

## Our Mission

The mission of the SJSU Health Science Department is to enrich the lives of students and contribute to public health through:

- Innovative and contemporary education in the principles and skills of health science,
- Contributions to the intellectual foundations of community health,
- Leadership in the public health profession, and
- Collaborations with community partners.

Using a social ecological framework emphasizing the relationships between health, disease, environment, and behavior, the Health Science Department offers knowledge and skills useful throughout life, practical and analytical experiences necessary for professional practice and leadership, and the foundation for a wide range of careers and contributions to society.

The Health Science Department offers the Master of Public Health degree, the Bachelor of Science in Health Science, Minors in Health Science and Gerontology, a post-baccalaureate certificate in Applied Social Gerontology, We also offer MUSE, Core General Education, and SJSU Studies courses.

## Core Values of the Health Science Department

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### Health

Of each individual, our organization, our institution, and our community

### Community

Our setting, our methods, and our orientation to health

### Prevention

Primary, secondary, and tertiary

### Equity

Of opportunity, risk, and protection

### Advocacy

The natural extension of discovery, knowledge, and analysis

### Diversity

Assumed, encouraged, celebrated, and honored

### Respect

For persons, beliefs, actions, experiences, and choices

### Excellence

The goal of our work

### Balance

In our lives, our work, and our recreation

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## Core Principles of the Health Science Department

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Professional ethics

Personal ethics, integrity, and responsibility

Professional responsibility

Relevance and participation

Intergenerational perspectives

Inclusive and respectful language

Critical thinking and dissent

Collaborative achievement

Civic engagement

Empowerment

Appropriate technology

Global perspectives

Systems thinking & ecological approach

Partnership

Compassion

That which is not given away is lost

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### MPH Program Diversity Statement

Our diversity honors experiences, visions, choices, and realities. It is open to varied cultures, classes, ages, genders, orientations, and abilities. It acknowledges differences and the sharing of the fascinating experiences and challenges of those differences.

Our diversity is built on tenets of respect, support, inclusion, and representation. It embraces and honors community, ethnicity, spirituality, sexuality, gender, and culture.

Our diversity provides a philosophical outlook that searches to find the points of interconnectedness among us, and accepts that not all points of view connect.

Our diverse community resolves to create spaces for all voices and stories to be equally shared and heard.

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From our new website's homepage...

