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*****Allied health school dean receives writing award.

DALLAS--Dean John Schermerhorn of the School of Allied Health Sciences has received a Certificate of Merit for excellence in writing from the "Journal of Allied Health."

Schermerhorn's paper "Educator Perceptions of Accreditation" appeared in the August issue of the journal, the official publication of the American Society of Allied Health Professions.

In the paper the dean reported the results of a survey of allied health educators about accreditation concerns. The majority expressed more concern over the accreditation process rather than over the principle of accreditation.

Schermerhorn believes this is because "allied health education is troubled by multiple accrediting agencies."

Administrators are concerned about the direct expense and the personnel time involved in self-studies and reports for each accrediting agency. The trend, says Schermerhorn, is toward administrators spending more and more time on accreditation activities. Surprised at the results of his survey, he believes that educators should be concerned about whether a specific accreditation process is helpful and whether it improves the quality of education for the students.

Before coming to the SAHS at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas in 1971, Schermerhorn was dean of the Division of Health Sciences at Northeastern University. He previously served as chairman of the Department of Pharmacy at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. He is the author of numerous articles in science and education.

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