1. UNC Charlotte’s Social Work program has swiftly grown from its origins within the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in the 1970s to a CSWE-accredited BSW and MSW program, acclaimed for its excellence and value. This year, the Department of Social Work has gained prominence as a School of Social Work.

2. Belk Gym is undergoing extensive renovations to be unveiled in the Fall of 2015. As the new home of the CHHS Department of Kinesiology and recreational services, it will feature over 8,000 square feet of dedicated fitness space, state-of-the-art clinical training and research laboratories, refinished basketball courts, and new, high-tech lecture halls.

3. Dr. Shanti Kulkarni, Associate Professor of Social Work, is actively engaged in violence prevention efforts, both locally and internationally. Her research focuses on the impact of trauma, violence, and abuse upon vulnerable populations and seeks to positively influence practitioner behavior, service delivery systems, and policy in ways that best promote survivor healing.

4. Student success is a priority of the College of Health and Human Services. During the first week of classes, CHHS welcomes new freshmen and transfer students by hosting a pizza party (with Norm the Niner) where students can meet and chat with faculty, administrators and fellow students.

5. The College of Health and Human Services hosted acclaimed food policy thought leader, Dr. Marion Nestle, for a conversation on the politics of food and food choice. The daylong activities, part of the TIAA-CREF Distinguished Lecture Series, included an afternoon dialogue with students at the UNC Charlotte main campus and an evening event at the Center City building in Uptown Charlotte.

6. The School of Nursing achieved a 94% NCLEX pass rate for its most recent graduates, exceeding national averages.

7. Dr. Maren Coffman, Associate Professor in the School of Nursing continues to break ground with her one of a kind student experience in Cuba. Under Dr. Coffman’s guidance, students from a variety of disciplines spend their spring break in Cuba learning about Cuban culture and studying the nation’s health care system.

8. Building capacity around big data is a priority for the College of Health and Human Services. The study of big data has been part of the College’s DNA for quite some time, most notably through the innovative analytical work of Dr. Jim Studnicki, the Belk Endowed Professor in Public Health Sciences. Dr. Studnicki’s research team created a software solution that has been used by several states and health systems across the country to analyze data associated with the health of their markets and to develop priorities for improving the health of their respective communities. Recently, his work has led to a new partnership with industry innovator, Premier Inc.

9. The College of Health and Human Services is focusing on veteran and military health. Concerned with the well-being and seamless transition of returning veterans into our degree programs, faculty will receive special training in the needs of student-veterans. The College has established the new Academy for Veteran and Military Health, a collaboration with the Division of Student Affairs, ROTC and a variety of veteran-serving organizations from the community. The Academy will provide a structure to provide learning and research experiences for students wishing to work with veterans and their families upon graduation.
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The College is committed to developing close, strategic collaborations with individuals, agencies and institutions in the Charlotte region, aspiring to become known for our public engagement and community focus. Faculty, staff and students are actively involved in addressing emerging needs related to health and human services in our community. In turn, our community, alumni and health service agencies reciprocate by providing placements, internships, and employment for our students, and opportunities for research for our faculty.

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COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

The CHHS student body includes students of high academic achievement from diverse backgrounds. Of the 3,441 CHHS students, 52% are considered to have the most critical financial needs, as determined by the Office of Financial Aid, and 39% of students self-identify as a racial or ethnic minority. UNC Charlotte proudly educated the highest number of first-generation college students in the UNC system.

RESEARCH

We aspire to expand our research portfolio to become an essential urban health focused research resource in the region and the state. We engage in cutting-edge scholarship that ranges from bench and laboratory research to community-based interventions and assessments. Our research is pursued with one goal in mind: to improve the health and quality of life of our fellow community members.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: DR. MARK DEHAVEN, COLVARD DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

Dr. Mark DeHaven leads the CHHS Academy for Research on Community Health, Engagement, and Services (ARCHES), bringing interdisciplinary teams of UNC Charlotte faculty together to develop active partnerships with community health and human service agencies, as well as local and state government. The goal of this complex but important work is to improve health outcomes and quality of life, and reduce health disparities, especially among traditionally vulnerable populations. An internationally known community health researcher, DeHaven has directed dozens of global community health initiatives related to chronic disease reduction efforts in Mexico, Peru, China, and South Sudan, as well as in the United States.