



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL AT DALLAS

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DALLAS--A program of teacher education in health-care specialties will be among four new additions this fall to the growing curriculum of the School of Allied Health Professions of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

The program, leading to a degree of Bachelor of Science in Allied Health Education, will enroll some 75 parttime students in its first classes, announced Dr. John W. Schermerhorn, SAHP dean.

Dean Schermerhorn also announced the appointment of Dr. John J. Hedl Jr., research associate in the Computer Assisted Instruction Center at Florida State University, as director of the Allied Health Education program. Dr. Hedl will assume his duties June 1.

In making the announcement, Dr. Schermerhorn expressed satisfaction at securing such a well-qualified person as Dr. Hedl to direct the new program.

"The need for competent teachers in the allied health area is great," he said, "and we feel certain that Dr. Hedl will contribute greatly to our efforts in this important part of our educational program."

During the past year Dr. Hedl has served as project director of a Public Service Careers program at Florida State, which trained low-income persons in a variety of skills. He holds degrees in psychology from Pennsylvania State and Florida State universities.

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Southwestern's health education curriculum will be aimed at preparing professionals already working in health fields to teach their specialties, Dr. Harry J. Parker, SAHP associate dean, explained. Classes will be scheduled after daytime working hours so that students may enroll for a maximum of two courses per semester while continuing their regular jobs, he said.

The degree plan will require students who have completed a minimum of 90 hours of college work elsewhere to take 36 semester hours, including practice teaching and such basics as educational psychology and curriculum planning, Dr. Parker said. From four to six courses will be offered the first semester.

A second new allied health study program announced by Dr. Schermerhorn to begin this fall is in Instructional Media Technology. This course of study, to be conducted at Southwestern Medical School by its Department of Medical Art and Visual Education, will offer training in medical photography, art, television and other techniques related to graphic and electronic instructional aids. Graduates will be qualified to prepare education programs at hospitals, health agencies and schools.

Two other new courses of instruction announced earlier are a physicians' assistants training program and a master's degree offering in rehabilitation counseling. These will bring to eight the number of health-career curricula being taught by the UT component, which opened its doors in 1970. Enrollment in the school is expected to climb from the current 65 to about 150 by September.

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