

*College of Natural and Health Sciences*  
**Mission and Vision Statements**

**Mission Statement**

The College of Natural and Health Sciences at the University of Northern Colorado serves the people of Colorado and the nation through the advancement and dissemination of fundamental knowledge, by providing high-quality undergraduate and graduate instruction, and by applying knowledge to solve problems in areas of natural and health sciences and related areas of education. To achieve this mission, the College supports:

1. Foundational undergraduate education, academic degrees and professional preparation in natural, health, human and mathematical sciences to prepare students to understand and use these disciplines in their lives and careers in the 21st Century.
2. Focused graduate programs in natural and health sciences and related areas of education, preparing teachers, college professors, researchers, and other professionals.
3. Basic and applied research in all areas of the natural and health sciences represented in the college, including externally supported activities and both undergraduate and graduate research experiences.
4. K-12 teacher preparation in disciplines represented in the college.
5. Outreach and service programs supporting K-12 teachers and students, health and service professionals, schools, health care organizations, businesses, and government agencies.

**Vision Statement**

The College of Natural and Health Sciences will be known as an environment fostering exemplary, innovative and nationally recognized educational programs in the natural and health sciences. We seek to fulfill our institutional mission by becoming one of the leading academic centers in promoting effective undergraduate and focused graduate education in the natural, health, human and mathematical sciences. As a community of teacher-scholars we will exemplify excellence in basic, applied and clinical research, develop collaborative research, prepare students for educational and other careers that promote healthful living, and provide lifelong learning opportunities and community service.