

School of Health Professions records, 1968 – present

Collection Overview

Title: School of Health Professions records, 1968 – present

Dates: 1968 – present

Extent: 0.8 linear feet (2 boxes)

Creator: UT Southwestern Medical Center, School of Health Professions

Source of Acquisition: The provenance of the School of Health Professions records remains largely unknown. Some of the materials have been collected by the Library.

Accruals: Commencement programs are added to this collection annually.

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Health Sciences Digital Library and Learning Center
UT Southwestern Medical Center
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Related Materials: UT Southwestern Archives also houses the following materials related to the School of Health Professions:

1. [School of Health Professions academic catalogs, 1970 – present.](#)

Arrangement: This collection is arranged into two series: Series 1: School Records; and Series 2: Commencement Programs

Biographical/Historical: In April 1968, the Coordinating Board for the Texas College and University System, the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System, and the Office of the Chancellor, the University of Texas System, authorized Dr. Charles Sprague, Dean of the Southwestern Medical School, to proceed with the planning to establish the School of Allied Health Professions. A committee was formed to select a dean and to develop the school, and Dr. Richard D. Burk, Chairman of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, was appointed as Dean in February 1969. The formation of the school came as part of the re-organization of Southwestern Medical School into a Health Sciences Center in which there would be three component schools: Southwestern Medical School, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and the School of Allied Health Professions.

In September 1970, programs in Physical Therapy, Medical Technology, Rehabilitation Science, and Dietetic Internship were the first programs to be implemented. In October 1972, the School of Allied Health Professions was renamed as the School of Allied Health Sciences. Initial physical facilities for offices and classrooms were secured at Methodist Hospital of Dallas, an affiliate teaching hospital of the Medical School. From August 1973 until June 1983, the school occupied facilities at 6003 Maple Avenue. In 1983, the school relocated to the Locke Building at 6011 Harry Hines Boulevard. The building was subsequently remodeled and renamed the University of Texas Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School Building (now the UT Southwestern School of Health Professions Building). In 2008 the school was renamed the UT Southwestern School of Health Professions. Currently, the school offers academic programs in clinical nutrition, clinical rehabilitation counseling, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, prosthetics-orthotics, and radiation therapy.

Scope and Contents: The records of the School of Health Professions document the planning and development of the school in 1968 and the academic programs offered by the school. Records include student directories and handbooks, faculty lists, academic program brochures, and commencement programs from 1987 to the present. The School of Health Professions held its first graduation in 1971. The Archives does not have commencement programs for the 1971 to 1986 graduating years as part of this collection.

Box and Folder List

Series 1: School Records, 1968-2002

The series is arranged alphabetically according to subject title. The plan for the development and operation of the School of Allied Health Profession is dated in the late 1960s and details its proposed curricula, its organization, and name. Correspondence also details the establishment of a promotion and tenure committee for the School in the 1970s and the School's name change in 2008.

The minutes of the SAHS Faculty Assembly highlights issues of interest to faculty regarding governance, faculty participation in campus wide initiatives, changes to faculty assembly by-laws, and the School's eventual move into the Locke Building in 1983. Brochures, course descriptions, and programs display information regarding the purpose of the school, its different programs of study, and its course offerings.

Box 1

- Folder 1: Announcement: Appointment to Chair of Department of Gerontology and Geriatric Services, 1996.
- Folder 2: Booklet, circa 1983.
- Folder 3: Booklet: "Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School: A Celebration of 25 Years of Educational Excellence, 1976.
- Folder 4: Brochures: School of Allied Health Sciences, 1976-2007.
- Folder 5: Brochures: Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Project, 1984.
- Folder 6: Correspondence, 1968.
- Folder 7: Correspondence: Allied Health Sciences School name change, 2008.
- Folder 8: Correspondence and proposal: "Establishment of a Promotion and Tenure Committee for the School of Allied Health Sciences," 1970-1977.
- Folder 9: Course descriptions, 1976, undated.
- Folder 10: Course descriptions: Geriatrics, undated.
- Folder 11: Lists: Faculty/Staff of School of Allied Health Sciences, 1971-1976.
- Folder 12: Lists: Graduating students, 1979-1981.
- Folder 13: Memoranda and announcements, 1976-1983.
- Folder 14: Minutes: SAHS Faculty Assembly, 1976-1982.
- Folder 15: Plan: "Organization and Operation for the Proposed School of Allied Health Professions at the Life Sciences Center at Dallas," circa 1968.
- Folder 16: Presentation: School of Allied Health Sciences, circa 1976.
- Folder 17: Programs, circa 1976-1987
- Folder 18: Programs, circa 2002
- Folder 19: Proposal: "Plan for the Development and Operation of a School of Allied Health Professions," circa 1968.

Box 2

- Folder 1: Proposal: Program Title Change from Health Care Administration to Gerontology Services Administration, 1976.
- Folder 2: Student directory, 1970-1974. [restricted]
- Folder 3: Student handbook, 1989-1992.

Series 2: Commencement Programs, 1987-Present

The series consists of programs from the annual commencement given by the School of Health Professions.

Box 2

Folder 4: Commencement programs, 1987-1990
Folder 5: Commencement programs, 1991-1994
Folder 6: Commencement programs, 1995-1998
Folder 7: Commencement programs, 1999-2002
Folder 8: Commencement programs, 2003-2006
Folder 9: Commencement programs, 2007-2009
Folder 10: Commencement programs, 2010-2013
Folder 11: Commencement programs, 2014-2017
Folder 12: Commencement programs, 2018-2020