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DALLAS--Everyone agrees that the allied health fields must provide more personnel quickly in order to help fill the rapidly expanding health needs of the nation. But where will we get the teachers to train personnel to meet these increasing demands?

This fall the School of Allied Health Professions of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School will offer a new undergraduate program in allied health education. Purpose of the program, according to Dr. John J. Hedl Jr., coordinator of this new curriculum, is "to prepare persons who are either currently employed or educated in health professions to be effective teachers in the allied health programs in colleges, universities, and hospitals, and related agencies. Our curriculum will provide the student with a carefully structured foundation for a professional teaching career in allied health curricula," he explained.

Although the program is aimed primarily at the working professional, he added, other interested persons will be considered for the program which may lead to a bachelor of science degree in allied health education. Applications are now being accepted, for both fall and spring semesters.

Fall registration is set for Aug. 30. Classes, which will be held at the School of Allied Health Professions, located in the Methodist Hospital Annex, will begin August 31. They will be held on a one-day per week basis from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Since the curriculum is planned for a part-time attendance over a two-year period, most students will probably attend two classes a week, explained Dr. Hedl, who is expecting a first semester class of 15 enrollees. It is hoped, he commented, that the late afternoon-early evening hours planned for classtime will correspond with the working hours of many of the professionals working in the health field who want to enter the program.

The program of study, which totals 35 semester hours, will include both academic and field work, the coordinator said. Among the courses included will be history and philosophy of American education, educational psychology, curriculum design, history, administration, economics, law and ethics of health care, and use of multi-media techniques in teaching. There will also be student teaching as a required part of the program, stated the administrator.

Dr. Hedl, who was brought to the UTSWMS School of Allied Health Professions to head up the program previously served as project director of the Public Service Careers Program at Florida State. This campus "manpower" program was involved with training low-income persons in a variety of vocational-technical skills. He holds degrees in psychology from Pennsylvania State University and Florida State. He has extensive experience in instructional technology and educational psychology and has been involved in computer-assisted instruction at the Florida school.

For further information about the program in allied health education, contact Dr. Hedl at AC 214; 942-2778 or write him in care of the School of Allied Health Professions at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, Tex. 75235.

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