

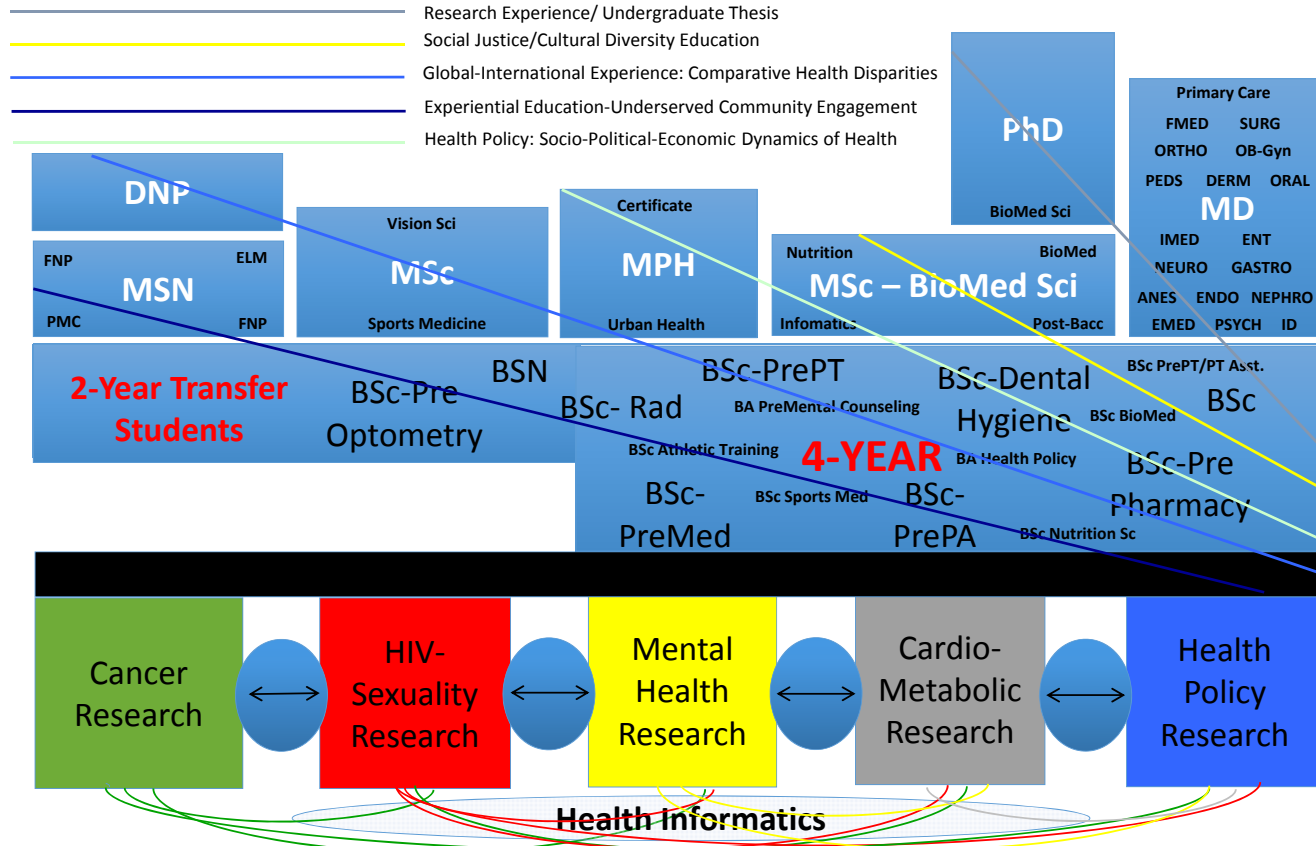


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## The CDU Unique Advantage: Core Curricular Experience



Building on the proud legacy of the impressive historical empirical investigations, the Strategic Plan 2016-2020 unfolds a new vision of expanding and integrating research beyond its current state. As illustrated in the diagram below, CDU envisions FIVE Pillars of medical and health research centers or clusters as follows: Cancer, HIV-AIDS, Cardio-Metabolic, Mental and Behavioral, and Health Policy Research with Health Informatics serving as the integrating neurons between and among the research pillars. Upon these solid pillars will the academic enterprise of the University be established firmly.

As indicated on the diagram, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science ADVANTAGE (or the CDU Unique Advantage) represents the University's **promise** to the world and a defining set of characteristics of our graduate and undergraduate education. In the next five years, CDU student experience shall be defined by RESEARCH training and engagement; education in and for SOCIAL JUSTICE and DIVERSITY; GLOBAL and INTERNATIONAL education; COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT; and HEALTH POLICY knowledge and advocacy. In essence, the CDU Advantage is a promise of specialized education that cultivates medical and health LEADERS who are able to conduct and translate empirical works in their never-ending quests for social justice and health equity "glocally" and who in partnership with the community serve as agents, activists, and advocates for policy reform and catalysts for societal transformation, especially for the underserved populations.