

NSU's Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences

# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.) IN HEALTH SCIENCE

Online Program



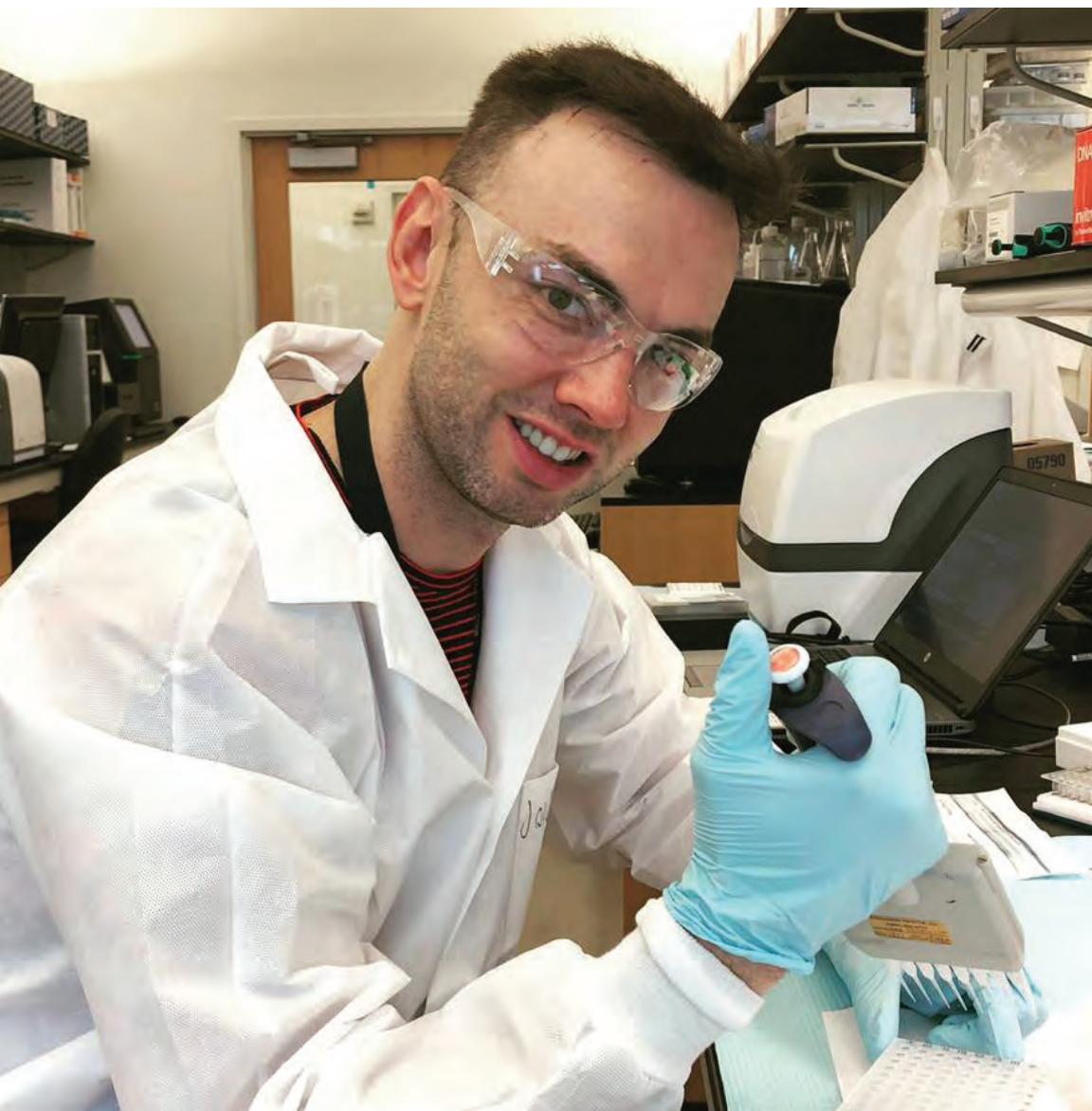
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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Nova Southeastern University's Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences provides the highest quality of education to students in a variety of health care disciplines, including occupational, physical, and respiratory therapy; physician assistant; audiology; medical and cardiovascular sonography; anesthesiologist assistant; speech-language pathology; athletic training; exercise and sport science; and health sciences. We offer entry-level programs to advanced health care studies that allow professionals to continue with their lifelong learning. The cutting-edge curricula offered in our programs will help our students gain future success in their fields.

