FACULTY RESEARCH PROFILES | 2018-19
4,561 students enrolled

88% of students are from the San Joaquin Valley

and alumni continue to serve and stay in the region after graduation

75% of doctoral degrees earned at the University are by CHHS students

#1 most degrees awarded by college at Fresno State

"I chose to pursue the field of Social Work because it is a helping profession and there are a lot of kids in the community who need positive role models." - Patrick Galindo, B.S., Social Work and President’s Medalist ('18)

18% overall representation of CHHS students at Fresno State

29,125 service-learning and community service hours completed

"Health is a universal bond among humans that is borderless. It’s the ultimate service to provide for someone’s well-being and there is no greater calling." - Scott Ramirez, B.S. Nursing ('18)

Lowering the achievement gap for underrepresented and non-underrepresented minority students

$11.7 million in grants and contracts awarded

"Despite the challenges of our region, we know one thing is for sure - not one sector can 'move the needle' on their own. The collaborative effort that has come together to reduce preterm birth initiatives in Fresno County is a tremendous example of that." - Lynne Ashbeck, Chair, Fresno County Preterm Birth Initiative Steering Committee
The College of Health and Human Services is proud to present the 2018-19 edition of its Faculty Research Profiles. With seven academic disciplines and an array of centers and institutes, the college continues to encourage and champion students, who go on to serve our diverse and growing region as healthcare practitioners, human services professionals, educators, researchers, advocates and leaders.

Our talented faculty incorporate innovative research and high-impact experiences into their teaching, further helping to build a healthier and more sustainable community for the children and adults that reside in our Central Valley.

Through these profiles, we hope to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration across the University and engaged partnerships in the community, which will allow faculty to pave the way for students to connect to service-learning opportunities, internships and community-based research.

While each of our academic disciplines, centers and institutes are unique, we all share a common commitment to boldly educate and empower our students for success!

For a full list of CHHS academic departments, centers and institutes, go to page 19.
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Research Interests:  
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• Clinical exercise physiology  

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• Evaluation  
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• Place, race/ethnicity and public policy  
• Financing public health and personal health  
• Universal, sustainable and efficient national health policies  
• Eldercare policies and programs  
• Adolescent development, teen pregnancy prevention, substance abuse prevention
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**Research Interests:**
- Pediatric audiology
- Cochlear implants

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**Research Interests:**
- Measuring stress in vulnerable populations
- Therapeutic communication in nurses
- Psychometrics

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  - B.A. Criminal and Social Justice, Ashford University

**Research Interests:**
- Juvenile justice
- Foster care
- Systems of care
- Under-represented youth

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Research Interests:
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Research Interests:  
- Minority health  
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Research Interests:  
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- Nurses in higher education
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Research Interests:
- Novel brain stimulation, games and virtual reality for increasing physical activity and inducing neuroplasticity
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- Drugs and alcohol
- Program evaluation
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• Action research
• Interprofessional education and collaboration
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Research Interests:
• Language and cultural barriers in healthcare, emphasis on physical therapy
• Isokinetic norms for the upper extremity
• Inter-professional, international and student/faculty collaboration for public health initiatives
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  - Gender-based and domestic violence  
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  - College access and success for d/Deaf students in higher education  
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• Indigenous peoples and self-governance
• Equanimity, universality and diversity

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Research Interests:
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• Social capital, sustainability, liveable cities and well-being
• Management of recreation services and survey research
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**Research Interests:**
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- Trends in higher education
- Juvenile justice

**Degrees Held:**
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**Research Interests:**
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- Venue and event accessibility
- Patron and client experience management
- Bookings and economic impact

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**Research Interests:**
- Child language disorders
- Autism
- Augmentative and alternative communication
- Literacy acquisition
- Multicultural populations

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- Water safety
- Elementary physical education

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• Human services organizations  
• Quantitative research methods  
• Child welfare policy and practice  
• Central California human services issues
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### Research Interests:
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- Youth development
- Pedagogy
- Accessible tourism

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### Research Interests:
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### Research Interests:
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- Intimate partner violence
- Effective social work education with disadvantaged populations

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### Research Interests:
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Research Interests:
• Eating disorders and school-age children
• Rural health and health disparities
• Cultural diversity in healthcare
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<td>• Physical Therapy Certificate, UCLA Hospital and Clinics</td>
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- Knee and ankle injuries
- Running injuries and prevention
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• Management of municipal leisure services
• Organizational development and leadership
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- Stroke rehabilitation  
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- Sarcopenia  
- Fall prevention  
- Healthy aging  
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- Human dimensions in natural resource management  
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- School of Nursing

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The center takes a regionally and comprehensively-focused approach, working in partnership with health care providers to develop nursing specialists, leaders and educators needed to serve our diverse region.

Central California Children's Institute
Its mission is to promote research, policies and practices that support the well-being of children and families, using a regional children's agenda as the guiding framework.

Central California Sports Science Institute
Through community awareness and education, as well as collaborative research, the institute is helping those in the field focus on enhancing performance of athletes while maintaining a safe atmosphere.

Central Valley Health Policy Institute
The institute facilitates regional research, leadership training and graduate education programs to address emerging health policy issues that influence the health status of people living in Central California.

Social Welfare Evaluation, Research and Training Center
The center studies the human condition, social issues and the delivery of human services in Central California to improve the quality of life for residents in the region.
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- Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)

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- Deaf Education (M.A.)
- Speech-Language Pathology (M.A.)
- Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)
- Exercise Science (M.S.)
- Kinesiology (M.S.)
- Sport Administration (M.S.)
- Sport Psychology (M.S.)
- Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Educator (M.S.N.)
- Primary Care/Nurse Practitioner (M.S.N.)
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BACHELOR’S OPTIONS AND DEGREES

- Audiology (B.A.)
- Deaf Education (B.A.)
- Interpreting (B.A.)
- Speech-Language Pathology (B.A.)
- Social Work (B.A.)
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- Physical Education (B.S.)
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- Adventure Recreation and Tourism (B.S.)
- Commercial Recreation and Event Planning (B.S.)
- Community Recreation and Youth Services
- Sports and Entertainment Facility Management (B.S.)
- Therapeutic Recreation (B.S.)

CERTIFICATES

- Conversational American Sign Language
- Alcohol and Drug Services
- Adventure-Based Programming
- Serving At-Risk Youth
- Special Event Planning
- Sports and Entertainment Facility Management
- Cross-Cultural Competency
- Gerontology
DEAN'S COUNCIL OF AMBASSADORS 2018-19

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Lynne Ashbeck, Senior Vice President of Community Engagement and Population Wellness, Valley Children's Healthcare

Connie Clendenan, Former CEO, Valley Teen Ranch (retired)

Ben Cuellar, Dean Emeritus, College of Health and Human Services, Fresno State

Donna DeRoo, Director, Central California Center for Health and Human Services, Fresno State

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Denise Vermeltfoort, Director of Regulatory and Clinical Practice, Valley Children's Healthcare

Kara Zografos, Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Public Health, Fresno State

HONORS PROGRAM IN COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

Developed to create a collaborative academic program between departments, students in the Honors Program work together and with community partners on real-world, interdisciplinary projects that strive to provide healthy outcomes for the Fresno community.

"The Honors Program has really allowed me to grow as a student and future professional. I feel more prepared and confident now, more than ever, to enter graduate school." - Melanie Sanchez, B.A., Communicative Sciences and Deaf Studies (’18)