



## Letter from the Dean

Dear future Griz,

At UM, health sciences students approach some of the world's most pressing problems in collaborative and innovative ways.

As a student in our College of Health, you'll be exposed to specialized training in modern health care disciplines, gain expertise from local and regional practitioners and develop a deep understanding of treating the whole person through interprofessional practice.

A robust training in the health sciences will prepare you for a future that no one can predict. As the world continues to refine and adjust to a 21st-century pandemic – the next generation of UM health professionals will emerge as confident leaders. With more than 60 health sciences programs and a dedicated team of staff and faculty to mentor and support you in your academic and professional journey, the College of Health will prepare you any field you chose.

Whether you're interested in researching novel treatments in labs or want to practice directly with individuals and the public, our faculty and staff can help you refine your interests and find a path to a health care career that most reflects your passion. And we don't just do it alone. Along with our world-class faculty, we embrace the guidance of local and regional practitioners who are practicing health care on the frontlines.

The College of Health provides students access to cutting-edge research and top-notch faculty who place student success at the center of all they do. This include classes that features weekly conversations with local, world-class providers, our own on-campus health clinics and access to clinical training across the Big Sky state.

Pursuing a career in health and medicine takes skill, focus and compassion, and our health-related and professional degree programs are designed to hone those qualities.

Whatever academic path you choose in the College of Health, you'll receive robust, interdisciplinary training and experiences that will fully prepare you to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

We hope to welcome you as a Griz soon!

Sincerely,

Marketa Marvanova  
Interim Dean and Professor



## To your (academic) health!

When you choose to study health sciences at the University of Montana, you gain access to a whole team of supporters whose sole focus is your success.

Interested in a career in medicine? Not sure which track or health profession best suits you? Join the UM Health and Medicine community to learn more about foundational coursework, career options and on-campus experiential opportunities that will lead you to the major and experiences you'll need to reach your goal.

Students who join the Health and Medicine community have access to:

- Personalized advising through the Undergraduate Advising Center, UM's top-notch Pre-Medical Sciences program and UMHM faculty and staff mentors.
- Workshops and seminars on university life and academics, professionalism in health care, medical ethics and using centralized application services.
- Admissions test preparation courses.
- Courses on an introduction to professional health careers and how to apply to a professional school or program in a health care field.

In our classrooms, you're more than just a name and number. Our professors know your goals and understand how to help you achieve them. Our well-connected faculty bring you into their research labs and clinical practice sites. No matter what you're working toward, or where you are in your academic journey, we're here to help you succeed.

## Did you know?

33% of UM students are first-generation college attendees.

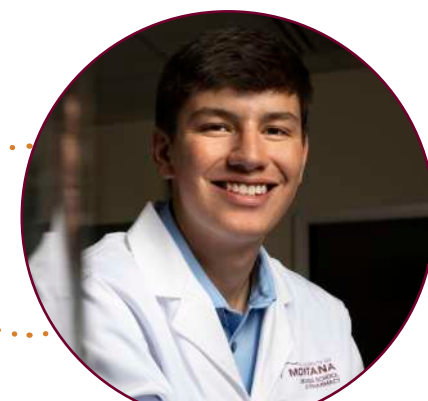


## Grizzlies up close – meet Nano!

Nano Stiffarm grew up in the Blackfeet Nation, on Montana's Blackfeet Indian Reservation. From a young age, he saw a need for improving health care in his rural community where addiction was prevalent and access to health care services was dismal. Both of his parents worked at the local hospital, inspiring Stiffarm to enroll in UM's Skaggs School of Pharmacy, where he's completing his doctorate of pharmacy in addition to a master's of business administration in UM's College of Business.

He plans to use his dual degrees to improve the health care near his hometown of Browning, with a goal of becoming a health care leader as a pharmacy supervisor. Stiffarm says his training in business will allow him improve the production and impact of the reservation's pharmacy. Working and volunteering at the pharmacy at the Blackfeet Community Hospital, Stiffarm sees the lack of Native representation of pharmacists and wants to better inform his community about medications, health questions and access.

Stiffarm credits UM's Skaggs School of Pharmacy for supporting him in his personal and professional goals, allowing him to complete pre-pharmacy requirements in two years and maintain a solid grade point average.



"The thing I really like about the Skaggs School of Pharmacy is that the faculty are really helpful from the start. They take time to come into the Diversity Office and get to know us personally. That shows me that they care and that is important to me."

– Nano Stiffarm



# Programs of study

## UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

### COMMUNICATIVE SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

Our undergraduate degree in Communicative Sciences and Disorders prepares students to go on to seek graduate degrees in speech-language pathology and audiology, as well as related medical and educational fields such as linguistics, education, psychology, neurosciences and physical or occupational therapy.

