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-present Erin Dugan, PhD (interim)

**Programs and Department Heads**


*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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Bachelor of Science
1978-1988  Susan M. Daniels, PhD
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-present  Erin Dugan, PhD (interim)

Communication Disorders (1983-present) / Audiology & Speech 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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<td>Joan M. Hodges, MEd</td>
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<td>Sandra Cunningham, MA</td>
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*Master of Occupational Therapy (2002)*

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<td>2008-2013</td>
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Physical Therapy (1972)

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<td>1972-1984</td>
<td>John F. Burke, PhD</td>
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<td>George H. Hampton, MPH (acting)</td>
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*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**

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<td>Jane M. Eason, PhD, PT (interim)</td>
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<td>Howe Liu, PhD</td>
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Physician Assistant Studies (2014 New Orleans)

*Master of PA (2014)*

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<td>Debra Munsell, DHSc, PA-C, DFAAPA (under IHS) Program Director</td>
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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
1996 Robert E. Crow, PhD
1998-2004 Herbert E. Kaufman, MD
2005-2007 listed as part of CLS

Other


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
2014-2021 Philip Wilson, PhD


2002-2004 Patricia Snyder, PhD
2005-2021 Listed as part of IDH
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


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