

History of the School of Allied Health Professions

Established April 2, 1970 by the Board of Supervisors

Operational July 1, 1970.

Shared programs in New Orleans and Shreveport until March 25, 2004.

Deans

- 1970-1975 John L. Peterson, PhD
- 1975-1994 Stanley H. Abadie, PhD
- 1995-1996 John D. Dolan, RhD (interim)
- 1996-2003 John R. Snyder, PhD
- 2003-2004 Jimmy M. Cairo, PhD (interim)
- 2004-2022 Jimmy M. Cairo, PhD
- 2022-2024 Erin Dugan, PhD (interim)
- 2024-present Erin Dugan, PhD

Programs and Department Heads

Cardiopulmonary Science (1981-present) / Respiratory Therapy (1977-1980)

Bachelor of Science

1977	Rocco J. Tretola, BS (acting)
1978-1989	Raymond S. Edge, EdD
1990-2004	Jimmy M. Cairo, PhD
2004 -2008	Andrew A. Pellett, PhD (interim)
2008-present	Andrew A. Pellett, PhD

Clinical Laboratory Sciences (1998-present) / Medical Technology (1972-1996)

Bachelor of Science

1972-1985	Gray Tillman Malcolm, MS
1986-1991	Patricia M. Williams-Lumsden, PhD
1990	Patricia M Williams, PhD
1992-1994	A. Carter Lewis, PhD (interim)
1995-2008	Louann Lawrence, DrPH
2009-2017	Larry Broussard, PhD
2017-2019	Mitzi Glover, PhD
2020-present	Joanie Brocato, Ph.D., MT (ASCP)

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Counseling (2022 – present) / Clinical Rehabilitation and Counseling (2014-2022) / Rehabilitation Counseling (1978-2013)

Bachelor of Science

1978-1988 Susan M. Daniels, PhD
1989-1992 John Dolan, RhD (interim)
1992-2002 Douglas Strohmer, PhD
2004-2005 Stephen J. Leierer, PhD (interim)
2006-2013 John Dolan, RhD (interim)

Master program only (2009)

2014-2021 Erin Dugan, PhD (interim)
2021 – 2022 Krystal Vaughn, PhD (interim)
2022-2023 Krystal Vaughn, PhD
2023 Kimberly Frazier, PhD (interim)
2023-2024 Erin Dugan, PhD (interim)
2024-present Brian Canfield, PhD

Communication Disorders (1983-present) / Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology (1972-1982)

Master of Communication Disorders

1972 John L. Peterson, PhD (acting)
1973 Vincent Byers, PhD
1974-1990 Donald L. Rampp, PhD
1992-1994 Robert G. Turner, PhD
1998 Thomas Powell, PhD (acting)
2000 John Dolan, RhD (acting)
2002-2005 Jerry L. Cranford, PhD

Doctor of Audiology (2005)

2006-2013 Jimmy M. Cairo, PhD (acting)
2014-2016 Sylvia Davis, PhD (interim)
2017-2018 Annette Hurley, PhD (interim)
2019-present Annette Hurley, PhD

Interdisciplinary Human Studies (1996-present) / Allied Health Auxiliaries (1979-1995)

No degree

1979-1986 Stanley H Abadie, PhD (acting)
1987-1994 A. Carter Lewis, PhD
1996 Robert E. Crow, PhD
1998-2004 Interdisciplinary courses are listed separately but not as a department
2005-2021 Jimmy M. Cairo, PhD (acting)
2022 – present Erin Dugan, PhD (acting)

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Occupational Therapy (1973)

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1973	Joan M. Hodges, MEd
1974-1981	Sandra Cunningham, MA
1982-1984	Suzanne Poulton, MHS (interim)
1985-1994	Suzanne Poulton, MHS
1996	Suzanne Poulton-Barbee, MHS
1998	Debra M. Judd, PhD (acting)
2002-2007	Eve Taylor, PhD

Master of Occupational Therapy (2002)

