Vision
The UIC College of Applied Health Sciences will be recognized as a national and international leader in health sciences through our excellence in preparing highly qualified professionals, leading scholars and community leaders.

Our scholarly, academic efforts and community engagement will transform society through improved health, inclusion and participation without discrimination in a complex interdisciplinary and multicultural world.

Mission
The UIC College of Applied Health Sciences is a socially conscious, research-intensive academic community whose mission is to broaden understanding of applied health sciences and disability.

UI Health
A part of UIC, UI Health is a clinical enterprise that consists of a 465-bed tertiary care hospital, 21 outpatient clinics, 11 federally qualified Mile Square Health Center locations and seven UIC health science colleges, including the UIC College of Applied Health Sciences.

We’re proud to contribute to the clinical, research and academic activities that train health care leaders and foster healthy communities in Illinois and beyond.
Academics

Degrees offered

Bachelor’s
- Disability and Human Development
- Health Information Management (online and on campus)
- Kinesiology
- Nutrition
- Rehabilitation Sciences

Minor
- Disability and Human Development
- Food Science
- Kinesiology
- Life Science Visualization
- Nutrition

Master’s
- Biomedical Visualization
- Disability and Human Development
- Health Informatics (online)
- Health Information Management (online)
- Healthspan Promotion and Rehabilitation
- Kinesiology
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy

Professional
- Post-professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy
- Doctor of Physical Therapy

Doctorate
- Biomedical and Health Informatics
- Clinical Exercise Physiology
- Disability Studies
- Kinesiology and Nutrition
- Rehabilitation Sciences

Certificate
- Assistive Technology (online and on campus)
- Clinical Rehabilitation and Technology Research
- Disability Ethics (online and on campus)
- Disability Legal Studies (online and on campus)
- Healthy Living Practitioner (online and on campus)
- Health Data Science Informatics (online)
- Health Informatics (online)
- Health Informatics Fundamentals (online)
- Leadership in Health Informatics (online)
- Mobile Health Informatics (online)
- Technology-Based Health Communication and Promotion (online)

Faculty

117
Full-time equivalent (FTE)

23
Tenure/tenure-track male FTE

54
Tenure/tenure-track female FTE

14
Non-tenure/tenure-track male FTE

26
Non-tenure/tenure-track female FTE
## Students

2,121 total enrolled students

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### Abbreviations:
- BS: Bachelor of Science
- CERT: Certificate
- DPT: Doctor of Physical Therapy
- MS: Master of Science
- NDEG: Non-degree
- OTD: Doctor of Occupational Therapy
- PhD: Doctor of Philosophy

2,121 total enrolled students

### Enrollment Statistics:
- 1198 Undergraduate students
- 730 Graduate students
- 193 Professional students
Degrees awarded

323 Undergraduate
210 Graduate

57 Professional doctoral
23 Research doctoral

Enrolled students by race and ethnicity

- **37%** White, Non-Hispanic
- **26%** Hispanic or Latino
- **21%** Asian or Pacific Islander
- **8%** Black, Non-Hispanic
- **4%** International
- **4%** Multi-race
- **2%** Other/unknown

Academic Support & Achievement Program

Helping AHS undergraduate students achieve academic and personal success.

ASAP provides academic, social and career support to students via a holistic approach.

ASAP offers books and models related to AHS classes, resources for national certification exams, grad school prep tools and professional development resources.

Fall 2020 and Spring 2021

- 58 skill-building workshops
- 724 tutoring contacts
The mission of the Department of Biomedical and Health Information Sciences is to advance the quality and efficiency of healthcare through improved generation, management and communication of biomedical and other healthcare data.

The goals of the department are leadership, innovation, initiative and quality, with a strong focus on the unique arena of health and imaging informatics at the University of Illinois at Chicago.
Academic programs

Minor, Life Science Visualization
BS, Health Information Management (online and on-campus)
MS, Biomedical Visualization
MS, Health Informatics (online)
MS, Health Information Management (online)
PhD, Biomedical and Health Informatics
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Health Data Science Informatics (online)
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Health Informatics Fundamentals (online)
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Leadership in Health Informatics (online)
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Mobile Health Informatics (online)
Post-Master’s Certificate, Health Informatics (online)

First

U.S. News and World Report ranks our online BS in health information management No.3 among all online bachelor’s degree programs

Our online MS in health informatics is the first online graduate program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education

#3

Healthcare Administration Degree Programs ranks our online MS in health informatics No. 3 among all health informatics degree programs

Our PhD in biomedical and health informatics is the first degree program of its kind in Illinois

Our No. 2 ranked MS in biomedical visualization program celebrated 100 years.
bvis100.ahs.uic.edu
The Department of Disability and Human Development is dedicated to the interdisciplinary study of disability with the goal of removing barriers to the advancement of disabled persons.

