

Fundraising Priorities for the College of Health Sciences

The College of Health Sciences at IUP is dedicated to pursuing education, research, and collaboration that develops a new generation of transformative healthcare leaders. From expanding access to healthcare, particularly for rural communities, advancing health and wellness through interprofessional education and collaboration, funding evidence-based practice, and collaborating on innovative research, our College is spearheading impactful efforts to address health inequities and make high-quality care accessible. When you support the following projects and initiatives, you are empowering IUP to build bridges that help communities across the country acquire healthcare that truly makes a difference in countless lives.



Simulation Lab & Clinical Training Center

Goal: \$5 million for each

Developing ways for students to learn and collaborate in updated spaces improves healthcare outcomes for all. As a modern simulation lab and clinical training center for patient care, these facilities will be used by all disciplines within the College, as well as the proposed College of Osteopathic Medicine. Students will engage in hands-on training in patient care, crisis management, and healthcare teamwork, gaining the confidence and experience to serve patients with compassion.

Your Impact: Your support delivers realistic clinical experiences, ensuring graduates are fully prepared for the complexities of modern healthcare practice and provides affordable training opportunities for regional hospitals and care providers.

Dean's Innovation Fund

Goal: \$1 million endowed or \$50,000 annually

The Dean's Innovation Fund is an investment the future breakthroughs of our students. It fuels bold, high-impact initiatives—supporting experimental, collaborative research and fresh approaches to teaching and clinical training. It helps students prepare for the pivotal moments of their careers, like high-stakes licensing exams, and opens doors to professional development, scholarly presentations, and hands-on learning. The fund also provides direct support through scholarships and emergency aid, ensuring that no student's potential is limited by financial barriers.

Your Impact: You empower students to use experimental, innovative resources to achieve major breakthroughs and keep our College at the forefront of healthcare education.

Equipment for Interdisciplinary Research & Teaching

Goal: \$1.5 million

For IUP's College of Health Sciences to be a leader in the healthcare education space, access to cutting-edge technology and top-notch, hands-on training is critical. This fund ensures students and faculty have access to the latest diagnostic tools, laboratory technologies, and devices so they are fully prepared to provide care and conduct research with the potential to impact every corner of their chosen field.

Your Impact: By equipping our classrooms and research spaces with state-of-the-art technology, you help prepare students to excel in clinical and research environments.

Endowed Faculty Scholars Fund

Goal: \$3 million

Finding the right faculty to spearhead the College of Health Sciences' mission is the key to elevating our College's outcomes and impact. This fund endows support for faculty positions, enabling the recruitment, retention, and support of top-tier educators and researchers committed to taking IUP's healthcare education to new heights.

Your Impact: You create endowed positions to enhance our College's exceptional reputation, support groundbreaking research, and provide mentorship opportunities that shape future healthcare professionals.



Food as Healthcare Initiative

Goal: \$2 million

Good nutrition is at the heart of healthier lives and stronger communities. This initiative transforms teaching kitchens into spaces where future professionals learn to nourish both body and spirit. It fosters powerful partnerships—with K-12 schools, technical education programs, the IUP Academy of Culinary Arts, regional hospitals, and healthcare centers—so that knowledge and skills come together, improving patient outcomes and empowering communities to thrive.

Your Impact: By integrating nutrition education with healthcare training, you empower students and professionals to incorporate food-based interventions into patient care, reducing chronic disease prevalence and improving overall health, while helping to fulfill a fundamental human need—the right to healthy, nourishing food, and nutrition education.

Student Research & Training Fund

Goal: \$1 million endowed

Research, as a cornerstone of academic excellence and professional development in healthcare education, has the power to make indelible impacts not only in our region but across the world. This fund provides grants for undergraduate and graduate students to engage in research projects that enhance their clinical knowledge, improve patient outcomes, examine healthcare policy, and address pressing healthcare challenges. Research breakthroughs start with this fund.

Your Impact: By supporting student research, you help the College cultivate the next generation of evidence-based practitioners and healthcare leaders, ensuring they gain the necessary skills to innovate, impact, and inspire in their fields.

Rural Mental Health Solutions Fund

Goal: \$2 million

Addressing mental health as a form of healthcare, particularly in rural communities, is not only part of our College's mission but a priority for every Crimson Hawk looking to do good. IUP is proud to partner with regional mental health providers and hospitals, working to develop specific care, solutions, research, and compassionate care surrounding mental health. This fund supports important research around mental health systems, policies, and care improvements and provides funding for students engaged in mental health studies and clinical work. Mental health matters, and our College is always working to make new strides that can help save lives.

Your Impact: Your support strengthens mental health services in rural areas, improves patient outcomes, and develops a workforce trained to address the unique challenges of rural mental health care.

Do you prefer to make an impact through scholarships?

To endow a scholarship, a minimum contribution of \$25,000 is required, while a minimum of \$5,000 is needed for current-use scholarships. Contributions can be pledged and paid over a five-year period.