The college is committed to providing health care educational opportunities in formats that meet the needs of prospective students in the community. These formats include both the standard, face-to-face classroom approach and innovative distance electronics. By combining the most contemporary teaching modalities with state-of-the-art technology, our students are assured of obtaining the most comprehensive education possible.

The Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences believes in excellence and innovation in teaching, research, service, and learning. This is made possible by having an academically skilled and professionally qualified faculty and staff. We

have diverse faculty members. They come from different backgrounds, have different degrees, and possess a wide range of educational experiences. Our faculty members are eager to share their knowledge of and expertise in the health care arena with their students. We also have an open door policy that encourages students to seek answers to their questions, allowing them to develop a solid understanding of the materials that they study.

All of these opportunities make the Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences truly unique. The health care market is undergoing a rapid change. The pace of this change has provided a formidable challenge for institutions that provide the educational programs for future health care professionals. We are proud of the fact that we are training our students to become skilled and compassionate health care providers who are certain to make valuable contributions to the communities they serve. If you wish to become a graduate who is adequately prepared to assume a leadership role in health care, I encourage you to apply to our programs.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stanley Wilson', written in a cursive style.

Stanley Wilson, Ed.D., PT, CEAS  
Dean, Dr. Pallavi Patel College of  
Health Care Sciences



“The cutting-edge curricula offered in our programs will help our students gain future success in their fields.”

—Stanley Wilson



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Health Science is a postprofessional, distance-based, research doctoral program designed for

- master's and professional doctoral degree-prepared clinical health professionals
- public health practitioners
- senior-level health care administrators

Our students demonstrate expert practice of a recognized health occupation at a professional level or five years of administrative experience in a health care organization with progressively increasing responsibilities during that time.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Health Science is designed to

- provide a means of Ph.D. completion for working health care professionals currently at the master's and professional doctoral degree levels
- increase opportunities for health practitioners to earn terminal degrees in the field of health science with a core focus in research
- prepare graduates to function both independently and interdependently within the clinical and nonclinical research environment
- prepare graduates for advanced development of new knowledge in their fields of expertise

The program challenges students to

- examine the current state of health care
- apply sophisticated knowledge of research design, biostatistics, and epidemiology to the literature of their core disciplines
- initiate the design and follow-up mechanisms for research in health care

Professor-driven and student-centered online course delivery is coupled with a research practicum; a minimum of two one-week, on-campus institutes; a comprehensive examination; and a dissertation with an oral defense.

## FAST FACTS

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- online delivery with on-campus institutes
- 68 credits for completion
- successful completion of comprehensive exam required before moving to dissertation stage
- dissertation with on-campus, oral final defense
- up to seven years to complete the program

# COMPUTER SKILLS AND REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must show evidence of computer skills through coursework or self-study prior to the end of the first semester. Students may obtain instruction through the NSU Student Microcomputer Laboratory, the Health Science Online Orientation, or other training facilities.

Recommended equipment and capabilities

- desktop or laptop consistent with a recent generation of Microsoft Windows (7 or 8), or Apple OS (10.8 or above)
- compatible Microsoft Office software to include Word, PowerPoint, and Excel
- headphones, microphone, camera, and videoconferencing capabilities
- broadband access
- surge protection\*
- appropriate back-up options\*

## ✓ TIP

Tablets and smartphones, while very useful, may not be sufficient for all program uses. Upon admission, minimum computer requirements can be found at [nova.edu/publications/it-standards](http://nova.edu/publications/it-standards).

