School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

Accreditations:
- Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- California Commission on Teacher Credentialing
- The California Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board

The school’s educational programs are dedicated to the basic and advanced preparation of students to serve individuals across the lifespan and from diverse backgrounds who have speech, language, and/or hearing difficulties or to conduct research in language and communicative disorders, for spoken or sign languages, across the lifespan in monolingual or bilingual speakers.

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences serves as the basic education for graduate study. The school offers two doctoral degrees jointly with the University of California, San Diego: the Doctor of Philosophy in Language and Communicative Disorders (PhD), and the professional Doctorate of Audiology (AuD). The master’s degree is the professional entry-level degree for speech-language pathology. A Bilingual Speech-Language Pathology Certificate also may be obtained as part of the MA program. The AuD degree is the professional entry-level degree for audiology. Acquisition of advanced certification training can lead to state licensure and certification by the appropriate bodies.

Undergraduate International Experience

The College of Health and Human Services International Programs Coordinator, Roxanne Riedel, MA, can provide information on how to fulfill the requirement, contact the College of Health and Human Services International Programs Coordinator.

Student Organizations

The College of Health and Human Services is home to nearly 30 student organizations which represent each of the college’s five disciplines. Research indicates that students involved in SDSU organizations experience higher levels of academic success and are more satisfied with their college experience. For a list of the clubs in each discipline, contact your school advisor.

Research

The College of Health and Human Services is among the largest recipients of extramural grant and contract funds at SDSU and in the CSU. Faculty research is a primary avenue for the college to achieve its goals, and to serve the health and human services professions. Faculty research also provides many teaching opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.
The College of Health and Human Services offers students a balanced education of academic study, field placement, clinical experiences, and research opportunities.

**Degree Programs**

**Exercise and Nutritional Sciences:** BS, MA, MS, DPT

**Nursing:** BS, MS, PhD

Public Health: BS, MPH, PhD

Public Health/Latin American Studies: MPH/MA

Social Work/Health: BA, MS, JD, PhD

Gerontology: BA, MS

School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences: BS, MA, MS, DPT

**Accreditations:**

- Commission on Accreditation for Athletic Training Education Commission on Accreditation for Distance Education

- The School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences (ENS) offers three undergraduate degrees: Athletic Training, Foods and Nutrition, and Kinesiology. Graduates from the Athletic Training major are prepared to take the Board of Certification (BOC) exam that leads to certification. Graduates from the Kinesiology program work as fitness experts and managers in adult and corporate fitness programs of business, industry, public agencies, schools, and medical settings. Graduates in the Kinesiology major can choose one of three specializations: Fitness Specialist, Kinesiology Generalist, and Prephysical Therapy.

- The Prephysical Therapy emphasis prepares students to meet academic requirements necessary for entry to a doctorate in physical therapy (DPT) program. Graduates of this program will meet the prerequisite course requirements for entry into the SDSU DPT program.

- The Foods and Nutrition degree offers comprehensive multidisciplinary study in food, nutrition, and health and the nutritional requirements for health in people. Graduates are qualified for careers in food service management, food science technology, marketing of foods, and nutritional products. They can work in a variety of settings including hospitals, clinics, institutions, food companies, governmental agencies, and research laboratories. Students can also elect to complete the Didactics Program in Dietetics (DPD) and then apply for a dietetic internship that would lead to becoming a Registered Dietitian (RD). ENS offers graduate degrees in Exercise Physiology, Kinesiology, and Nutritional Science. The Kinesiology degree is a generalist program that allows students to combine courses that best fit their interests. The Exercise Physiology program has an option for the Rehabilitation Science specialization that is intended to prepare students for study in a doctoral program. Coursework in the specialization focuses on biomechanics, kinesiology, and clinical interventions. The Exercise Physiology and the Nutrition Science programs bridge clinical and applied science so that graduates are prepared to work in the health/fitness industry or to pursue a doctoral degree. ENS offers a concurrent graduate opportunity leading to a Master of Science (MS) in Nutritional Sciences and an MS in Exercise Physiology. Students in this program take coursework in both programs that provides a broader preparation. ENS houses the SDSU Doctor of Physical Therapy program which trains clinicians for community practice.

**School of Nursing**

**Accreditations:** California Board of Registered Nursing Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education American College of Nurse-Midwives American Association of Colleges of Nursing

- The School of Nursing at SDSU promotes active learning in an environment that is supportive of students. The state-of-the-art Sharp Healthcare Simulation Center and related labs provide students with opportunities to apply knowledge during the learning process. Our many clinical and community partner agencies offer a variety of sites and populations with which to learn 21st century nursing skills. Nursing at the baccalaureate level focuses on the whole person, addressing not only physiological issues of health or disease but also the behavioral, bio-physical, environmental, and community issues affecting the health of the individuals, families and populations. Nurses bring expertise and insight to health promotion and the prevention of acute and chronic illness, symptom management, self-management of chronic conditions, clinical issues affecting a person’s quality of life, and end of life care. A baccalaureate degree prepares graduates for RN licensure, to work as a nurse generalist in a variety of healthcare settings, and to pursue advanced degrees. Individuals with an RN license can pursue a baccalaureate degree in nursing to move from AD preparation and to prepare for master’s degree programs. A master’s degree prepares the graduate in a specialty area and for doctoral study.

The College offers a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in nursing with eligibility for licensing as a Registered Nurse in California and collaboration with the Radiation Health Nurse. This degree is also available to RNs seeking a BS degree in nursing. A Master of Science degree is also offered in three specialty concentrations of study: Advanced Practice Nursing (NP) for Adult-Geriatric Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialists in acute or critical care. Students in the Nurse-Midwifery and/or Women’s Healthcare Nurse Practitioner concentration can choose one or both areas of concentration. Students in the Nursing Leadership concentration are prepared for mid-level management roles.

**School of Social Work**

**Accreditations:** Council on Social Work Education California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, Pupil Personnel Services Credential in School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance

- The School of Social Work offers degree programs at the bachelor and master’s level. The School of Social Work offers bachelor’s degrees in gerontology and social work, the latter with an option of a Communications Correlation Case Management specialization. The Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work prepares students for immediate employment in those social work positions that do not require a graduate degree level, and provides the foundation for graduate study. It encompasses coursework in social work practice, human behavior, cultural pluralism, social policy, program evaluation, and social work research, and an internship in the field. The minor in social gerontology is offered to students with majors in the social or behavioral sciences who wish to broaden their competencies in aging-related issues.

- The school’s graduate program offers a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree with the option of a concurrent degree in either Law (JD) or Public Health (MPH). For qualified graduates of undergraduate social work programs, an Advanced Standing program is offered leading to an MSW. Students must have the option of obtaining a Pupil Personnel Services Credential in School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance. The PPS Credential is also available for post-MSW students.

- The MSW curriculum includes 15