## **STOCKTON** UNIVERSITY

## Message from the Dean

Welcome to Orientation! And a warm welcome to the School of Health Sciences (HLTH). This is an exciting time to be involved in health care and the health sciences. I am happy that you have decided to become a Stockton Health Sciences student!



In HLTH, we offer undergraduate degree programs in Exercise Science (EXSC), Nursing (BSN), Public Health (BSPH) and Health Science (BSHS), with BSHS concentrations focused on Pre-Communication, Disorders (Pre-CD), Pre-Occupational Therapy (Pre-OT), Pre- Physical Therapy (Pre-PT), or various health other careers in the General concentration. Finally, in conjunction with Thomas Jefferson University, we offer a dual degree, accelerated, five-year course of study - which enables qualified students to earn a BSHS degree and a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPA). The School of Health Sciences also hosts two academic minors- Holistic Health and Public Health. When you complete your undergraduate degree, you may even wish to pursue a Masters degree in one of our graduate programs – Communication Disorders (MSCD), Occupational Therapy (MSOT), Nursing (MSN & DNP), and Physical Therapy (DPT). You might want to start planning now!

All of the programs within the <u>School of Health Sciences</u> thoroughly prepare students in their professional disciplines while maintaining a strong connection to the liberal arts tradition of the University. HLTH faculty excel in the classroom by providing class experiences tailored to the needs of students. Our classes are taught by highly distinguished faculty who bring academic, clinical, and field expertise to life. In collaboration with our community partners across the region, we provide innovative, cutting-edge academic, clinical, and internship experiences to our students. Faculty are engaged in research and clinical scholarship to improve healthcare outcomes for people across the lifespan, in their homes, in schools, in the community and in the workplace.

Our students graduate with expertise in their content areas as well as with skills in critical thinking, writing, empirical analysis, and the ability to work collaboratively within a diverse workplace. Stockton University is very proud of our role in educating the next generation of healthcare professionals. I am pleased to welcome you, our newest Osprey, to our campus community!

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