We offer intensive graduate-level academic programs that prepare individuals for positions in research, teaching and public service in disability fields.

The Department of Disability and Human Development conducts scholarship and community-based service across the spectrum of disability, including advocacy, culture, education, health promotion, history, policy and technology.
Leader

National leader in research and training on disabilities, with three large federally funded centers:

- Great Lakes ADA Center
- Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities
- University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

Our PhD in disability studies was the first interdisciplinary studies doctoral program of its kind in the U.S.

$14,630,757

in active grants and contracts with DHD researchers as principal investigator or co-principal investigator

Illinois’ only University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Education, Research and Service

Assistive Technology Certificate is one of three programs in the U.S. accredited by The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

Academic programs

Minor, Disability and Human Development
BS, Disability and Human Development
MS, Disability and Human Development
PhD, Disability Studies
Certificate, Assistive Technology
Certificate, Disability Ethics
Certificate, Disability Legal Studies

Home to Bodies of Work, a consortium that includes our Program in Disability Art, Culture and Humanities; UIC Disability Cultural Center, School of the Art Institute Chicago; and Access Living

$14,630,757

in active grants and contracts with DHD researchers as principal investigator or co-principal investigator
The mission of the Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition is to:

- generate and advance knowledge in kinesiology and nutrition through research
- afford translation of knowledge by providing scholarship-based community service
- offer academic programs of the highest quality that educate students to serve as innovative practitioners
- prepare students to be lifelong learners and to serve as scholars and leaders
Academic programs

Minor, Food Science  
Minor, Kinesiology  
Minor, Nutrition  
BS, Kinesiology  
BS, Nutrition  
MS, Kinesiology  
MS, Nutrition  
PhD, Kinesiology and Nutrition

UIC and North Park University

We established a pathway to directly admit students and alumni to the North Park University master’s program in athletic training.

98% of our coordinated program graduates pass the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Registered Dietitian Exam within one year of graduation.

The National Academy of Kinesiology ranks our PhD in kinesiology and nutrition No. 31 in the U.S.

Our award-winning Nutrition Teaching Garden provides students with hands-on experiential learning opportunities.

Photo by: Joshua Clark
The mission of the Department of Occupational Therapy is to achieve excellence and lead the field in education, scholarship and practice.

We conduct this mission with the conviction that education, research and practice are equally valuable, interdependent and mutually enhancing.

We carry out this mission in the context of an urban research university that embraces diversity and partnership with its community, in diverse settings.
Academic programs

MS, Occupational Therapy
Post-professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy

Home to the OT Faculty Practice, providing occupation-focused, evidence-based and client-centered occupational therapy services

Our Scholarship of Practice model is nationally and internationally recognized for its contributions to community-engaged scholarship

Home to the internationally acclaimed Model of Human Occupation Clearinghouse

$4,485,613
in active grants and contracts with OT researchers as principal investigator or co-principal investigator

U.S. News and World Report ranks our MS in occupational therapy program No. 1 in the U.S. among public universities (tied)
The mission of the Department of Physical Therapy is to:

• educate practitioners and scholars in the practice and science of PT and other health-related areas to meet current and future societal needs

• advance and apply research and scholarship in rehabilitation sciences and other related fields

• promote excellence in care and health outcomes, and to improve quality of life in the populations we serve

• provide services that benefit individuals, communities, the profession of PT and the broader healthcare arena

• strategically partner with UI Health, UIC schools and departments, other clinical and academic institutions, and national and international collaborators.
Academic programs
MS, Healthspan Promotion and Rehabilitation
Doctor of Clinical Exercise Physiology
Doctor of Physical Therapy
Certificate, Clinical Rehabilitation and Technology Research
Certificate, Healthy Living Practitioner
Certificate, Technology-Based Health Communication and Promotion

Post-professional residency
Orthopedic Physical Therapy
Sports Physical Therapy

99%
For the past eight consecutive years, on average, 99% of our DPT graduates pass the national licensing exam

#17
U.S. News and World Report ranks our DPT program No. 34 in the nation and No. 17 among public universities

1,250
More than 1,250 historical publications with over 4,000 citations

Home to Illinois’ first and only ABPTRFE-accredited sports physical therapy residency program

Seven research laboratories:
motor balance; brain plasticity; cardiovascular function; movement sciences; health technology; PT practice; and bone and body imaging
Clinical and community services

AHS engages with the community through partnerships and direct service.

