

CHHSN Advising Frequently Asked Questions

General Education Questions

- I completed a course at the Community College, what do I do now to get credit at CSUDH?
- Am I missing any other General Education requirements?
- I have a red box in one of my lower general education courses, but I believe I have already met this area.
- What are the Upper Division Integrative Courses?
- Do I need to take an ethnic studies course?

These are just a few questions you may have. You may visit the [University Advisement Center](#) for more general education-related questions.

Records Questions

- What is Smart Planner and how do I use it?
- When is my registration date?
- How do I check for holds?
- How does the waitlist work?
- How and when do I pay my bill?
- What is the deadline to add/drop?
- Can I withdraw in the middle of the semester?

These are just a few questions you may have. You may ask your major advisor for assistance, or you can visit the [Office of Admissions & Records](#) for more information.

Where do I obtain permission numbers? You can click on the links below to find Permission Number instructions from your major department.

[Child Development](#)

[Human Services](#)

[Clinical Science](#)

[Kinesiology](#)

[Health Science](#)

[RN to BSN](#)

Permission numbers from non-major courses should be obtained by reaching out to the course department. For example, SOC- reach out to the sociology department

How & when do I file for graduation? Bachelor's degree candidates are encouraged to apply for graduation if they have earned at least 90-semester units or have less than 10 courses to complete. The application is submitted through the student's MyCSUDH account. The following are the graduation application deadlines:

Degree Conferral Term	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
Fall Semester	Jan 1 - July 1	July 2 - September 15
Spring Semester	June 1 - October 1	October 2 - Last day of Fall semester
Summer Session	November 1 - February 1	Feb 2 - April 15

Please visit the [Graduation Information](#) FAQ for more information.

What is the difference between graduation and commencement? When you apply for graduation, you are letting us know you are planning to complete your degree by the end of the term you applied for. Once you have completed all requirements for your degree, you will be eligible to graduate, and your diploma will be awarded.

Commencement is the celebration of your graduation. There is a separate form you need to complete to participate in the ceremony. It is called "Commencement Participation".

Please visit [Commencement Information](#) for more information.

I got a "C- "in one of my major courses. Do I have to take it again? Yes, all Bachelor's degree programs in the College of Health, Human Services, and Nursing require students to obtain a grade of "C" or better in all major courses. As an undergraduate student, you can Repeat and Cancel up to 16 units in the courses in which you received a grade less than "C- "and replace your previous grade with your new grade. For more information, please visit the [University Policies](#) on Repeat and Cancel.

How often should I see my major academic advisor? It is recommended that you meet with an academic advisor regularly, especially when you complete 60 and 90 units respectively. Advisors in the College of Health, Human Services, and Nursing are available to meet as often as you need.

Who is my major advisor? CHHSN's list of major advisors can be found on our [CHHSN Advising](#) website under Staff.

[Child Development](#)- Lisa Langford

Clinical Science- Angel Valdez

[Health Science](#)- Mark Kerr

[Human Services](#)- Cristina Prado

Kinesiology- Angel Valdez and [faculty advisors](#)

[RN to BSN](#) – Cristina Prado

When do I meet with a major advisor vs. a faculty advisor? You may meet with your faculty advisor for specific questions regarding your major beyond the scope of the CHHSN Advising, such as professional career, society, and fieldwork placements.

What do I do when I have an Advising Hold? Some majors in our college receive a 60- and 90-unit advising hold. It is strongly advised that you meet with an advisor to remove the hold. Advising holds are there so that we can check your progress and check for anything that can potentially delay your graduation.

If you received an advising hold and have already met with your advisor within the past 6 months, you may email your major academic advisor to remove the hold. Students who have not met with the major advisor, must set up an appointment via the Toro Success Collaborative Icon or email their major advisor.

What is the GVAR? The GVAR is the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement that all students must complete to graduate. One of the options to meet this requirement is the GWE which stands for Graduate Writing Exam. You must earn a score of 8 or better to pass the exam. If you do not receive a score of 8 or better, you are given one more attempt to pass. Other alternatives to meeting the GVAR include English 350: Advanced Composition or IDS 397 and IDS 398)

Please visit the [Testing Center](#) for more information.

I have documents that need Department Chair and Dean’s Signature (such as Petition for Exception)? Where do I go? Please submit all documents that need Department Chair and Dean’s signature to the Administrative Support Staff (see table below) from your department. You may however reach out to your major advisor for guidance in the process of the specific document/s.

Department	Administrative Support Staff	Email
Child Development	Angelica Cornejo	cdevelopment@csudh.edu
Clinical Lab Science	Diana Osejo	dosejo@csudh.edu
Health Science	Diana Osejo	dosejo@csudh.edu
Human Services	Pamela Curtis	hus@csudh.edu
Kinesiology	Yanet Suarez	ysuarez@csudh.edu
School of Nursing	Ronisha Peters	sondepartment@csudh.edu

I have GAIN or Cal Works documents that need to be signed. What do I do? You may email the form/s to your major academic advisor. Please allow up to a week for processing