

# COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS



### **Education**

The University of Florida College of Public Health and Health Professions' mission is to shape tomorrow's public health and health professionals through dynamic and responsive educational programs, transformational research, groundbreaking discoveries and equitable health-related service.

The college houses eight departments: biostatistics; clinical and health psychology; environmental and global health; epidemiology; health services research, management and policy; occupational therapy; physical therapy; and speech, language, and hearing sciences. These disciplines represent the full continuum of care, from prevention to early detection and intervention to rehabilitation that supports the health and well-being of communities and individuals.

The college offers two bachelor's, seven master's, eight Ph.D. and three professional degree programs and is also home to eight federally funded training grants. In 2022, the college launched a new nine-credit certificate to help undergraduate students apply knowledge in artificial intelligence to future careers in public health and health sciences.

REVENUES

Sponsored-awards	\$44.6M	49.1%	
Tuition	\$18.6M	20.5%	
State appropriation	\$9.2M	10.1%	
Indirect cost returns	\$8.5M	9.4%	
Advancement	\$5.6M	6.1%	
Clinical and professional	\$4.3M	4.8%	
Total	\$90.8M		



Beth A. Virnig, Ph.D. Dean

20

degree programs

2,854

187

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8

graduate programs ranked in the top 25 among publics

100%

four-year graduation rate in



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#9

in NIH research funding among schools of public health at public universities

\$34.2M

new research awards

8

federally funded training

3

equal access clinics providing pro bono care

15,000

patient contacts by clinical and health psychology faculty and trainees



#### Research

The College of Public Health and Health Professions is ranked 9th in National Institutes of Health funding among schools of public health at public universities, according to the Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research. More than 130 faculty members serve as key personnel on research projects that span basic science and animal research studies to randomized clinical trials and community interventions. Faculty members publish their findings in high-impact journals, such as Nature, The New England Journal of Medicine, The Lancet, JAMA and JAMA Network Open.

In support of the university's drive to become a national leader in artificial intelligence research and education, the college has hired nine additional faculty members with expertise in Al. Their research programs focus on precision medicine, health disparities, clinical decision-making, outcome predictions, environmental risk assessments and more.

#### Service

Faculty, staff and students take an active role in engaging and serving the community and region in a number of ways. Examples include three equal access clinics providing clinical psychology, occupational therapy and physical therapy services to people who are uninsured or underinsured; UF HealthStreet, a community engagement program that connects community members to research opportunities and health and social services; and mentorship of middle school students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) subjects.

Clinical activities include the department of clinical and health psychology's UF Health Psychology Specialties practice, which provides psychological services for the entire academic health center and UF Health Physicians practices. The department of occupational therapy offers UF SmartDriver Rehab, the area's only driving rehabilitation service providing evaluations and interventions to improve driving skills of older adults and drivers of all ages who have medical conditions that may affect driving.

