

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES

MISSION STATEMENT

Fort Hays State University is a regional university principally serving western Kansas, a primarily rural area supported by an agricultural economic base. Demographic studies of the region indicate an increasingly aging population. The College of Health and Life Sciences is committed to reviewing and addressing, on a continuing basis, education, health care, and professional service needs of the region. The college administers a broad scope of academic disciplines and consequently has a diverse mission.

The primary commitment of the college is to provide quality academic programs. The College of Health and Life Sciences is home to the Departments of Agriculture, Allied Health, Biological Sciences, Communication Disorders, Health and Human Performance and Nursing. The professional programs in the college are rooted in knowledge derived from the traditional biological sciences. The Bachelor of Science degree is offered in the disciplines of Agriculture, Agricultural-business, Biological Sciences, General Science, Medical Diagnostic Imaging, Ultrasound, Health and Human Performance, Athletic Training, Speech-Language Pathology, and Nursing. Graduate degrees are offered in Biology, Speech-Language Pathology, Health and Human Performance, and Nursing. The college contributes to the Fort Hays State University general education program through offerings in the Departments of Biological Sciences and Health and Human Performance. In addition, a program in the Department of Allied Health offers an associate degree in Radiologic Technology. The college is dedicated to the utilization of new technologies in the various disciplines.

The college recognizes the importance of scholarship to the quality of the instructional program. Faculty are expected to engage in research or other scholarly activities which contribute to their discipline, and wherever appropriate, address issues of concern in western Kansas.

The faculty of the College of Health and Life Sciences provide a variety of professional and educational services throughout western Kansas. Each department is dedicated to meet the needs of the lay and professional community through faculty consultations, especially on environmental issues (Agriculture and Biological Sciences), cardiac rehabilitation and wellness programs (Health and Human Performance), and clinical services (Allied Health, Communication Disorders, and Nursing).