

INITIATIVE BRIEF

COLLEGE FOR HEALTH, COMMUNITY & POLICY



*Advancing human health from a
transdisciplinary perspective*

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OVERVIEW

UTSA is launching an innovative new college dedicated to advancing human health. The College for Health, Community & Policy will center on an overarching concept of health, inclusive of its broader elements of wellness and well-being. The college will transform the way we prepare students for the modern setting of human health related careers, in which physician scientists, nurses, therapists, technicians, social workers, social service and public service workers and policymakers work together to deliver comprehensive solutions that advance local Texas communities.

THE IMPACT

Healthcare-related jobs in San Antonio are rapidly on the rise — more than 8,750 jobs were added in the last five years, and growth in various health-related programs at UTSA indicate a strong interest among our students to pursue these careers. The College for Health, Community & Policy capitalizes on UTSA's deep and broad expertise in health science and health policy to better facilitate student preparation and address health disparities. With the rich network of community partners, including UT Health San Antonio, this initiative will not only serve UTSA students, but also the San Antonio community and beyond.

GOALS

- » Better prepare students for human health-related careers
- » Increase the visibility of UTSA's health-related academic programs
- » Leverage health-related partnerships, both internally at the university and externally in the community
- » Increase UTSA's competitiveness for health-related research funding

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

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ACADEMICS & RESEARCH

The College for Health, Community & Policy employs more than 175 faculty engaged in teaching and research across eight academic disciplines:

- » Criminology and Criminal Justice
- » Demography
- » Kinesiology
- » Nutrition and Dietetics
- » Psychology
- » Public Administration
- » Public Health
- » Social Work
- » Sociology

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

The College for Health, Community & Policy brings together established academic programs at UTSA to attract new students interested in health careers, to improve navigability for existing students, and to create opportunities for cross-cutting collaboration in research and program development. The college will serve more than 6,800 UTSA students currently enrolled in the following undergraduate and graduate programs:

Undergraduate Degrees

- B.A. in Criminal Justice
- B.S. in Health
 - » Community Health and Preventative Services
- B.S. in Kinesiology
 - » Exercise Physiology
 - » Athletic Training
 - » Kinesiology and Health Science
 - » Physical Education
- B.A. in Public Administration and Policy
- B.S. in Public Health
 - » Health Promotion and Behavioral Science
 - » Epidemiology and Disease Control
- B.A. in Psychology
- B.A. in Sociology

- Joint B.S. in Nutrition and M.D.S. in Dietetics Studies

Graduate Degrees

- M.A. in Criminal Justice/Criminology
- M.A. in Public Administration
- M.S. in Applied Demography
- M.S. in Health and Kinesiology
- M.S. in Psychology
- M.S. in Sociology
- M.S.W. Social Work
- Ph.D. in Applied Demography
- Ph.D. in Psychology

Certificates

Undergraduate Certificates

- Athletic Coaching
- Community Health

Graduate Certificates

- Applied Health Research
- Community Nutrition