CHHS BY THE NUMBERS

4,752
STUDENTS
ENROLLED

$12.5 MILLION
IN GRANTS & CONTRACTS
AWARDED

82%
4-YEAR
GRADUATION RATE
for transfer students

2 OF 3
DOCTORAL PROGRAMS
ON CAMPUS

27,850
SERVICE-LEARNING &
COMMUNITY SERVICE
HOURS COMPLETED

70%
FIRST GENERATION
COLLEGE STUDENTS

3.74
CUMULATIVE G.P.A. OF
MASTER’S & DOCTORAL
STUDENTS

#1 MOST DEGREES
AWARDED
by college at
Fresno State

#1 RANKED
PHYSICAL
THERAPY PROGRAM
in the state, based on quality and
affordability. Source: collegestart.org

#2 RANKED
RECREATION
ADMINISTRATION
PROGRAM
for offering best value bachelor’s
degree program in parks, recreation
and leisure in the U.S. Source: College
Values Online

#2 RANKED
SCHOOL
OF NURSING
according to Nurse Journal’s
rankings for America’s
Best Nursing Schools Online.

18%
CHHS students represent
OF ENTIRE STUDENT
BODY AT FRESNO STATE
The College of Health and Human Services is pleased to present the 2017 edition of its Faculty Research Profiles. President Joseph Castro recently introduced his Strategic Plan to the University, encompassing a mission to **boldly educate and empower students for success**. This could not be possible without a talented and dedicated faculty willing to enhance learning and teaching through best practices, innovative research and high-impact experiences, as well as the capable staff that support these initiatives.

Each of the faculty and directors from our seven academic disciplines, as well as centers and institutes, possess a great passion for their field of study. Through these profiles, we hope to encourage **interprofessional collaboration and engaged partnerships**, as well as an increased awareness of the faculty expertise within our college. This will allow faculty to pave the way for students to connect to service-learning opportunities, internships and community-based research.

While each of our academic disciplines, centers and institutes are unique, we all share a common commitment to **Live Well Central California** by educating our future health and human service leaders!

For a full list of CHHS academic departments, centers and institutes, go to page 19.
## 2017 Faculty Research Profiles

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**Research Interests:**  
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**Research Interests**  
- Physical activity for the prevention and treatment of chronic diseases  
- Prevention and physical rehabilitation of musculoskeletal injury  
- Clinical exercise physiology

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**Research Interests:**  
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- Latino mental health  
- Population health

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- M.A. Sociology, University of North Dakota  
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**Research Interests:**  
- Racial relations  
- Social determinants of health  
- Health disparity  
- Evaluation  
- Community needs assessment

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- M.A. Recreation Administration: Special Populations, California State University, Chico  
- B.A. Deaf Studies, California State University, Northridge

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- Mentoring and professional development  
- Sign language interpreting and Deaf studies  
- Online education  
- Service-learning
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Research Interests:
• Inequity in health and well-being
• Place, race/ethnicity and public policy
• Financing public health and personal health
• Universal, sustainable and efficient national health policies
• Eldercare policies and programs
• Adolescent development, teen pregnancy prevention, substance abuse prevention

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• Therapeutic communication in nurses
• Psychometrics

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Research Interests:
• Opioid addiction and harm reduction
• Decolonizing social work
• LGBTQ issues in social work
• Place-based community social work

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• Fitness and wellness
• Applied exercise science: sport specific
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- M.S.W. Social Work, Eastern Washington University, Cheney
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**Research Interests:**
- Adolescents
- Black lives
- Child welfare

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- M.A. Adult Education, East Carolina University
- B.A. Psychology, East Carolina University

**Research Interests:**
- Language development of deaf children
- Social development of deaf children
- Literacy development of deaf children
- ASL/English bilingual education
- Sign language interpreting

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**Research Interests:**
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- Impact of transitional to practice programs for new graduates
- Increasing the number of minority nurse leaders in California

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- M.A. Transforming Spirituality, Seattle University
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- B.A. Psychology, California State University, Northridge

**Research Interests:**
- Mental health issues within the Deaf and hard of hearing communities, including related hearing family members
- Shame and resiliency among segments of the Deaf community
- Social work and spirituality
- Group aural rehabilitation with Hard of Hearing adults

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**Research Interests:**
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- Project and program development
- Evaluation
- Sustainability
- Quality improvement
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• Stress and coping
• Sport psychology curriculum development

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• International-multicultural education

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• Design novel interventions utilizing robotics and technology for physical and cognitive therapy to improve quality of life for survivors of stroke and Parkinson’s.
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• Dynamic systems theory  
• Human performance and skill acquisition  
• Developmental constraints/ Lifespan motor development  
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• Age friendly cities
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- Social Work (B.A.)
- Athletic Training (B.S.)
- Exercise Science (B.S.)
- Physical Education (B.S.)
- Sport Psychology (B.S.)
- Nursing (B.S.N.)
- Community Health (B.S.)
- Environmental/Occupational Safety and Health (B.S.)
- Health Administration (B.S.)
- Adventure Recreation and Event Planning (B.S.)
- Commercial Recreation and Youth Services (B.S.)
- Sport and Entertainment Facility Management (B.S.)
- Therapeutic Recreation (B.S.)

CERTIFICATES

- Conversational American Sign Language
- Alcohol and Drug Services
- Adventure-Based Programming
- Serving At-Risk Youth
- Special Event Planning
- Sports and Entertainment Facility Management
- Cross-Cultural Competency
- Gerontology
DEAN’S COUNCIL OF AMBASSADORS 2017-18

This unique council of community leaders in our region work collaboratively to review the critical issues facing our students and offer insight, as well as assist in connecting regional resources with the college’s academic programs, centers and areas of study.

Andy Alvarado, Emeriti Faculty, Department of Social Work Education, Fresno State
Lynne Ashbeck, Senior Vice President of Community Engagement and Population Wellness, Valley Children’s Healthcare
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Marion Karian, Former Director of Exceptional Parents Unlimited (retired), Community Member
Karen Kimura, Vice President, Kasco Fab, Inc.
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HONORS PROGRAM IN COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

Developed to create a collaborative academic program between departments, students in the Honors Program work together and with community partners on real-world, interdisciplinary projects that strive to provide healthy outcomes for the Fresno community.