

# SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

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## Mission

The mission of the School of Behavioral and Health Sciences is to provide high quality innovative educational programs which foster academic excellence rooted in scholarship and evidence based practices. Academic excellence embodies critical thinking, effective communication, creativity, life-long learning and an orientation to interdisciplinary and global learning. We challenge students in the academic programs to examine their personal values and respect the uniqueness, human dignity and cultural backgrounds of all people. Our students become leaders in service who demonstrate ethical and professional behaviors and advocate for the rights, health and welfare of all human beings. We encourage individuals to act in accordance with and guided by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ.

## Vision

Through our academic programs, the School of Behavioral and Health Sciences engages faculty and students in research and in efforts to improve the quality of human and community life. We aspire to promote innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, global and domestic service and advocacy for the under-served.

## Programs of Study

The School of Behavioral and Health Sciences offers undergraduate majors in Criminal Justice, Health Care Administration, Organizational Development and Leadership, Exercise Science, Psychology Community/Clinical, Psychology pre-Occupational Therapy, Psychology pre-Physical Therapy, Psychology Research, Sociology Applied Family Studies, Sociology Legal Studies, Behavioral Sciences/Counseling and Human Development (BA/MA) and Human Services (AA). The School offers graduate programs in Counseling and Human Development, a Master of Occupational Therapy and a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

## GPA Requirement

All SBS majors need at least a **2.3 GPA** to continue on their majors.

**Exception:** A **3.3 GPA** is for the following majors:

- BA/MA
- Psychology Pre-OT Early Assurance
- Health Sciences OTA to MOT

## Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate knowledge of theories, facts, methodologies and research in the respective discipline to evaluate, propose and provide solutions to problems.
- Students will recognize and evaluate ethical issues and situations.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to apply qualitative and/or quantitative analytical reasoning skills to solve problems and evaluate outcomes.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively in forms appropriate to the discipline, individually and/or in groups.
- Students will compare the beliefs, behaviors, values, and/or worldview of others.

## Combined Programs (BA/MA)

- Behavioral Sciences/Counseling (B.A./M.A.) (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/behavioral-sciences-counseling-ba-ma/>)
- Exercise Science (B.S.) - 3+2 Early Assurance Pre-Athletic Training Track (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/exercise-science-early-assurance-32-pre-athletic-training-track/>)
- Exercise Science (B.S.) - 3+2 Early Assurance Pre-Occupational Therapy Program (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/early-assurance-pre-ot/>)
- Exercise Science (B.S.) - 3+3 Early Assurance Pre-Physical Therapy Track (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/33exercisesciencepre-pt/>)
- Psychology (B.A.) - 3+2 Early Assurance Pre-Occupational Therapy Program (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/early-assurance-psychology-pre-ot/>)

## SBS Majors

- Criminal Justice (B.A.) (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/criminaljustice/>)
- Exercise Science (B.S.) - Pre-Athletic Training Track (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/exercisesciencepre-at/>)
- Exercise Science (B.S.) - Pre-Occupational Therapy Track (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/exercise-science-bs-pre-occupational-therapy-track/>)
- Exercise Science (B.S.) - Pre-Physical Therapy Track (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/exercise-science-bs-graduate-school-physical-therapy-track/>)
- Exercise Science (B.S.) - Professional Track (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/exercise-science-bs-professional-track/>)
- Healthcare Administration (B.A.) (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/healthcareadministration/>)
- Health Sciences (OTA to MOT) - (B.S.) (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/ota-mot/>)
- Organizational Development and Leadership (B.A.) (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/organizational-leadership-and-development/>)
- Psychology Community/Clinical (B.A.) (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/psychology-community-clinical-ba/>)
- Psychology Pre-Occupational Therapy (Pre-OT) (B.A.) (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/psychology-pre-occupational-therapy-pre-ot-ba/>)
- Public Health (B.A.) (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/public-health/>)
- Social and Behavioral Science (B.A.) (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/social-and-behavioral-science-ba/>)
- Sociology Applied Family Studies (B.A.) (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/sociology-applied-family-studies-ba/>)

- Human Services Major (A.A.) (<http://catalog.walsh.edu/undergraduate/school-behavioral-health-sciences/human-services-major-aa/>)