



The Opportunity

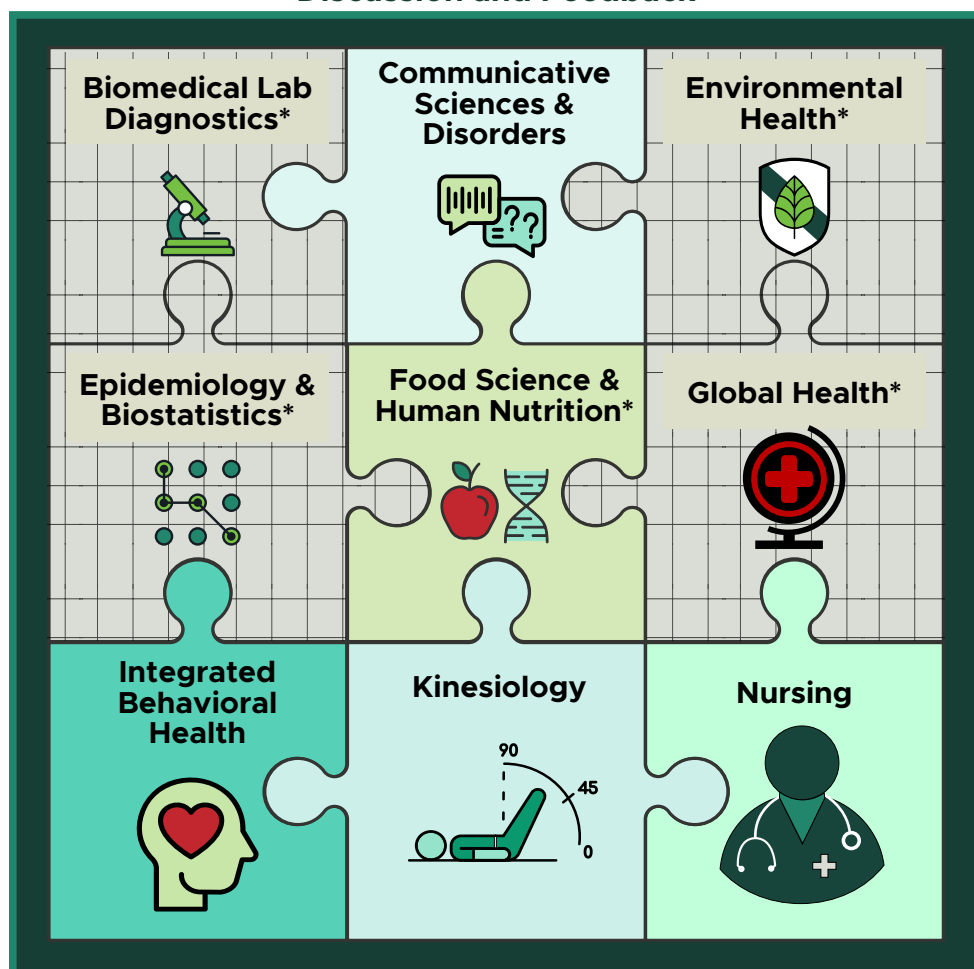
Michigan State University has a powerful opportunity to shape the future of health education and research by creating a **College of Health Sciences (CHS)**. CHS would serve as a unified home for students who choose to pursue selected careers in the health professions, creating clear and connected pathways into Michigan's and the nation's growing health workforce.

By bringing together programs currently dispersed across multiple colleges, CHS would strengthen the health sciences research and education enterprise at MSU, expand opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration, and provide a platform to launch new programs and enhance existing ones that address the evolving health needs of Michigan and the nation.

Exploring a College of Health Sciences

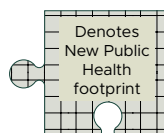
Creates a unified academic structure that could strengthen collaboration in education, research, and service, and better support Michigan's health workforce and student pathways.

Proposed College: Preliminary List of Units for Discussion and Feedback



*Proposed as shared departments:

- **Epidemiology & Biostatistics**, to be shared with Med
- **Biomedical Lab Diagnostics**, to be shared with Nat Sci
- **Global Health**, to be shared with Med and Vet Med
- **Environmental Health**, under development
- **Food Science & Human Nutrition**, to be shared with ANR
- NOTE: C.S. Mott Department of Public Health will remain in Med



Together, We Could Build the Future of Health at MSU

- Interprofessional and integrated learning across disciplines
- Student-centered pathways to health careers
- Faculty collaboration and research innovation
- Statewide partnerships for community and clinical impact
- Commitment to health equity and well-being



About the Name

The task force has used *College of Health Sciences (CHS)* as a working title to reflect MSU's expanding focus on health education and research. The final name remains under discussion and will depend on the programs included. Other options—such as *College of Health Professions*, *College of Health Sciences and Nursing*, or similar variations—are also being considered based on stakeholder input.



A **College of Health Sciences** could unify Spartan expertise to **educate, discover, and serve**—advancing **One Team, One Health** for Michigan and beyond.



Shared First-Year Curriculum

Nearly one in five MSU undergraduates enter with an interest in health, yet many change majors after arriving. A unified entry point could help students explore the breadth of health-related fields while progressing through aligned coursework without changing colleges or repeating classes. Early and ongoing clinical training, along with intentional focus on mental health, well-being, and resiliency skill building, would further prepare students for success in health professions. Coordinated recruitment, advising, internships, and career support would complete this integrated approach.



Expanding Opportunities

Provides a home for programs not yet offered at MSU - such as physical therapy and occupational therapy—to meet statewide and national workforce needs.



Workforce Development

Expands access to programs in nursing, rehabilitation sciences, communication disorders, dietetics, public health, biomedical diagnostics, and related fields.



Leverage Health Partnerships

Strengthens partnerships across Michigan to secure new opportunities for clinical placements, supporting growth of new and existing programs.



Research Integration

Unites departments across the university that are eager to contribute to a comprehensive health sciences enterprise, strengthening the capacity for discovery and innovation at MSU.



Interprofessional Education

Fosters team-based, interdisciplinary learning that prepares graduates to deliver holistic, patient and community-centered care.



Clinical Training & Experiential Learning

Expands and coordinates clinical education opportunities across programs through the development of an interprofessional education and training clinic, along with strengthened partnerships and guidance for external clinical placements statewide.

CHS could advance MSU's land-grant mission by:

- Educating resilient, holistic professionals
- Strengthening Michigan's health systems
- Promoting interdisciplinary discovery
- Expanding access to health education and careers

Potential New Programs

AI & Health Care UG/Grad	Audiology Doctoral	Biomedical Informatics UG/Grad	Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostics Doctoral	Global & Environmental Health UG/Grad	Mental Health and Well-Being Grad	Physical & Occupational Therapy Doctoral	Public Health UG/Grad
--	------------------------------	--	--	---	---	--	---------------------------------



Resources Needed

- Leadership team to ensure visibility of all professions in college
- Dedicated advising, communications, and operations staff
- Support for curriculum innovation, shared facilities, and clinical placements
- Start-up investment in mental health and AI/technology integration
- Clinical training at the graduate level requires discipline-specific licensed supervisors and expertise according to national and regional standards



Success Metrics

- Enrollment growth in health-related majors
- New partnerships and clinical sites statewide
- External funding for interdisciplinary research
- National recognition for interprofessional and well-being education
- Graduate placement and employer satisfaction rates

**SHARE
YOUR
FEEDBACK**

