



COLLEGE OF
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**GRADUATE
PROGRAMS**



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The highly-collaborative College of Health Sciences (CHS) at Chatham University stands in stark contrast to the “lost in the crowd” health sciences programs at many larger universities. That’s due to passionate instructors who are also practitioners; an emphasis on critical thinking and problem-based learning; and myriad opportunities for hands-on learning.

CHS has developed a strong reputation for its sought-after healthcare professionals. From high first-time certification rates to advanced clinical aptitude, our graduates enter their careers ready to meet the needs of patients and contribute to improving the quality of care their organizations deliver.



MASTERS PROGRAMS

Athletic Training (MSAT)

Graduates of the Chatham's Master of Science in Athletic Training program are ready to meet the needs of patients and contribute to improving the quality of care their organizations deliver. Clinical experiences, including a ten-week fully immersive placement, are tailored to each student's interests as well as to provide depth and breadth of experiences.

Biomedical Studies (MABS)

The Master of Arts in Biomedical Studies degree serves as an academic enhancement bridge to matriculating in MD, DO, PA, dental, and veterinary programs. With a curriculum dedicated to professional preparation—including MCAT content—the one-year MABS program at Chatham is the right choice for students looking to boost their credentials for advanced health science degrees.

The MABS program is part of the College of Arts & Sciences

Counseling Psychology (MSCP)

As a Master of Science in Counseling Psychology student, you'll acquire the self-awareness, knowledge, and skills required of counseling professionals. You will learn to assess clients in their family and social contexts, design evidence-informed strategies for change, and evaluate the effectiveness of those interventions. The program has a strong commitment to diversity, inclusion, and social justice.

Nursing (MSN)

Our affordable Master of Science in Nursing program is delivered fully online with working nurses in mind. This program offers faculty expertise and support in an interactive learning environment that encourages reflection and growth in professional practice. Students gain essential skill sets to advance in roles in one of our two tracks: nursing leadership or nursing education.

Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS)

Chatham's Master of Physician Assistant Studies program is an 85-credit program designed to produce highly skilled and competent healthcare providers. During the first year of the program, you will complete two didactic terms, before continuing on to clinical rotations which comprise your second year. At the end of your second year, you will return to campus to finish coursework.

Psychology (MAP)

Our Master of Arts in Psychology program is an accelerated professional program that provides a foundation for the study of human behavior. Our students develop their understandings of psychological science to further their professional careers in many ways, including working in research settings; in human service, health, or educational organizations; and in doctoral programs in psychology.



DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Nursing Practice (DNP)

Through Chatham's rigorous, online Doctor of Nursing Practice program, nurses develop advanced competencies in their clinical specialty areas. The curriculum focuses on innovative, evidence-based practice and systems leadership to promote safe, quality, person-centered healthcare to a diverse population with complex needs. Students design, implement, evaluate, and disseminate a clinical practice change in their specialty area.

Occupational Therapy, Entry level (ELOTD)

The entry-level Doctorate of Occupational Therapy program is for students who hold a bachelor's degree. The OTD provides more real-world experience through a doctoral project in your area of interest. Through this project, you'll increase the scope of your career to include paths such as leadership, advocacy, research, program development, and advanced clinical practice.

Occupational Therapy, Post-Professional (PPOTD)

This 100% online Doctorate of Occupational Therapy program is designed for OT professionals seeking leadership roles in academia, healthcare, and advocacy as well as those looking to transition to teaching. Students earn their doctorate in 16 months by taking just two classes at a time and travel to campus is not required, making this one of the fastest-to-degree programs in the marketplace.

Occupational Therapy, OT Assistant to OT Doctor (OTA-to-OTD)

This hybrid degree allows occupational therapy assistants to earn their doctorate to help expand their work in leadership, advocacy, education, or clinical settings. The majority of coursework is online with eight weekend campus visits to participate in interactive sessions.

Physical Therapy (DPT)

Chatham's Doctor of Physical Therapy program produces highly skilled physical therapists by emphasizing critical thinking and self-directed learning using a hybrid problem-based learning approach. We graduate PTs who will meet the challenges of a dynamic healthcare environment and support scholarly activity that bridges science and clinical practice.

Psychology in Counseling Psychology (PsyD)

Chatham's Doctor of Psychology in Counseling Psychology program is one of a small number of APA-accredited Counseling Psychology PsyD programs in the nation. It is distinguished by the practice of counseling grounded in the science of psychology; a focus on clients' assets and strengths; and access to a broad range of training opportunities on- and off-campus.



