

MAJOR TO CAREER GUIDE

Kinesiology

Division of Health Sciences

Mission of the Division of Health Sciences

UNLV's Division of Health Sciences — along with other health science-related programs in the Nevada System of Higher Education — is addressing today's pressing needs and making tomorrow's discoveries.

The division is comprised of the schools of Dental Medicine, Nursing, Community Health Sciences and Allied Health Sciences. Guided by a mission that demands UNLV serves its community, the division is using research, education, training, and service to form unique public and private partnerships. These partnerships are helping provide quality health care to the underserved, educating future professionals, and exploring ways to improve the health and well-being of our citizens. Taken together, UNLV is helping build a foundation for a healthier and more vibrant Nevada.

Visit this site for more information:

<http://www.unlv.edu/healthsciences>

About Kinesiology

The Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology focuses on the study of human performance. Students in the degree program will study foundational sciences such as anatomical kinesiology, biomechanics, exercise physiology, motor behavior, and the social psychology of physical activity. Successful degree candidates in Kinesiology will complete the set of core Kinesiology courses, the UNLV general education requirements, and an area of specialization. Students can choose between two specialization areas: "Allied Health" or "Comprehensive."

UNLV Academic Advising for Kinesiology Majors:

Academic Advisors who are eager to meet with students about their academic goals and to assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.

Division of Health Sciences Advising Center

Phone: 702-895-5448

Campus Location: CEB 399A

<http://alliedhealth.unlv.edu/advising.htm>

Kinesiology Career Options

The results from a survey of graduates of our undergraduate programs have highlighted the flexibility Kinesiology graduates have in choosing a career.

For example, some of our graduates have gone on to have careers as:

- Physical Therapy School
- Medical School
- Physical Therapy Technician
- Executive Director of Recreation
- Director of Fitness
- Personal Trainer
- Activity Coordinator
- Fitness Instructor

Graduate Programs in Kinesiology

The Master of Science degree in Exercise Physiology is designed to provide the student with an understanding of the physiological effects of exercise on the human body. The program emphasizes academic preparation in exercise physiology, laboratory experience, exercise leadership experience, knowledge of research methodology, and statistics.

The Master of Science in Kinesiology allows students to choose between an emphasis in Sport Medicine, Biomechanics, or Motor Control and Learning. The programs are designed to provide students with the theoretical foundations of the movement-based sciences. Through involvement in directed research projects, students obtain an in-depth understanding of laboratory equipment and research applications.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Kinesiology is designed specifically for professionals who desire tenure track research and/or teaching positions in post-secondary education. The Ph.D. program offers academic concentrations in biomechanics, exercise physiology, motor control/learning and physical activity.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Physical Therapy is designed to prepare students to enter the profession of physical therapy. The program that consists of intense academic and clinical work spread over six semesters and three summers. Students are prepared as generalists, but also have an opportunity to investigate specialized aspects of physical therapy through numerous clinical exposures.

Clubs, Orgs & Professional Associations

UNLV offers a wide variety of clubs and organizations to meet the needs and interests of students. Visit the Involvement Center via your MyUNLV account to explore, access, and join hundreds of student organizations. Get involved today!

Helpful Career Information

Employers rate candidate soft skills/qualities in order of importance

- 1 Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- 2 Ability to work in a team structure
- 3 Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- 4 Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- 5 Ability to obtain and process information
- 6 Ability to analyze quantitative data
- 7 Technical knowledge related to the job
- 8 Proficiency with computer software programs
- 9 Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- 10 Ability to sell or influence others

Source: Job Outlook 2013

Courtesy of the National Association of Colleges and Employers

MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2010-2012

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Physical Therapist	\$53,620-\$107,920	\$76,310
Recreational Therapist	\$26,640-\$62,670	\$39,410
Teaching in these fields (Doctorate required)	\$30,720-\$130,510	\$62,050

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition*, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010–20 decade.

Career Exploration/Planning

FOCUS 2: UNLV's computerized assessment that profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that's right for you.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html>

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI): Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html>

Strong Interest Inventory: Generates an in-depth assessment of your interests among a broad range of occupations, work and leisure activities, and educational subjects.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentStrong.html>

UNLV Career Services

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495

Campus Location: SSC-A 2nd Floor

<http://hire.unlv.edu/>

Internship Opportunities

UNLV **Hire a Rebel** is a free, online recruiting system that helps students, alumni, and employers connect in a variety of ways.

Students can use **Hire a Rebel** to search for: job and internship listings, on-campus recruiting interviews, employer information sessions, resume book database, & dates for career fairs.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerLink.html>

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