\*strongly suggested





## TRANSFER CREDITS

Students matriculated into the Ph.D. program may petition for a transfer of credits. These credits can be transferred from doctoral courses taken at regionally accredited colleges or universities. All courses to be transferred must be substantially equivalent to courses taught in the program, as determined by the program director and appropriate faculty members. A student who wishes to have a course taken at another institution reviewed for transfer credit must submit a copy of the course syllabus to the program office. Each transfer credit petition will be reviewed on an individual basis.

## PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE

Students are provisionally admitted to a degree-seeking program based on a review of unofficial transcripts or other specific program admission requirements. However, this admission includes a condition that final and official transcripts, documents, and requirements must be received within 90 calendar days from matriculation. If these final and official transcripts, documents, and/or requirements are not received by that time, the student will not be allowed to continue class attendance. Financial aid will not be disbursed to a provisional/conditional student until he or she has been fully admitted as a regular student (all admissions requirements have been approved by the college/program admissions office). Students who have an unpaid balance 30 days from the start of the term will be assessed a \$100 late fee.



# COURSE OF STUDY

## DHS Core Courses—24 Credits

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
DHS 8030	Community Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	4
DHS 8080	Conflict Resolution in Health Care (required summer institute course)	4
DHS 8090	Health Policy, Planning, and Management	4
DHS 8170	Leadership in Health Care (required summer institute course)	4
DHS 8810	Global Epidemiology	4
HSP 9006	Evidence-Based Medical Practice	4

## HPD Research Courses—18 Credits

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
HPH 7300	Biostatistics I	3
HPH 7310	Biostatistics II	3
HPH 7400	Research Design	3
HPH 7410	Qualitative Research Design	3
HPH 7500	Philosophy of Science	3
<i>OR</i>		
HPH 7600	Grant Writing	3
HPH 7700	Test and Measurements	3

## Health Science Research Core—26 Credits

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
HSP 9001	Behavioral Theories in Health Science	3
HSP 9002	Survey Methodology	3
HSP 9004	Research Ethics	3
HSP 9007	Research Practicum (required winter institute course)	4
HSP 9010	Research Practicum Continued	2*

## Comprehensive Exam—1 Credit

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
HSP 9008	Comprehensive Exam	1

- This written examination will assess students' integrative and analytical skills with regard to the core doctoral curriculum courses.
- Students will take and pass the three questions on the examination after completion of all required coursework and before beginning the dissertation phase of the Ph.D. program.
- Successful completion of the comprehensive examination is required for students to move to advanced standing and begin dissertation research.
- The comprehensive examination is offered two times per academic year—during the summer and winter semesters—on the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus of NSU in Florida.
- Students who do not pass all three exam questions and are given permission to retake one or two questions at the next exam offering will be required to enroll in an additional 1-credit continuation course.

## Dissertation—12 Credits

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
HSP 9011 HSP 9012 HSP 9013 HSP 9014 HSP 9015 HSP 9016	Dissertation	12

- The dissertation is divided into six courses taken over two years. Dissertation steps include
  - Dissertation Preparation Seminar
  - Proposal
  - Dissertation
  - Oral Defense

Each student will conduct original research in an area of his or her expertise or concentration, as approved by the program chair and dissertation committee, with verification of a presentation or publication. The dissertation culminates with an oral final defense, which occurs in person at the summer or winter institute, or on the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus. The oral defense must be arranged at least 45 days in advance. Process and requirements are detailed in the *Health Professions Division Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences Dissertation Guide*.

## Dissertation Continuation—2 Credits

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
HSP 9017	Dissertation	2

For any additional semester after the initial six dissertation courses, students will register for the dissertation continuation course with a continuing service charge to maintain the students' full-time enrollment. Students' progress through dissertation continuation may increase their total number of degree credits beyond the required 68.

## On-Campus Institutes

These one-week sessions are located either on the Health Professions Division complex on NSU's Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus or at the NSU campus in Tampa Bay, both in Florida. Three institute courses are required to complete the Ph.D. degree.

# ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

The Ph.D. Committee on Admissions will recommend prospective students for admission by considering the overall qualities of the applicant through

- official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores
- a statement of intent
- writing samples
- letters of recommendation
- a personal interview

## All applicants must

1. **hold a master's or professional doctoral degree** (e.g., Au.D., D.P.T., O.T.D.) from a regionally accredited college or university prior to matriculation into the program
2. demonstrate a minimum cumulative master's or professional doctoral degree **GPA of 3.0 or better** on a 4.0 scale.
3. have official **Graduate Record Examination (GRE) recommended scores of 150 (verbal), 149 (quantitative) and 4 (analytical writing)**  
GRE scores must be less than five years old at the time of matriculation
4. **have prior health care or health research experience**  
A copy of the applicant's current state license and/or professional certification or verifiable documentation regarding this experience must be submitted to the Office of Admissions.
5. **participate in a personal interview** with the Ph.D. Interview Committee  
Telephonic or Skype interviews are accepted based on the applicant's needs.

## Applicants must also provide

- **two letters of recommendation** supporting the applicant's aptitude and determination to complete this course of study (The letters should originate from professional colleagues/supervisors or from course instructors at the last school attended.)
- **one writing sample** that reflects master's or doctoral degree-level original work
- **a written statement** describing the applicant's interest in pursuing a Ph.D. in Health Science, research interests, and career goals
- **a résumé or curriculum vitae**
- **a completed application for admission**
- **official transcripts** from all graduate study

The Ph.D. program will admit health care professionals with diverse graduate education, professional-level health care work history, and life experiences.

The successful applicant's health profession may include

- positions that emphasize delivery of services to individual clients (e.g., Au.D., PA, PT, OT, R.N., LCSW)
- population-based careers (e.g., M.P.H., M.H.A.).
- any combination of the following:
  - health professions licensure (e.g., Au.D., R.N., PT, OT, RDH)
  - national certification or registration (e.g., PA-C, RVT, RRT, CRNA, FACHE)
  - recognized academic credentials (e.g., M.P.H., M.S.N., M.S.W., M.H.A., M.B.A., J.D., M.A. or M.S. in Audiology, D.P.T., O.T.D.)

The successful administrative applicant will

- demonstrate at least five years of professional experience with increasing levels of responsibility in a health care setting
- document professional experience with an organizational chart showing the applicant's position within the organization
- provide a letter of recommendation from a supervisor attesting to the applicant's level of responsibility within the organization
- submit a statement concerning the applicant's career and professional goals within the health care environment

## TIP

Fellowship or certification by a recognized health certifying body (e.g., FACHE) is desirable.

All questions regarding the appropriateness of an applicant's qualifications for admission can be discussed with the department chair or program director on an informal basis, but the official recommendations are made by the Committee on Admissions to the dean of the college, who makes the final determination.

Admissions information and applications may be obtained from the

**Nova Southeastern University**

Health Professions Division

Office of Admissions

3200 South University Drive

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33328-2018

For more information, please visit [healthsciences.nova.edu](http://healthsciences.nova.edu) or call (954) 262-1101

# APPLICATION PROCEDURES

## STEPS SUMMARY

1. **Complete an NSU application and submit a nonrefundable, \$50 application fee.**
2. **Send supporting documents below to NSU.**
  - official GRE scores
  - all official transcripts
  - international coursework evaluation (if applicable)
  - résumé or CV
  - copies of licenses and/or certifications
  - letters of recommendation
  - a writing sample
  - a written statement of interest
3. **Participate in a personal interview, if offered.**

The Ph.D. Office of Admissions admits students for the fall and winter semesters. All final documentation must be received at least 30 days prior to tentative enrollment.

Applicants must submit

1. a completed application form and a \$50, nonrefundable application fee
2. official GRE scores, sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS)
3. official transcripts, sent directly from all previously attended professional and graduate institutions
4. an evaluation for U.S. institutional equivalence for all coursework from international institution(s), if applicant attended or is a graduate of any international institution(s)

Coursework taken at a foreign institution must be evaluated for U.S. institution equivalence by an approved National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) organization. A listing of appropriate foreign evaluation services can be found at [nova.edu/internationalaffairs/students/prospective/credentialservices](http://nova.edu/internationalaffairs/students/prospective/credentialservices).