### INTEGRATIVE PHYSIOLOGY

Students in this program study, learn, research and promote the mental, social, spiritual and physical aspects of healthy lifestyles while living and working in an active community.

### PUBLIC HEALTH

A Bachelor of Science degree in public health instills the foundational skills required to take on challenging roles in exciting fields that include health education, environmental health and global health.

### SOCIAL WORK

How do we right the wrongs in our society? Through social work! Our bachelor's degree program gives students the tools needed to tackle social problems and understand human development from broad ecological, strengths-based and diverse perspectives.

## PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

### MASTER OF ATHLETIC TRAINING (MAT)

Our MAT program gives you the didactic knowledge and clinical skill to promote health physical function and recovery. Our graduates boast an over 90% first-time pass rate on the BOC exam and our students go on to serve as athletic trainers for school athletic programs, local, collegiate and professional sports teams and in hospitals and clinics.

### DOCTOR OF PHARMACY (PharmD)

Our flagship program is nationally recognized for its quality patient-centered care and interprofessional training model and activities, rural access outreach programs, student success in passing national pharmacy licensure examination, job placement and matches for postgraduate pharmacy education residencies.

### DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)

As the only program of its kind in Montana, our professional physical therapy degree curriculum prepares practitioners who understand how to prevent primary and secondary disability, rehabilitate injuries, improve mobility and the quality of life for individuals across the lifespan.

### MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)

Our online MPH program is designed to prepare public health practitioners to improve the health of people in our community and other rural areas. This program allows you to continue working while gaining the skills to influence legislative and social policies, develop multidisciplinary and collaborative strategies for solving health problems and become leaders in health promotion and disease prevention.

### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

This professional graduate degree program uses an integrated practice approach to prepare students to address a wide range of concerns and challenges in rural and urban contexts.

### MASTER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY (MS-SLP)

This program prepares graduates to become a certified speech-language pathologist able to assess and treat infants, children and adults with acquired or developmental speech, language and/or swallowing disorders.



## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

### INTEGRATIVE PHYSIOLOGY (MASTER'S/Ph.D.)

Exercise is medicine! Our generalist, research intensive and applied options in our graduate integrative physiology program give students the knowledge and skills needed to move on to careers in academia, industry or cardiac rehabilitation.

### MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY/PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES AND DRUG DESIGN/TOXICOLOGY (MASTER'S/Ph.D.)

Are you interested in finding novel technologies to help combat the health issues of today and tomorrow? Our graduate programs in medicinal chemistry, pharmaceutical sciences and drug design and toxicology prepare students to develop vaccines and other therapies.

### PUBLIC HEALTH (Ph.D.)

When getting an MPH isn't enough, our doctoral program in Public Health prepares the next generation of public health research scientists who will collaborate across disciplines to produce new knowledge that contributes to solving complex health problems of local, regional and global significance.

### SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING SCIENCES (Ph.D.)

Our doctoral program in speech-language and hearing sciences takes the foundational knowledge of the practical master's degree to a whole new level. This research-focused program provides the opportunity for individualized mentorship and specialization in content areas such as literacy, phonology and articulation, acoustics, aphasia and neurorehabilitation and swallowing disorders while also participating in interprofessional team learning settings.

## DUAL DEGREE OPTIONS

PharmD/MPH

MPH/MPA

DPT/MPH

MSW/JD

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

RURAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP

EPIDEMIOLOGY

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

GLOBAL HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH

HEALTH BEHAVIOR COACHING

SLP/AUDIOLOGY ASSISTANT



## The numbers don't lie ...



### SKAGGS SCHOOL OF PHARMACY GRADUATES

had a 93.1% first-time pass rate on the North American Pharmacist Examination, ranking the school among the top 40 PharmD programs nationwide.



**DEDICATED PRE-MEDICAL SCIENCES ADVISING SUPPORT** for application to health profession schools.



**MORE THAN 60 HEALTH PROFESSION** programs to choose from.



**AFFILIATED WITH MORE THAN 11** health research, clinic and outreach organizations.



**10 ON-CAMPUS CLINICS** managed and staffed by health professions staff, faculty and students.



**UM IS A TOP PRODUCER OF UDALL SCHOLARS,** with 43 students earning the honor since 1992.



**LOCAL SKI HILL** just 25 minutes from campus.



**FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION** to campus and around town.



**A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT:** The Clark Fork River borders campus and flows through the middle of Missoula.



**FIVE MOUNTAIN RANGES** converge around the Missoula Valley.



**THREE HOURS FROM** Glacier National Park and four hours from Yellowstone National Park.



**College of Health**  
at the University of Montana

## Hear more from us!

Come visit the College of Health. Spend a day with us. Sit in on one of our classes. Meet our faculty and our students. See what a tomorrow-proof education is all about at the University of Montana.

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