Our Mission
“The College of Health Sciences provides leadership in healthcare by offering excellent educational experiences in a quality learning environment to facilitate the development of competent, caring health professionals; by generating knowledge through inquiry and discovery; and by engaging in lifelong learning, professional, and community service.”

Our Vision
“To advance healthcare education and research through interdisciplinary and global collaborations.”

Our Goals and Objectives

1. Enrich the Quality of Life for Faculty, Staff and Students
   - Secure additional resources to support faculty, staff and student retention
   - Enhance internal communication for organizational effectiveness
   - Shift administrative responsibilities to non-teaching faculty professionals

2. Enhance Academic Excellence
   - Recruit a diverse and creative faculty
   - Retain diverse, creative faculty
   - Identify and reward academic program excellence, innovation
   - Support creativity in academic instruction
   - Expand degree programs and professional education in areas of market demand

3. Advance New Knowledge
   - Increase the number of professor/associate professor-level faculty with active programs of research
   - Establish new Ph.D. programs
   - Grow research in key areas of Health Services, Kinesiology, Public Health, Rehab Sciences and Translational Sciences
   - Develop the Virginia Consortium for Public Health & Population Health Sciences
   - Incorporate interprofessional education and research within service learning activities

4. Create IPE Culture
   - Establish infrastructure for facilitating interprofessional education and practice
   - Create interprofessional learning experiences by incorporating modeling and simulation
   - Foster interprofessional service learning in our communities and worldwide
   - Collaborate with the Center for Global Health to expand interprofessional study abroad learning opportunities
   - Implement required courses or experiences to achieve core competencies
   - Contribute to the evidence on interprofessional education and practice

5. Engage with Greater Community through Social, Intellectual and Culture Activities
   - Ensure community engagement is a distinctive feature of COHS education through service learning
   - Build relationships with area leaders to enhance financial resources to the college
   - Expand and strengthen engagement with international communities and agencies
   - Become the focal point for community education on issues of regional importance
   - Enhance collaboration with region’s military community
   - Increase alumni involvement in community engagement
   - Improve reporting of health services and service learning

5. Promote an Entrepreneurial Culture
   - Implement and entrepreneurial curriculum and co-curriculum for students
   - Engage alumni in order to raise awareness of the value of entrepreneurship in the health professions and support faculty development
   - Foster a culture of idea commercialization among faculty and students
   - Become the focal point for community education on issues of regional importance
   - Sustain current and develop new health services