Preparing Students for Higher Education in the Health Professions:

- “If only someone had told me.........”

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MISSION FOR THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

- Provides state of the art preparation in communication disorders, health science, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and public health.

- We value our community partners and lifelong learning!
OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE...

- Health Science (BSHS)
- Physical Therapy (DPT)
- Public Health (BS)
- Occupational Therapy (MSOT)
- Nursing (BSN, MSN)
- Communication Disorders (MSCD)
- MS in Physician Assistant Studies (coming soon)
Healthcare for the 21st Century

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Preparing for Health Careers

- US Department of Labor identified about **700 categories** of health occupations

- **Largest group were:**
  - 2.6 million active RNs
  - 217,920 LPN/LVN
  - 217,920 EMTs and paramedics
  - 268,000 Pharmacists

(NCHS 2011, Table 110)
Listed are careers one may pursue with a BS in Health Science. Jobs may require additional training, education, or certification. For job descriptions and salary information visit: www.explorehelthcareers.org, http://www.bls.gov/ooh/home.htm
Educational Preparation

- Certification Programs
- Associate Degree Programs
- Bachelors Degree Programs
- Graduate Programs
  - Master of Science Programs
  - Practice Doctorate Programs
Educational Success and Mobility

Criteria for Success

◦ SAT/ACT Scores
◦ High School Ranking (if applicable)
Educational Success and Mobility

- For Admission to BA/BS degree programs (i.e. Pre-licensure Nursing)
- For Admission to Graduate Programs
  - College Grade Point Average (GPA)
  - Grades of C and above in Prerequisite courses
The Undergraduate Degree

- **Paths** to Graduate Education in Medicine, Dentistry, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physician Assistant Studies, Speech Language Pathology, Audiology, etc...
Which Undergraduate Major???

- Biology
- Public Health
- Health Science
The Biology major will (1) prepare students for a variety of careers in biological science; (2) provide a background of skills, attitudes and knowledge needed for further study in professional and graduate schools; and (3) promote enjoyment and appreciation of the organisms that populate our planet.
Public health professionals try to prevent problems from happening or re-occurring through implementing educational programs, developing policies, administering services, and conducting research, in contrast to clinical professionals, such as doctors and nurses, who focus primarily on treating individuals.
The curricular underpinning provided by the Core Competencies for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice provides the foundational learning continuum for interprofessional competency development across the healthcare professions and the lifelong learning trajectory.
Bachelor of Science in Health Science (BSHS)
A New Paradigm in Interprofessional Education

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“When students from two or more professions learn about, from and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes”.

( WHO, 2010).
Hallmarks of Interprofessional Education

- Conceptual
- Learner Accountability/Learner Driven
- Problem-Based
- Reflective
- Technologically Sourced
Core Competencies for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice

1. Values/Ethics

2. Roles/Responsibilities

3. Interprofessional Communication

4. Teams and Teamwork

Team-Based Competencies: Building a Shared Foundation for Education and Clinical Practice, IPEC, (2011)
Advantages of the BSHS

- Students can obtain the foundational underpinnings needed for Interprofessional Collaborative Healthcare Practice

- BSHS can be customized to include the prerequisite requirements of most Health Professions Graduate Programs

- Students can receive individualized career guidance and mentoring
Thank you!

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