



COLLEGE OF HEALTH & WELLNESS FACTS



The newest college at Johnson & Wales University (JWU), the College of Health & Wellness leverages JWU's long-standing expertise in culinary nutrition and tenants of hospitality in the development of the health program curricula, such as lifestyle and food as medicine. Its mission is to provide an exceptional education fostering interprofessional collaboration, leadership skills, and lifelong learning opportunities to equitably meet the changing health needs of diverse populations.

716
students

17
programs

Accreditation

The College of Health & Wellness is currently accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) granted the Doctor of Physical Therapy program Candidate for Accreditation status. The Master of Public Health program is currently undergoing the accreditation process with Council on Education in Public Health (CEPH).

National Licensure Board Pass Rates (2024–25)

	Within one year of graduation	First time	Overall
Nursing	100%	100%	100%
Occupational Therapy	95%	60%	95%
Physician Assistant Studies	99%	97%	100%

Faculty Statistics (2024–25)

Doctoral prepared faculty: 46%

— Advanced doctorates: 26%

— Clinical doctorates: 21%

Doctoral pursuing faculty: 4%

Professional peer-reviewed presentations: 88

Published peer-reviewed papers: 48

Actively funded grants (internal and external): 9

2026–27 Programs

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Dietetics and Applied Nutrition (B.S.)	Providence
Exercise and Sports Science (B.S.)	Providence
Health Science (B.S.)	Providence Charlotte
Healthcare Administration (B.S.)	Providence Charlotte
Nursing (B.S.N. — accelerated program)	Providence Charlotte
Public Health (B.S.)	Providence Charlotte Online

GRADUATE DEGREES

Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics (M.S.)	Providence
Nutrition (M.S.)	Online
Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)	Providence
Physical Therapy (DPT)	Providence
Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS)	Providence
Public Health (MPH)	Providence

COMBINED DEGREES

Health Science (B.S.) / Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)	Providence
Health Science (B.S.) / Public Health (MPH)	Providence Charlotte
Healthcare Administration (B.S.) / Public Health (MPH)	Providence
Public Health (B.S. / MPH)	Providence Charlotte

GRADUATE MICRO-CERTIFICATE

Sports Nutrition	Online
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Facilities

PROVIDENCE CAMPUS

The College of Health & Wellness is housed in six academic buildings: the Center for Physician Assistant Studies, the John J. Bowen Center for Science & Innovation, Johnson Hall, the John Hazen White Center, the Friedman Center (Harborside) and the Academic Center.

CHARLOTTE CAMPUS

The university has invested in high fidelity simulation labs for the nursing program with corresponding high-fidelity manikins and hospital equipment to create a hospital environment. It also features state-of-the-art biology and chemistry labs.

Career Outcomes Rate

Johnson & Wales University enjoys a 92.3% career outcomes rate for our 2024 universitywide graduates who earned an associate or a bachelor’s degree. This rate reflects the percentage of JWU graduates who secure full or part-time employment, are enrolled/accepted in a program of study to continue their education, are performing voluntary service, or enlist in military service within six months of graduation. The 2024 JWU rate is 6.6 percentage points higher than the national average. For more information, visit jwu.edu/career-outcomes.

Experiential Education

JWU students are invested in their education and intentional about their experiences, ensuring that their learning is authentic and purposeful. These students thrive in JWU’s supportive community, which encourages their passion for hands-on learning, values their intellectual curiosity, and immerses them in dynamic labs and career-focused classrooms resulting in agile graduates who demonstrate a strong work ethic. To support students’ career success, JWU faculty and career advisors from Experiential Education & Career Services offer career readiness planning and advising. This ensures students develop essential workplace skills such as teamwork, time management and problem-solving that employers value.

Research

The college has a robust research environment, including a Center for Student Research and Interdisciplinary Collaboration (CSRIC) that launched with external grant funding and is located in the Department of Health Sciences. Undergraduate and graduate students are actively engaged in research leading to presentations at professional meetings and published papers with faculty.

Service Learning

Students enrolled in clinical programs within the college are required to engage in service-learning activities within the local community as part of the academic experience. These activities are diverse and include work with soup kitchens, volunteering at local day and community centers, and assisting in an adaptive sports program. There are also opportunities to engage in service learning with Tribal communities and international service organizations.

Industry Partners

Students are required to complete clinical hours within industry. Due to the clinical and community-engaged nature of our programs, the college has a comprehensive and growing list of industry and community partners. This list will continue to expand as we create new academic programs reaching across greater domains of health, wellness and prevention.

Industry partners include, but are not limited to, the following:

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center	Miriam Hospital
Brown University Health	Providence Public Schools
Bryant University	Rhode Island Department of Public Health
Butler Hospital	Rhode Island Healthcare Association
Care Transformation Collaboration of Rhode Island (CTC-RI)	Rhode Island Quality Institute
Compass	Sargent Rehab Center
Genesis Rehab Services	Springfield College
Highbar Physical Therapy	Taskforce on Primary Care Workforce
JAG Physical Therapy	Vitamix

21
average
class size

838
alumni