students of all ages.

- **For more information about BETC, please contact Heather Brown, Director or Tara Schrader, Assistant at bio2careers@gmail.com**

- **I would like to host CNU CHS students as interns/volunteers at my organization. Who do I contact?**
  If you would like to become a partner of the CNU CHS Service-Learning project, please e-mail Moira Delgado, Director of Student Life and Community Service Learning, at (916) 686-7651 or moira.delgado@cnsu.edu.