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\*\*\*\*\*New programs open for patient and community health educators at SAHS.

DALLAS--Public interest in health information and individual responsibility demands a new type of professional--the community health educator. Closely allied to this career are the patient educator and hospital staff educator (in-service educator).

With the demand for more of these health professionals the School of Allied Health Sciences at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas will add two new programs this fall.

The new programs, Community Health Education and Education in Health Delivery, will lead to a bachelor of science in allied health education.

With a major in Community Health Education, a graduate could train for a career in a private or government health agency.

Majors in Education in Health Delivery could concentrate on one of three career tracks: patient education, hospital in-service education and training and in-service education and training in geriatric institutions. Those in the patient education track would minor in Rehabilitation Science. Those in the geriatric institution track would minor in Gerontology.

Courses of study include education and counseling methods, public and community health issues and research and program evaluation strategies. Students will spend one semester in an internship, which can be arranged locally or nationally with an appropriate institution.

The Department of Allied Health Education has in the past concentrated on the training of teachers in the allied health professions: dental auxiliaries, respiratory therapists, radiation scientists and others.

"These new programs have evolved out of the need that our graduates have seen in their various institutions--hospitals, public health departments, college faculty, industry. We have developed these new courses to meet the need and the interest in the community," said Dr. John Hedl, chairman of the department.

Classes begin Sept. 1. Most classes are offered in the late afternoon and evening. For more information call the Department of Allied Health Education, School of Allied Health Sciences, 688-2810.

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