2008-2013	Josephine (Jo) Thompson, MA (interim)
2014-2015	Rennie Jacobs, PhD, LOTR, CHT (interim)
2016-2022	Kelly Alig, PhD, LOTR
2022-present	Ingrid Franc, PhD, LOTR (interim)

Physical Therapy (1972)

Bachelor of Science

1972-1984	John F. Burke, PhD
1985	George H. Hampton, MPH (acting)
1986-1996	Joseph M. McCulloch, Jr PhD (in Shreveport)
1986-1992	George H. Hampton, MPH (director of NO program)
1994-1996	Elizabeth L. Weiss, PhD (director of NO program)
1998	Elizabeth L. Weiss, PhD (interim)
2000-2006	Elizabeth L. Weiss, PhD

Master of Physical Therapy (2002)

****first master's class graduated August 1998, last BS class graduated August 1997**

Doctor of Physical Therapy (2005)

****DPT approved in 2005, first class started May 2006**

2007-2010	Penny G. Kroll, PhD
2010-2011	Jane M. Eason, PhD, PT (interim)
2011-2023	Jane M. Eason, PhD
2023	Ha Hoang, PhD (acting)
2023-present	Howe Liu, PhD

Physician Assistant Studies (2014 New Orleans)

Master of PA (2014)

2014-2017	Debra Munsell, DHSc, PA-C, DFAAPA (under IHS) Program Director
2018	Rachel Chappell, MHS, PA-C Interim Program Director
2019-2022	Rachel Chappell, MHS, PA-C Program Director

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2022-2023	Brittany Booth, DMSc, PA-C Interim Program Director
2023-present	Brittany Booth, DMSc, PA-C, Department Head

Ceased Programs

Dental Hygiene (1972, moved to dentistry by 1973)

Associate and Bachelor of Science

Master of Health Sciences (1980-2009)

1981-1983	Offered in MT, OT, PT
1984-1990	Offered in CPS, MT, OT, PT
1992-1996	Offered in CPS, MT, OT, PT, RC
1998-2007	Offered in CPS, CLS, OT, PT, MHS-RC is listed separately
2008-2009	Offered in CPS, CLS, MHS-RC is listed separately

Ophthalmic Medical Technology (1992-2007)

Certificate program with Department of Ophthalmology in SoM

1992-1994 A. Carter Lewis, PhD

Bachelor of OMT (1994)

1996 Robert E. Crow, PhD

1998-2004 Herbert E. Kaufman, MD

2005-2007 Listed as part of CLS

Other

Human Development Center (1984) / Listed under Department of Interdisciplinary Human Studies (2004)

1984 A. Carter Lewis, PhD (acting)

1985-1996 Robert E. Crow, PhD

1998-2000 Not listed in the catalog

2002-2004 Robert E. Crow, PhD

2005-2014 Listed as part of IDH

2014-present Philip Wilson, PhD

Early Intervention Institute (2002) / Listed under Department of Interdisciplinary Human Studies (2004)

2002-2004 Patricia Snyder, PhD

2005-2021 Listed as part of IDH

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Program in Electroencephalographic Technology (1977-1984)

Training program with Charity Hospital

Later, in cooperation with the Department of Neurology in the SoM

1977-1979 Gregory S. Ferris, MD

1980-1983 Veralynne W. Williams, ABA

1984 David S. Lindberg, EdD (acting)

Developmental Disability Center for Children (1977-1983)

1977-1983 Judith A. Harris, MD as director

Assessment Center (1981-1982)

1981-1982 Bobby S. Roberts, MEd

Children's Center (1981-1983 New Orleans, 1982-1998 Shreveport; Moved to Department of Child & Family Services (2000))

1981-1983 Patsy Poché, MEd, New Orleans

1982-1998 Clyde K. Mitchell, MEd, Shreveport

Therapeutic Nursery School (1981-1983)

1981-1983 Shifra B. Miller, MA