

FACULTY OF APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Overview

Brock's Faculty of **Applied Health Sciences (FAHS)** examines health from a global perspective to make communities better and healthier places to live. Students in the FAHS are offered diverse perspectives on the broad nature of the science and art of health, sport and physical activity, their related professions and their interactions and administrative organizations in a variety of contexts. The Faculty has been continuously recognized for the delivery of high-quality, valued and evidence-based education, research and service to each of its students.



Faculty Highlights

- Brock recently launched **Canada's first accelerated concurrent Bachelor of Nursing/Master of Nursing (BN/MN) program**. The 20-month program will welcome its first cohort this May and equip them with a balance of clinical and theoretical experience, preparing them as leaders in the nursing profession upon graduation.
- The Faculty recently launched a new award, named the **Faculty of Applied Health Sciences Diversity and Inclusion Award** aiming to increase representation and support for Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC) students across FAHS.
- Brock launched **Canada's first Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Public Health (MPH) concurrent degree program** in 2019. By blending Brock's internationally recognized MPH and MBA graduate programs and pairing them with a mandatory internship, graduates are equipped for the changing field of health with two degrees in just two years.
- Aligning with an industry need and as an opportunity to welcome a new student population, the Faculty is currently working to develop a new continuing education certificate that will train individuals to become future provincial Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Accessibility Consultants. This certificate will be the first continuing education certificate in the Faculty and will be used to pave the way for similar offerings.



4,120
UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS



308
GRADUATE
STUDENTS



106
FACULTY
MEMBERS



10
DEPARTMENTS
AND CENTRES



HOME TO
2
**TIER 1 CANADA
RESEARCH CHAIRS**



Applied Health Sciences faculty, staff, students and alumni contribute to advancing the health and well-being of communities, in Niagara and around the world. We have a rich history of excellence and innovation in education and research which offers diverse perspectives on the science and art of health, sport, physical activity and their administration, delivery and service to communities.

Peter Tiidus
Dean, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

Research Extending Beyond Brock

- Assistant Professor in the **Department of Nursing** has been appointed a 2021 Associated Medical Services (AMS) Fellow in Compassion and Artificial Intelligence. As one of 12 outstanding individuals chosen, she will work alongside other leaders and innovators to address challenges facing compassionate health care in an era of emerging technologies.
- Two Associate Professors from the Faculty's **Sport Management program** were appointed research co-leads for the scientific committee of the newly launched National Gender+ Equity in Sport Research Hub in 2020. The Hub, funded by Sport Canada, works with scholars from across Canada towards advancing gender and equity in the country, using evidence-based solutions to close the gender gap in sport.
- A team of eight current and former Applied Health Science students participated in the Universities Canada Innovative Designs for Accessibility (IDeA) student competition and placed first for developing innovative, practical and cost-effective solutions to address barriers and challenges for people with disabilities.
- Assistant Professor of **Recreation and Leisure Studies** at Brock co-published a report for the State of Rural Canada 2021. The report, supported through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada reflects on the many ways the COVID-19 pandemic has illuminated new and existing inequities for rural Canadian communities and provided recommendations for how to support these communities through policy and practice.

Emerging Priorities

Nursing Expansion: As the demand for nurses grew with the pandemic, Brock worked to accommodate the natural influx of students in the Nursing program and address the labour demand for nurses in our communities sooner. While launching Canada's first accelerated concurrent Nursing program, Brock also worked to double the size of Nursing classes to support the growing need. With the growth of the Department of Nursing at Brock, comes transformational need and opportunity to support students, staff and faculty of the institution. By teaching our students using innovative spaces and equipment, we ensure that grads will continue to excel as health care leaders after graduation in Niagara and beyond.

Community Lecture Support: By introducing community lectures and webinars on topics that appeal to our students and community members, public discussions are used to raise awareness on important topics. These lectures also provide an opportunity for FAHS faculty, staff and students to learn from experts in the field and link theory to practice. Support is needed to fund these important lectures and ensure the continuation of shared, timely knowledge for our Faculty and community.

For more information, please visit brocku.ca/applied-health-sciences or contact Kam Bhangu at kbhangu@brocku.ca

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