The School of Allied Health Professions Continues to Grow: New Student Orientation

The School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP) welcomes 2 new classes for the Spring of 2011: the Clinical Laboratory Sciences Class of 2012 and the Occupational Therapy Class of 2013. Thirty-one students in the Clinical Laboratory Science program and thirty-four students from the Occupational Therapy program attended orientation on January 10th. The Occupational Therapy program received 93 applications for the Class of 2013 and the CLS department received 43 applications for the Class of 2012. The School of Allied Health Professions continues to grow with 440 students registered for the Spring 2011 semester. This is an increase of 9% from Spring 2010.

The School of Allied Health has recently altered student orientation in order to create a more efficient process. Revisions include:

1) Incoming students are sent an email asking them to activate their LSUHSC account approximately 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester;
2) After activating their LSUHSC email account, students receive an email notifying them of Compliance Training. Students are asked to complete all Compliance training modules prior to orientation; however, if all modules are not completed, students are required to complete them during orientation;
3) SAHP orientation begins on the Monday prior to classes starting in order to give departments additional orientation time with students on Tuesday.

If students have any comments on how the SAHP can improve the orientation process, please contact Yudi Delgado, the Director of Student Affairs.

All students are welcome to serve on various SAHP committees and organizations. Currently, students can become involved in the Student Government Association, the Student Alumni Ambassador Committee, the Recruitment Committee or the Peer Advocate Liaison Program (PALS). Students who are interested in learning more about becoming involved in the School of Allied Health Professions should contact their department advisor.

In May 2011, the Cardiopulmonary Science, Physical Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology programs will welcome new students. The Physical Therapy (PT) department received 158 applications for the Class of 2014. The PT program conducted interviews during the first 2 weeks of January and students will be notified of acceptance in the early Spring.

Additional Application Information:
Cardiopulmonary Science - accepting applications for May 2011 class until March 1st
Speech Language Pathology - accepting application for May 2011 class until February 15th
Audiology - accepting applications for August 2011 class until February 15th
Rehabilitation Counseling—accepting applications for August 2011 class until April 15th