Why Sam Houston State University?

With a student population of over 19,000, Sam Houston State University (SHSU) prides itself on being a close-knit community that thinks big, but feels small. Students and alumni value the welcoming, supportive environment found on all of the Sam Houston State campuses. Faculty members are more than professors – they are mentors, advisors, and serve as networks to great career connections.

An education from SHSU prepares graduates to be a vital part of their local, as well as national, communities; and provides them with the theoretical and practical knowledge to understand and solve challenges, while also equipping them with the experience and confidence to become effective leaders. Sam Houston State University is an academically engaged university and was recognized by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education as a "Community Engaged" University for its significant commitment to serving the community.

Sam Houston State provides educational, recreational, and volunteer opportunities for every member of its community. Here you will find ways to learn; make life-long connections; enjoy the arts; participate in recreational and sports activities; and become involved in the community – all while challenging yourself in an exciting and academically-enriched atmosphere.

There are many ways to learn more about SHSU, but the most rewarding way is to visit our campus and experience it for yourself.
The College of Health Sciences (COHS) is comprised of undergraduate and graduate degrees focusing on clinical training and work-based learning. Internships in prestigious healthcare and medical fields; hospitals; sports; government and volunteer agencies are already available for many of the degree fields and opportunities will continue to increase for all students in the health sciences. We offer the most up-to-date curricula using the latest technologies, and some of our degree areas allow for an international focus - with language immersion - through study abroad opportunities to expand the student learning experience.

Factors such as an aging population, new medical technologies, and federal legislation have increased the need for qualified healthcare employees; educators; and professionals, and Sam Houston State University’s COHS has made great advancements in addressing those demands by offering programs that will increase the growing need for educated employees in the health and medical fields.

The College of Health Sciences promotes healthy living by preparing professionals for health and medical careers with a quality education at an affordable cost. There are several scholarships available for COHS students (including scholarships for transfer students); the ScholarX online application can be found at www.shsu.edu/~fao_www/scholarships.

Current programs in the College of Health Sciences include:

School of Nursing
- Pre-Nursing
- Nursing, BS (Main Campus and The Woodlands Center)
- RN - BSN online
- LVN - BSN

Department of Health & Kinesiology
- Bilingual Health Care Studies, BA
- Community Health, BS
- Health – Fitness Emphasis, BS
- Community Health Education, BS
- Health, MA
- Minor in Health
- Kinesiology Generalist, BS
- Kinesiology – All Levels Teacher Certification, BS
- Kinesiology - Exercise Science Applied, BS
- Kinesiology - Exercise Science Clinical, BS
- Kinesiology - Athletic Training Endorsement, BS
- Minor in Kinesiology
- Sport and Human Performance, MA
- Sport Management, MA

Medical and Allied Health Programs
- Pre-Dental School
- Pre-Medical School
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Chiropractic
- Pre-Podiatry
- Pre-Physician Assistant
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Occupational Therapy

Founding departments for the College include the School of Nursing; Health and Kinesiology; and Medical and Allied Health Programs.

We offer dual degree – early admission Post Baccalaureate Medical Programs with:
- Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine in Guadalajara, Mexico
- Universidad de Iberoamerica School of Medicine in Costa Rica
- Texas Chiropractic College in Pasadena, Texas
- University of Texas Health Science Center, Dental School in San Antonio, Texas

Future Bachelor of Science Programs in:
- Public Health
- Health Care Administration
- Wellness Management
- Health Sciences
- Athletic Training

Our accredited School of Nursing has an 88% success rate for nursing students sitting for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

Our Kinesiology Teacher Prep Program is recognized by the National Council on the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

94% of Health and Kinesiology students are offered a job with their internship site upon degree completion.