

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES



FACTS SHEET

- The College of Health Sciences at Chicago State University (CSU) has become the gateway to the transformation of the lives of students from Illinois and beyond. Our role in providing access to many who have been excluded from the economic and educational mainstream of the society is also significant because our success is closely linked to the success of educating racial and ethnic minority students in Illinois.
- Since the inception of the first health science discipline at CSU in 1971, we have graduated over 2, 000 health care professionals (nurses, physical-and-occupational therapists, health information managers, dieticians, radiological technologists and community health educators). Our graduates are making critical contributions to the economic development of Illinois and the nation.
- Our professional programs in nursing, health information administration and occupational therapy are fully accredited by their national professional associations.
- Today, our nursing students have one of the highest pass rates on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). In 2008, our nursing graduates scored a 97% pass rate, compared with 90% for Illinois and 87% nationwide. In 2009, our nursing graduate pass rate was 95%, higher than state (91%) and national (88%) norms.
- The College of Health Sciences is ranked number one in Illinois for awarding baccalaureate degrees to African Americans in the field of nursing, health information administration, and occupational therapy (IBHE Data Bank, 2007/2008).

- Nation-wide, we ranked 35th among over 6,000 health programs for educating African American health care professionals (Diversity in Higher Education, November, 2009). Over 90% of our graduates serve in the Chicago metropolitan area and continue to make vital contributions to the delivery of health care services in our community.
- In another recent national survey our graduate program in occupational therapy program was ranked by the World News and Report http://search.usnews.com/index_library/search?group_rankings=facet_best_graduate_schools&group_section=facet_education&keywords=chicago%20state%20university%20.
- Our HIV/AIDS Research Institute established in 2004 is currently recognized as a center of excellence for HIV behavioral research. Today, our faculty members publish their research in the most prestigious journals in their discipline.
- In the last decade we have obtained over \$6 million in research and training grants and more than \$1.5 million of scholarships for students from governmental sources and foundations.
- Program evaluation and assessment of student learning are critical values and practices embraced by our faculty. As a community of scholars, and as reflected in our College logo, we strive for academic excellence, sterling scholarship and service.