THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
The College of Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is widely known for excellence in education, innovative cutting-edge research, and community-engaged learning and service. Our College offers the greatest number of health-related degree programs in the state of Wisconsin, and our academic and clinical partners represent some of the best healthcare facilities and medical centers in metropolitan Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the nation. Our collaborative research and community engagement initiatives allow us to establish a distinguished presence in our region and beyond.

Our mission is to enrich the health and well-being of people in Wisconsin and the world through innovative research, outstanding education and exceptional service, and to inspire others to carry out this work.

GETTING INVOLVED
Students with paid or unpaid experience in the area of disability, diversity, leadership and undergraduate research are best prepared for employment and graduate studies. The Center for Community-Based Learning, Leadership, & Research has many opportunities for student involvement. The Office of Undergraduate Research also helps to match students with research opportunities. Students in the OS program are encouraged to become involved in undergraduate research.

WHERE YOU CAN WORK
- Assistive Technology Professional
- Behavioral Health Technician
- Community Settings
- Corporations/Industry
- Design & Accessibility Consultant
- Health Care Consultant
- Insurance Claims Adjuster, Examiner, Investigator
- Mental Health Settings
- Nursing Homes
- Private Practice
- Public/Private Schools
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Adult Day Care Centers
- Assisted Living Agencies
- Hospitals
- Disability Studies, Digital and Fabrication Design, Human Growth and Development, Medical Conditions and Health Care

WHAT YOU CAN BE
- Activity Therapist/Directors
- Adult Day Program Coordinator
- Assistive Technology Professional
- Behavioral Health Technician
- Design & Accessibility Consultant
- Health Care Consultant
- Insurance Claims Adjuster, Examiner, Investigator
- Occupational Health and Safety Specialist
- Recreation Coordinator or Therapist
- Risk Control Consultant
- Social & Community Service Manager
- Successful Graduate Student in Many of the Health, Rehabilitation and Social Sciences, as well as some STEM Disciplines

JOB OUTLOOK
The Occupational Outlook Handbook provides job forecasting information for many jobs. The job outlook varies depending on the specific job. Recreational Therapists ($42,000 median salary) are anticipated to grow as fast as the average for all occupations. Community Service Managers ($59,970 median salary) are anticipated to grow faster than the average. Insurance positions ($59,960 median salary) or risk control consultant in the area of health and medicine have the best outlook in the insurance industry.

YOU SHOULD ENJOY...
- Human Anatomy and Physiology, Psychology, Physics, Rehabilitation, Assistive Technology, Disability Studies, Digital and Fabrication Design, Human Growth and Development, Medical Conditions and Health Care

YEARS OF COLLEGE REQUIRED
A full time student may complete the degree in a minimum of 4 years for entry-level positions. Years to completion of the degree are largely contingent upon the incoming student’s proficiency in mathematics. Occupational Therapy requires an additional 2-year Master’s Degree. Other advanced or professional degree requirements vary by specialty, but typically involve at least 2-3 years.
Occupational Studies

Disability is explored from a holistic perspective to include both medical and social aspects. Occupation and full participation in life is explored through topics such as occupational sciences, therapeutic recreation, assistive technology, ergonomics, human factors and universal design. Many courses explore interactions between users, equipment and the environment. Several courses in the area of scientific inquiry, biostatistics, measurement and evidence informed practice establish a strong foundation for students interested in research and graduate education.

Individuals interested in this area of study may prefer to work in professions that serve individuals with disabilities or the community overall. Our program also prepares students for graduate level professional programs such as Occupational Therapy, many other health or rehabilitation sciences, social sciences and some areas in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines.

Occupational Studies combines various components of health, disability and occupation that contribute to full participation in life.