We’re committed to bringing quality care and support throughout the Chicago area. Engagement activities include health promotion in a diverse cultural environment, wellness and healthy living, and advocacy for people with disabilities.

Visit ahs.uic.edu/community-services to learn more.

**PT Faculty Practice**

Committed to providing a truly exceptional experience for all patients, services include physical therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, cardiopulmonary exercise stress testing and bariatric services. Patients range in age from adolescents to seniors.

*7,000 visits, averaging 100 new patients per month*

**Assistive Technology Unit**

The ATU helps individuals with disabilities achieve maximized independence. Services include adaptive equipment, augmentative communication, computer access, electronic aids for daily living, environmental modification, seating and positioning, and wheeled mobility. Over 95% of all services take place in community-based settings.

*2633 services were provided to 1187 unique individuals*

**Healthy Living Clinic**

Uses evidence-based approaches to promote healthy living behaviors among adults. Services include wellness assessments, individualized prescriptions to increase healthy living habits and counseling sessions.

*Provided services and counseling sessions to 130 unique individuals.*

**Developmental Disabilities Family Clinic**

The family clinic staff takes a holistic, multidisciplinary approach in providing services that maximize potential with a focus on quality of life for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages and their families.

*Provided diagnostic and support services to 1801 unique individuals*

**OT Faculty Practice**

Offers occupation-focused, evidence-based and client-centered occupational therapy services to children, youth, adults and families.

*125 visits were provided to 15 unique children & families*
Community Partners

We are grateful for the support from AHS alumni, friends, faculty and staff to sustain our excellence in education, research, service and advocacy.

Urban Initiatives

Urban Initiatives and AHS have worked collaboratively to ensure broad access to physical activity among students in Chicago since 2017. During the pandemic, their engagement, collaboration and support enabled important AHS research programs to continue despite limitations imposed by the pandemic. Additionally, their partnership facilitated essential training of students and provided invaluable interventions to underserved families in Chicago.

It Takes a Village

In an effort to better understand the factors associated with disparities in COVID-19 morbidity and mortality, specifically in childcare centers, as well as to help prevent COVID-19 breakouts in schools, AHS partnered with It Takes A Village Family of Schools (ITAV).

ITAV teachers and staff are provided regular testing for the COVID-19 virus at all ITAV sites and are incentivized for their participation in prevention. Through this effort, we are building a pilot program of COVID-19 prevention and mitigation in education settings, as well as are promoting health equity for families during a time of crisis.

Advancement

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Visit go.uic.edu/YourImpactAtAHS to learn more.

Donor generosity has fueled our success toward our IGNITE: The Campaign for UIC fundraising goal.

$13,681,529 raised | 29 new gift funds established

390 individual donors | $1,411,790 Total donations
(Includes contributions from individuals, foundations and corporations)
AHS is a consistent leader in research funding for allied health, with an expansive portfolio of projects conducted in laboratories, clinics and the community. Studies by AHS investigators have national and international impact in discovering new knowledge, translating findings into practice, creating intellectual property and supporting the college’s educational mission. AHS researchers are partners in collaborative projects with colleagues in UIC, Chicago, the U.S. and the world.

Visit ahs.uic.edu/research to learn more.

**Metabolic Kitchen**

AHS is home to the Metabolic Kitchen, a professional-quality facility staffed by professional chefs and registered dietitians that makes it possible for UIC investigators to conduct high-level research in diet and nutrition that may not only improve health outcomes for Americans, but individuals all over the world.

**AHS research labs and centers**

AHS is home to over two dozen research labs and centers. Our broad based research portfolio ranges from laboratory-based research to community-based (engaged) research to scholarship in the humanities. View a listing at go.uic.edu/AHSLabsAndCenters.

**Sponsored program expenditures**

Financial support for the college’s research comes from federal and state agencies, disease-related organizations and community foundations.

- **Federal**: $10,915,207
- **Private**: $2,161,293
- **State**: $2,619,907

- **Sponsored expenditures per tenure/tenure-track faculty (full-time equivalent)**: $388,525
- **Total sponsored program expenditures**: $15,696,407
Notable areas of scholarship and research

- obesity and diabetes
- biomechanics
- community-based participatory research
- enhanced standards and processes for creating, using and protecting health information to improve clinical outcomes
- exercise physiology
- increased access for and participation by people with disabilities
- health disparities
- social and cultural determinants of dietary behaviors
- cardiovascular health

AHS Office of Research

130
Grant applications processed with AHS faculty as principal investigators

107
Grant applications awarded to AHS faculty as principal investigators

Photo: Joshua Clark