

## SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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# Welcoming a New Program in the New Year

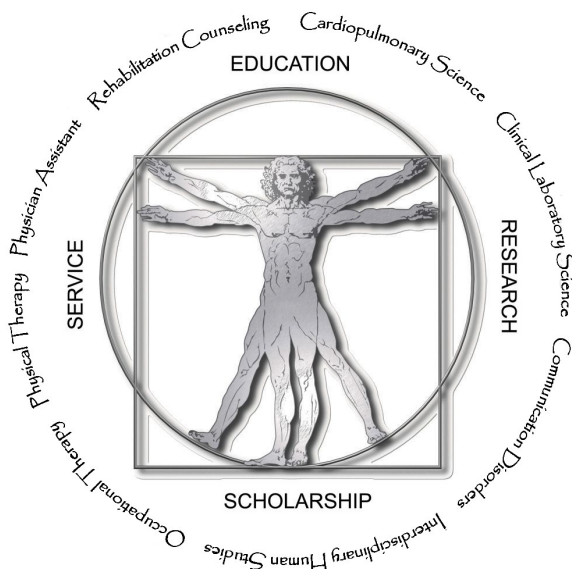
The School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP) welcomes its 9th academic program, Master of Physician Assistant Studies. The Physician Assistant program accepted 30 students for the inaugural Class of 2015, which started in January 2013. The Program received provisional accreditation from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant in September 2012, and the new class was accepted in late November. The 29 month program includes classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences, which will prepare students to practice as healthcare providers and assume leadership roles in the community. The Physician Assistant program is under the leadership of Dr. Debra Munsell, Director and Associate Professor; Dr. Kim Edward LeBlanc, Medical Director and Department Head of Family Medicine; and Celeste Bowes, Director of Clinical Education.

*“Based on the health care needs of the state, the program will focus on the education of primary care clinicians, who together with their physician partners, will increase access to health care and provide cost-effective, quality care for the people in Louisiana.”*

Dr. Larry Hollier, Chancellor of LSUHSC

*“Physician assistants represent one of the fastest growing professions. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of physician assistants is expected to increase 30 percent from 2010 to 2020. I believe that the MPAS program will help to address the increasing need for primary care providers.”*

J. M. Cairo, Ph.D., Dean of the SAHP



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### School of Allied Health Professions History

- 1970 - The Board of Supervisors established the School of Allied Health Professions
- 1970 - Communication Disorders and Medical Technology departments are established
- 1971 - Physical Therapy department established
- 1972 - Occupational Therapy department established
- 1978 - Cardiopulmonary Science department established
- 1979 - Rehabilitation Counseling department established
- 2012 - Physician Assistant program established

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