

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Health and Human Performance (HHP)  
Academic Program Closure**

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Health and Human Performance (HHP) is a 123-credit hour program within the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD). During the Fall 2022 semester, the program faculty within the Department of Health and Sports Sciences (HSS) voted to transition the program to a B.S. in Exercise Physiology program. The HSS faculty believe the B.S. in Exercise Physiology program better positions students for graduate school admission and scholarships and increases the visibility of the program to prospective students. The HSS faculty’s rationale is the B.S. in Exercise Physiology is in a CIP code designated as STEM+H, which opens additional pipelines of students (e.g., international students) as well as additional scholarship opportunities. Additionally, the revised naming conventions of the degree and associated tracks better align with expectations within academia and industry. Based upon this rationale and the approval of the HSS faculty, the CEHD Curriculum Committee jointly approved the closure of the B.S. in HHP degree program and the establishment of the B.S. in Exercise Physiology degree program to replace it on March 28, 2023.

**I. Enrollment and Degree Conferrals**

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Enrollment<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Degree Conferrals</b>
2018-2019	553	129
2019-2020	534	130
2020-2021	526	128
2021-2022	461	119
2022-2023	462	101
2023-2024	464	N/A <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The fall term is UofL’s official reporting semester for enrollment data.

<sup>2</sup> Degree conferral data is not yet finalized for the 2023-2024 academic year.

**II. Students**

Students currently enrolled in the B.S. in HHP degree will have the option of completing their B.S. in HHP degree or transitioning to the B.S. in Exercise Physiology program. Incoming students and students who have completed 60 credits or less of the B.S. in HHP degree requirements will be encouraged to switch to the B.S. in Exercise Physiology degree program. Advanced undergraduate students with more than 60 credits completed of their B.S. in HHP degree requirements will meet with an advisor to determine if switching to the B.S. in Exercise Physiology program will be beneficial and/or delay their time to degree. Students who elect to remain in the B.S. in HHP degree will have through the Fall 2029 semester to complete the B.S. in HHP degree requirements.

### **III. Notification of Faculty & Staff**

The closure of the B.S. in HHP degree program does not impact faculty and staff. Most existing courses in the B.S. in HHP degree program are transitioning to requirements in the B.S. in Exercise Physiology degree program. Consequently, the closure of the B.S. in HHP program is not anticipated to impact faculty teaching loads. Furthermore, the HHP faculty anticipate an increase in external and internal funding opportunities for faculty research with the transition to a STEM+H degree program.

Departmental faculty and staff are already aware of the proposed closure, as are unit staff in student service and support functions. Furthermore, as standard practice at UofL, an email message will be sent by the Vice Provost to all impacted offices and administrators at UofL notifying them of the last admit term for the B.S. in HHP once approved by the UofL Board of Trustees. Finally, the Academic Program Coordinator will notify staff within the unit of the official closure of the degree program as well.

### **IV. Student Communication Plan**

CEHD advising staff and HHP program faculty have already notified students enrolled in the B.S. in HHP degree program that the B.S. in Exercise Physiology will be open to enrollment beginning with the Fall 2024 term and that the B.S. in HHP will be sunset. Additionally, CEHD advising staff and HHP program faculty notified the students that they have the option to transition to the new B.S. in Exercise Physiology program, and they should consult with their adviser about whether the transition is appropriate for them given their career plans and the potential impact upon their time to degree completion if they transition. HHP faculty and CEHD advising staff are strongly encouraging incoming students to choose the B.S. in Exercise Physiology program, but incoming students are being advised of their options as well.

### **V. Effective Date**

The last term students will be admitted to the B.S. in HHP program is Fall 2024 (August 19, 2024). The program will be closed to subsequent enrollment effective for the Spring 2025 term (January 8, 2025).