**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) |
| 2008-2026 | Andrew A. Pellett, PhD |
| 2026-present | Molly Quinn-Jensen, MBA |

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) |

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) |
| 2024-2025 | Brian Canfield, PhD |
| 2025-2026 | George Hebert, PhD (interim) |
| 2026-present | Adrianne Frischhertz, PhD |

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 |
| 2006-2013 | Jimmy M. Cairo, PhD (acting) |
| 2014-2017 | Sylvia Davis, PhD (interim) |
| 2017-2018 | Annette Hurley, PhD (interim) |
| 2019-2026 | Annette Hurley, PhD |
| 2026-present | Leslie Lopez, PhD (interim) |

*Doctor of Audiology (2005)*

| | |
|---|---|
| 2006-2013 | Jimmy M. Cairo, PhD (acting) |
| 2014-2016 | Sylvia Davis, PhD (interim) |
| 2017-2018 | Annette Hurley, PhD (interim) |
| 2019-2026 | Annette Hurley, PhD |
| 2026-present | Leslie Lopez, PhD (interim) |

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) |

Occupational Therapy (1973)

*Bachelor of Science*

| | |
|---|---|
| 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)*

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|---|---|
| 2008-2013 | Josephine (Jo) Thompson, MA (interim) |
| 2014-2015 | Rennie Jacobs, PhD, LOTR, CHT (interim) |
| 2016-2022 | Kelly Alig, PhD, LOTR |
| 2022-2024 | Ingrid Franc, PhD, LOTR (interim) |
| 2024-present | Ingrid Franc, PhD, LOTR |

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*

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|---|---|
| 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)*

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

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|---|---|
| 2019-2022 | Rachel Chappell, MHS, PA-C Program Director |
| 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

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|---|---|
| 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 |
| 2014-2026 | Philip Wilson, PhD |
| 2026-present | Ali Kowitz, M.Ed. (interim) |

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

| | |
|---|---|
| 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

## 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