The College of Health and Social Services brings together associated disciplines and professional fields of study directly applied to the improvement of the quality of life and its existence in rapidly changing family and community environments. The college includes the Department of Public Health Sciences, and the Schools of Nursing and Social Work.

**Bachelor Degree Graduation Requirements**

Three bachelor degree programs are available. To be awarded a bachelor degree in any of the three programs (i.e., Bachelor of Public Health, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Bachelor of Social Work) you must:

1. Complete the requirements for the degree as shown by the department in which the degree is offered including a minimum of 48 credits of upper-division courses (numbered 300 and above) and the minimum total number of credits required for the degree.
2. Complete the general education presented in the general education section of this catalog, the specific general education courses that may be required by each department, and Viewing a Wider World requirements specified elsewhere in this catalog.
3. Complete any other requirements for graduation as discussed under Regulations in the General Information chapter of this catalog.

Students must check with their academic advisor for current requirements and lists of specific courses that meet these requirements.

While the ultimate responsibility for planning an academic program in compliance with university, college, and departmental requirements rests with you, the college recognizes the importance of helping you work out appropriate academic programs. All Health and Social Service students pursuing baccalaureate degrees are advised about academic matters in their respective department. Students are encouraged to contact departments for specific subject area information and career planning.

**Preprofessional Programs**

NMSU offers a number of programs designed for transfer to professional schools through its undergraduate colleges. The programs that are administered by the College of Health and Social Services are Pre-Nursing, Pre-Social Work, Pre- Public Health Sciences majors are administered by the College of Health and Social Services. Students new to NMSU, or who are working toward completion of their respective departmental pre-requisites are able to declare their major in the College of Health and Social Services. Once pre-requisites have been satisfied, an application process is required specific to each major. Application details and requirements are available through the ‘Academic Departments’ link on the College of Health and Social Services website, and also through the Central Advising Center.

**Bachelors Degrees**

Bachelor of Public Health

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Bachelor of Social Work

**Masters Degrees**

Master of Public Health

Major in:
- Public Health
  - Health Behavior and Health Promotion
  - Health Management, Administration, & Policy

Master of Science in Nursing - Nursing Administration

Master of Social Work

**Dual Degrees**

Master of Public Health/ Master of Social Work

**Doctoral Degrees**

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Major in:
- Nursing Practice
  - Family Nurse Practitioner
  - Psychiatric/Mental Health

Doctor of Philosophy-Nursing

**Graduate Certificates**

- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Public Health

**Undergraduate Minors**

- Gerontology
- Public Health Sciences
- U.S.-Mexico Border Health Issues

**Graduate Minors**

- Gerontology
- U.S. - Mexico Border Health Issues

**Accreditation**

Within the College of Health and Social Services, the baccalaureate degree program in the School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The baccalaureate degree program in the School of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The Bachelor of Public Health and Masters of Public Health degree programs in the Department of Public Health
Sciences are accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).