

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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Programs in the College of Professional Studies provide professional education leading to Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Education, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Social Work, and the Bachelor of Science in Technology degrees. Additional programs and degrees include Associate of Science degrees, Associate of Applied Science degrees, certificate programs, and a commission as an officer in the United States Army. Associate of Science degrees are offered with majors in Criminal Justice and majors in Legal Assistant. Associate of Applied Science degree in Physical Therapist Assistant and one-year Certificate programs in Legal Assistant and Health Information Technology are also offered through the College of Professional Studies. Programs emphasize professional preparation and academic excellence and provide opportunities for professional, academic, and personal development.

The mission of the College of Professional Studies is to maximize the development of students for roles in the professions and in society through the completion of academic degrees. Degree and certificate programs provide the knowledge, skills and leadership development that are essential for success in the professions or for graduate study. Academic programs incorporate applied learning that transcends the institutional setting through multiple experiences in the classroom and professional practice environments. Opportunities for development are provided through partnerships with practicing professionals, contributions to society through service to diverse populations, wise use of technology and consideration of ethical standards in problem-solving. Faculty members are experts in their disciplines and apply their expertise through leadership, scholarship, consulting and service in their professions. Graduates of the College of Professional Studies fill essential leadership positions in business and industry, government, education, health care, national defense, legal and service settings.

Preprofessional Studies

Preprofessional is a category for students who intend to enter a professional school after graduating with their bachelor's degrees or to transfer to another university for the completion of their studies. Students choosing preprofessional studies should select a transfer institution early and should work closely with their academic advisor. "Preprofessional" study areas such as pre-law, pre-physical therapy, and pre-health are not majors. They are officially recognized areas of academic interest. Identifying your preprofessional interest will enable your academic advisor to provide you with a wide range of support to realize your goals.

Preprofessional studies in the College of Professional Studies and the advising departments include:

- Law (Criminal Justice, Legal Studies and Social Work Department)
- Physical Therapy (School of Nursing and Health Professions)

Additional preprofessional programs can be found in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Craig School of Business & Technology sections.

Departments

- Criminal Justice, Legal Studies and Social Work (<http://catalog.missouriwestern.edu/undergraduate/professional-studies/criminal-justice-legal-social-work>)
- Education (<http://catalog.missouriwestern.edu/undergraduate/professional-studies/education>)
- Health, Physical Education and Recreation (<http://catalog.missouriwestern.edu/undergraduate/professional-studies/health-physical-education-recreation>)
- Military Science (<http://catalog.missouriwestern.edu/undergraduate/professional-studies/military-science>)

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- Nursing and Health Professions (<http://catalog.missouriwestern.edu/undergraduate/professional-studies/nursing-health-professions>)