CHATHAM EASTSIDE



Graduate programs in the College of Health Sciences are housed at our Chatham Eastside location in the heart of one of Pittsburgh's fastest-growing and historic neighborhoods. It features program-dedicated skills labs, including our occupational therapy skills lab, where students set up adaptive play areas for children and learn feeding and adaptive techniques for their patients; our model apartment, where they learn strategies to support their patients who are healing at home following injury or illness; and our physician assistant skills lab, where students learn procedures like phlebotomy, splinting, and injections while working on exam tables and in exam rooms set up like those of a family practice. Chatham Eastside also features classroom spaces, study areas, and a café.

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (IPE)

Through interprofessional education at Chatham, students from multiple health professions learn together during their training. Students participate in a number of IPE events that focus on understanding the roles and responsibilities of each profession and developing interprofessional communication and teamwork skills to improve patient/client outcomes. Students also benefit from getting to know their colleagues in other programs, forming a learning community, and building a sense of belonging.

HEALTHCARE LIVING & LEARNING COMMUNITY

Chatham offers a healthcare living & learning community (LLC) for graduate students in the College of Health Sciences. Located close to campus and UPMC Shadyside Hospital, **Centre Avenue Suites** has 40 furnished, one bedroom suites with utilities included.



With a comfortable cost of living, ample opportunities for recreation, and a crime rate lower than the national average, Pittsburgh is an enormously attractive city to live in. Known for “eds and meds,” it’s home to the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, West Penn Allegheny Health System, and other healthcare systems.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Students in the College of Health Sciences both enrich and are enriched by Chatham's robust community partnerships. Examples include:

INTERGENERATIONAL LIVING AT VINCENTIAN SCHENLEY GARDENS

Students in the CHS are eligible to participate in a program in which they receive a great deal on room and board in return for spending time with residents of a senior community, doing everything from educational classes, social outings, parties, tech help and much more.

OUTCOMES

A degree from the College of Health Sciences really pays off: Of the class of 2022:

96.8% were employed or pursuing further graduate studies six months after graduation.

Those employed earned a salary mean of **\$76,542**.

CHS graduates also enjoy high certification pass rates in their fields.

Graduates of the **MPAS** program have achieved a **94%** average first-time pass rate over the past five years on the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE).

CHS GRADUATE EMPLOYERS INCLUDE:

- Allegheny General Hospital
- Allegheny Health Network
- Carlow University
- Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC
- Cleveland Clinic
- Excela Health
- Matilda Theiss Child Development Center
- Mercy Behavioral Health
- UPMC Shadyside
- Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
- Penn Trafford High School
- re:solve Crisis Network
- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- United States Air Force
- UPMC Hillman Cancer Center
- UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing
- West Penn Allegheny Health System

GO BABY GO!

Go Baby Go! provides adapted ride-on cars to young children with disabilities, allowing them to play and socialize with other children, helping to increase cognitive, motor, and social skills. Cars are modified by students in Chatham's physical and occupational therapy programs and are provided to families free of charge.

“*The faculty, staff, and leaders of the College of Health Sciences recognize that healthcare and the health needs of individuals and communities are complex and rapidly evolving. As a School, we strive to be leaders, lifelong learners, and innovators of health professions education so that we can best prepare our students to practice at the highest level of proficiency and ethical standards. We are committed to the success of our students so they may lead their work with purpose, meaning, and fulfillment.*”

— **Salvador Bondoc, OTD, OTR, CHT, FAOTA**
professor and dean of the
College of Health Sciences

HELP FUNDING YOUR DEGREE

For the **psychology, nursing, post-professional occupational therapy,** and **biomedical studies** programs, Chatham offers a **20% tuition reduction** through its partnership with selected employers and organizations—and if your institution is not on the list, it's easy to get it added.

Chatham's **Tuition Lock Program** for the **physical therapy** and **physician assistant** programs guarantees that the tuition you pay during your first year of the program will not rise during your second year, provided you stay continually enrolled in the program.

A limited number of **research, special project,** and **teaching assistantships** are available in the athletic training, biomedical studies, and psychology programs to help defray costs while also earning relevant, hands-on experience. Awards may include tuition remission and/or pay for hours worked.

CHS students are eligible for **fellowships and competitions**, some of which are compensated, through which they can gain valuable skills including working with underserved communities. Opportunities include the Jonas Falk Health Activist Fellowship, the Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellows Program, and more.

“You can never teach all of medicine to any one student. If I can teach a student to think, to learn, and to be a compassionate caregiver, then I have made a difference.”

— Susan Hawkins, MSED, PA-C
professor emeritus



APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application requirements and deadlines vary by program.
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