Applicants are responsible for having coursework evaluated. An official course-by-course evaluation with a cumulative grade point average must be sent directly from the evaluation service to NSU's Enrollment Processing Services.

5. a complete résumé or CV
6. copies of state, national, and professional certifications or licenses recognized by certifying bodies
7. two letters of recommendation stating that the applicant possesses the aptitude and determination to complete this course of study  
The letters should originate from professional colleagues/supervisors or from course instructors at the last school attended.

8. one writing sample that reflects master's or doctoral degree-level original work
9. a written statement describing the applicant's interest in pursuing a Ph.D. in Health Science, research interests, and career goals

Nonclinical applicants (health administrators) must also include

- a letter of recommendation from a supervisor describing the applicant's position in the organization and the scope and duration of his or her responsibility
- a personal statement describing the applicant's career goals
- an organizational chart

Send all official documents (including GRE scores and transcripts) to

**Nova Southeastern University**

Enrollment Processing Services

Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences Admissions

3301 College Avenue, P.O. Box 299000

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905

Applicants must also have a personal interview with the Ph.D. Interview Committee. (A telephone or Skype interview is acceptable, based on the applicant's needs.)

## Did You Know?

The Ph.D. Committee on Admission will not consider an application until all required fees, credentials, exam scores, transcripts, and documents are received by the committee.



## ACCREDITATION

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate's, baccalaureate, master's, educational specialist, doctorate, and professional degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Nova Southeastern University.

## NONDISCRIMINATION

Consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and/or local ordinances (e.g., Title VII, Title VI, Title III, Title II, Rehab Act, ADA, Title IX, and the Florida Civil Rights Act), it is the policy of Nova Southeastern University not to engage in any discrimination or harassment against any individuals because of race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, nondisqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, military service, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, and to comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination, equal opportunity, and affirmative action laws, orders, and regulations. Any such acts are unacceptable and strictly prohibited by the university.

In addition, the law prohibits retaliation against an individual for opposing any practices forbidden under this policy, for bringing a complaint of discrimination or harassment, for assisting someone with such a complaint, for attempting to stop such discrimination or harassment, or for participating in any manner in any investigation or resolution of a complaint of discrimination or harassment. This nondiscrimination policy applies to admissions; enrollment; scholarships; loan programs; athletics; employment; and access to, participation in, and treatment in all university centers, programs, and activities. NSU admits students of any race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, nondisqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, military service, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at NSU, and does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.



## REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

To be eligible to receive the Ph.D. in Health Science degree, students must

- be of good moral character
- successfully complete the minimum required coursework of 68 semester hours
- successfully complete the research practicum
- pass all three questions on the comprehensive exam
- complete a dissertation based on original research in an area of the student's expertise or concentration, as approved by the program director and dissertation committee
- defend the dissertation, as determined by the dissertation committee, with verification of presentation or publication

## TUITION, FEES, AND FINANCIAL AID

### TUITION AND FEES

Tuition for 2020–2021 will be posted at [healthsciences.nova.edu/healthsciences/phd/tuition-fees.html](http://healthsciences.nova.edu/healthsciences/phd/tuition-fees.html). All tuition and fees are subject to change by the board of trustees without notice.

Additional expenses and fees may be incurred. Examples include, but are not limited to, travel to and from campus, graduation fees, and books. Students are responsible for purchasing any required textbooks and/or classroom materials. An NSU student services fee of \$1,350 is also required annually. Additionally, each semester, students must pay a registration fee of \$30 or a deferment fee of \$75 if a payment plan is selected.

### FINANCIAL AID

NSU's Office of Student Financial Assistance helps as many students as possible complete their health professions education. Loans, scholarships, and grants are available to qualified students. Financial assistance programs are described on our website at [nova.edu/financialaid](http://nova.edu/financialaid).

