About the Major

Shepherd University’s Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Sport (HPERS) provides students with a professional baccalaureate experience in health promotion and exercise science. The degree provides the necessary theory and skills for students who intend to work in the health, wellness, and fitness industry. In addition, this degree program provides students with the knowledge and required skills to be successful in a variety of graduate programs in health, exercise science, and allied health care professions. Students completing this program will be prepared to acquire advanced certifications from some of the most respected and well-known health and fitness organizations such as the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).

Careers

Upon completing the program and passing the certified exams, students can find career opportunities in physical therapy, athletic training, sport injury rehabilitation, and many other areas closely related to health, wellness, sport, and athletics.

Get Involved

- Take Exercise Leadership (HLTH 100) and First-Year Experience in Health Promotion and Exercise Science (HLTH 101) your first semester to learn the ins and outs of this major.
- Become a member of a professional organization to enjoy networking and future career opportunities.
- Join the human performance lab team to assist other students in reaching their health and wellness goals.
- Attend professional conferences at the local, state, and national levels.
Points of Pride

- State of the art human performance lab for student training.
- **Excellent faculty with outstanding knowledge, experience, and expertise** in the field of health promotion and exercise science.
- Small class sizes that enhance the learning environment.
- **Comprehensive curriculum** that prepares students to continue their education in the areas of physical therapy, athletic training, personal training, and other careers devoted to health promotion and exercise science.

Program students visited local elementary schools teaching children about healthy eating.

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