

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY



College of Health and Human Services

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Blindness and Low Vision Studies
 Center for Disability Services/Unified Clinics
 Holistic Health
 Bronson School of Nursing
 Occupational Therapy
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 School of Social Work
 Specialty Program, Alcohol/Drug Abuse
 Speech Pathology & Audiology
 Interdisciplinary Health Studies
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Statistics

Enrollment, Fall 2009

Total Students

Undergraduate	1,981
Graduate	689
Total	2,670

Minority students	413
Minority student %	15%
International students	12

Degrees Awarded, 2007-08

Bachelor's	255
Master's	249
Total	504

Total Alumni 15,267

Staff, Fall 2008

Faculty	94
Staff	41
Graduate Assistantships/Fellowships	58

Financial Aid, Fall 2008

Total Financial Aid Awarded	\$9,876,235
Students Receiving Financial Aid	1,691

Grants, 2008-09

Number of grants received	23	Value of grants received	\$4,062,388
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College of Health and Human Services Fast Facts

- The College of Health and Human Services (HHS) is located in an outstanding facility that facilitates teaching and learning. In 2005, construction was completed on a \$48.2 million, 195,000 square-foot building on the WMU Oakland Drive campus that consolidated all of the programs and departments of the college for the first time in its history.
- The HHS building is “green” and uses renewable resources. It was also the first building in Southwest Michigan, and one of only three in the state, to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Buildings (LEED-EB) standards. In June 2009, the building received gold-level certification, making it the most highly rated LEED-EB certified higher education building in the United States.
- The Bronson School of Nursing offers master's degrees in nursing education and nursing administration as well as a bachelor of science nursing degree. Both the masters and undergraduate degrees are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The nursing school was established in 1994 in response to a need for a degree granting nursing program in the region. The school quickly progressed and has earned a reputation for its modern and enlightened curriculum and education methods.
- The Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies at WMU is considered the premier program of its kind in the world. The department offers four specialized curricula, and graduates serve people with visual impairments in almost every state in the nation and in many foreign countries.
- The College is consistently ranked among the top ten of colleges and schools of allied health receiving funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and is the highest NIH-funded allied health school not associated with a medical center.
- The College’s international reputation results in outstanding career opportunities for alumni, with most programs achieving a 100 percent placement rate for recent graduates. In some programs, seven to 10 jobs are available for each graduate.
- *US News and World Report* has ranked five graduate HHS programs among the top such programs in the country. In its most recent ranking (2008), the WMU master's programs in physician assistant, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology, and the doctorate in audiology were ranked in the top 40, and master’s programs in rehabilitation counseling and social work were respectively ranked 58th and 71st in the country.
- An innovative “tele-health” linkup between the College’s anatomy lab in Kalamazoo has enabled the establishment of a new occupational therapy master’s degree program in Grand Rapids, starting fall 2009. The technology allows for the viewing of live moving images over the Internet, eliminating the need to replicate the expensive cadaver lab.