For information, contact

**Nova Southeastern University**

Office of Student Financial Assistance

3301 College Avenue

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314-7796

(954) 262-3380

## MESSAGE FROM THE HPD CHANCELLOR



NSU's Health Professions Division (HPD) is playing a pivotal role in leading the university to new levels of excellence. The division comprises eight distinctive colleges—osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, optometry, medical sciences, dental medicine, health care sciences, nursing, and allopathic medicine—that offer more than 60 degree and certificate programs.

We have seen the university reach many milestones recently. In September 2017, NSU received the largest philanthropic gift in its history from physicians Dr. Kiran C. Patel, M.D., and his wife, Dr. Pallavi Patel, M.D., which included a \$50-million gift and an additional \$150-million real estate and facility investment in Clearwater, Florida.

Then, in January 2018, the Patels provided additional gifts totaling close to \$30 million, while a substantial contribution from longtime donors Ron and Kathy Assaf led to the college of nursing being named in their honor. The altruistic trend continued in February 2018, when an important gift from Martin and Gail Press resulted in the naming of the HPD Library.


In October 2017, our allopathic medicine (M.D.) college received preliminary accreditation. As a result, the college gained approval to begin interviewing and accepting its inaugural class of 50 students in August 2018. Finally, construction commenced on the HCA East Florida hospital that will be located adjacent to the HPD complex on NSU's Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus.

These exciting developments will ensure that our students receive a well-rounded education at an academic institution that prides itself on being dynamic, innovative, and interprofessional in its academic approach.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Frederick R. Lippman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'F'.

Frederick R. Lippman, R.Ph., Ed.D.  
HPD Chancellor, Special Projects

# HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION FAST FACTS



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**8 COLLEGES**

DR. KIRAN C. PATEL COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE  
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY  
COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY  
DR. PALLAVI PATEL COLLEGE OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES  
COLLEGE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES  
COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE  
RON AND KATHY ASSAF COLLEGE OF NURSING  
DR. KIRAN C. PATEL COLLEGE OF ALLOPATHIC MEDICINE

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NSU's Health Professions Division (HPD), with a student body of more than 8,000, is home to eight colleges. Located on the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus, it occupies a \$70-million complex, covering 21 acres. HPD includes eight buildings totaling more than 900,000 square feet of space for classrooms, laboratories, offices, the Martin and Gail Press Health Professions Division Library, an outpatient health center, and a pharmaceutical care center.

Several of the HPD programs are also located at our regional campuses, extending our programs and resources to various communities. They offer you the ability to complete a degree at a location that may be more convenient to your home.



## GET THE NSU EDGE.

NSU trains health practitioners in a multidisciplinary setting, with an emphasis on medically underserved areas. Because of this, our students go on to excel as highly qualified physicians and health care professionals who

- ✿ understand how the medical disciplines can and must work together
- ✿ share a vision to transform the future of health care and provide easier access to high-quality services for patients
- ✿ experience life-changing service working domestically and internationally with people in need
- ✿ graduate with exposure to varied cultures and the unique concerns that each present
- ✿ carry with them an unparalleled, real-world education that serves to enrich us all

With value-based education, accelerated tracks to graduation, access to a vast network of industry partners, and a chance to explore personal passions, near and far, our graduates will always have an edge.

“Global service is a passion we love and look forward to every year.”

—Kelly Graham, class of 2019



# NSU'S HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION

## Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)
- Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics (M.S.)
- Master of Science in Disaster and Emergency Management (M.S.)
- Master of Science in Medical Education (M.S.)
- Master of Science in Nutrition (M.S.)
- Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Science in Public Health (B.S.)
- Graduate Certificate in Emergency Medicine
- Graduate Certificate in Functional Nutrition and Herbal Therapy
- Graduate Certificate in Health Education
- Graduate Certificate in Medical Informatics
- Graduate Certificate in Public Health
- Graduate Certificate in Public Health Informatics
- Graduate Certificate in Social Medicine

