

# SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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## UT SOUTHWESTERN NAMES NEW PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

DALLAS — July 28, 1993 — Dr. P. Eugene Jones has been named director of the Physician Assistant Program at Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.

"Dr. Jones has a well-earned reputation in the allied health care field as an outstanding academician and clinician," said Dr. Gordon Green, dean of the allied health school, a component of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "His presence will further distinguish our Physician Assistant Program and help broaden our school's scope as we expand to accommodate the burgeoning field of allied health."

Before coming to UT Southwestern, Jones was an assistant professor of family medicine and practice at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he directed the research activities of the physician assistant program, initiated training and research grants and taught didactic and clinical courses. Jones also served 20 years of active duty in the U.S. Navy Medical Department, during which time he was head of the education departments of the Naval Medical Clinics in San Diego and the U.S. Naval Hospital in Guam. During his military tenure he also directed the largest U.S. armed forces emergency medical technician program and was physician assistant specialty advisor to the U.S. Navy Surgeon General.

"This is an exciting opportunity for me," said Jones. "The Physician Assistant Program at UT Southwestern is strong; the faculty is excellent; and there is potential for even more growth. I want us to expand access to primary

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health care in the rural and underserved areas in Texas by giving more of our students the opportunity to train in these settings or to practice there."

He also plans to expand the class size in the Physician Assistant Program. "Last year this program had 500 applicants for 30 spots. That means only 6 percent of those who applied were selected. There's an increased desire by individuals to get into the field, just as there is an increase in the need for PAs," he said.

Jones received his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska and his master's from Webster College in St. Louis. He earned a second master's degree and his doctorate in evaluation and quantitative analysis from The Claremont Graduate School in Claremont, Calif.

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