## College of Pharmacy

- Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Affairs (M.S.)
- Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (M.S.)
  - \* Concentration in Drug Development (Pharmaceutics)
  - \* Concentration in Molecular Medicine and Pharmacogenomics
  - \* Concentration in Social and Administrative Pharmacy
- Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Sciences (Ph.D.)
  - \* Concentration in Drug Development (Pharmaceutics)
  - \* Concentration in Molecular Medicine and Pharmacogenomics
  - \* Concentration in Social and Administrative Pharmacy

## College of Optometry

- Doctor of Optometry (O.D.)
- Master of Science in Clinical Vision Research (M.S.)
- Graduate Certificate in Clinical Vision Research

## Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences

- Bachelor of Science—Cardiovascular Sonography (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Health Science (B.H.Sc.)
- Bachelor of Science—Medical Sonography (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language and Communication Disorders (B.S.)
- Master of Science in Anesthesia (M.S.)
- Master of Science in Athletic Training (M.S.A.T.)
- Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
- Master of Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.)
- Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant (M.M.S.)
- Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (M.S.)
- Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.)

# DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Doctor of Health Science (D.H.Sc.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Health Science (Ph.D.)
- Entry-Level Doctor of Occupational Therapy (O.T.D.)
- Doctor of Occupational Therapy (Dr.O.T.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Occupational Therapy (Ph.D.)
- Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Physical Therapy (Ph.D.)
- Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP.D.)
- Certificate in Audiologist Assistant
- Graduate Certificate in Clinical Research Associate
- Graduate Certificate in Clinical Trial Manager

## College of Medical Sciences

- Master of Biomedical Sciences (M.B.S.)

## College of Dental Medicine

- Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)
- Master of Science in Dentistry (M.S.)
- Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Education in General Dentistry
- Postgraduate Certificate in Endodontics
- Postgraduate Certificate in Operative Dentistry
- Postgraduate Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Postgraduate Certificate in Orthodontics
- Postgraduate Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry
- Postgraduate Certificate in Periodontics
- Postgraduate Certificate in Prosthodontics
- Postgraduate Certificate in Special Needs Dentistry
- Craniofacial Research Fellowship Program

## Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)
- Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)
  - \* Nonclinical Concentrations
    - Executive Nurse Leadership
    - Nursing Education
    - Nursing Informatics
  - \* Clinical Concentrations (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse)
    - Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
    - Family Nurse Practitioner
    - Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Postgraduate Certificates
  - \* Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
  - \* Family Nurse Practitioner
  - \* Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (Ph.D.)

## Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine

- Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)



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# NSU'S HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION DEGREE PROGRAMS

## Dual Degrees

- Bachelor of Science—Cardiovascular Sonography (B.S.) and Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
- Bachelor of Science—Medical Sonography (B.S.) and Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
- Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)/Doctor of Health Science (D.H.Sc.)
- Bachelor of Science in Public Health (B.S.)/Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)

## Concurrent Degrees

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Medical Education (M.S.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics (M.S.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Disaster and Emergency Management (M.S.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Nutrition (M.S.)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics (M.S.)
- Doctor of Optometry (O.D.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
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## NOTEWORTHY RECOGNITIONS



- NSU moved up from last year to rank 191 among national universities in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2019 list of top 200 “Best Colleges.” The rankings are based on several measures of quality, including graduation and retention rates, assessment of excellence, and student selectivity.



- *U.S. News & World Report* ranked three of NSU’s online programs among the best in the nation.
- Online Colleges ranked NSU’s online programs 3rd in Florida and 12th overall in the United States for online educational opportunities.



- NSU ranked 8th in the nation for overall opportunities for military service members, 10th in the nation for doctoral degrees, and 11th in the nation for bachelor’s and master’s degrees and credit for military training. More than 2,500 accredited colleges and universities were ranked on a variety of factors, including affordability, student services, and the availability of online programs.



- *U.S. News & World Report's* list of the top 100 graduate schools in the country includes three NSU HPD programs: physician assistant (#40); occupational therapy (#44), and pharmacy (#77).
- *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* listed NSU 5th among U.S. colleges and universities for the overall number of minority graduate degree recipients. The 2015–2016 data published by *Diverse* is collected by the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

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