

BRIEF HISTORY

College of Health Professions

Established in 2010, the College of Health Professions at Pace University offers programs at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral level that are designed to prepare students for impactful careers in health care practice and health-related research. It is the college's goal to create innovative and complex programs that reflect the changing landscape of the health care system.

At the College of Health Professions, students receive hands-on clinical training and have the opportunity to gain experience by applying their developing skills in real world settings at many of the regions' clinical facilities.

The college is currently made up of several growing and important areas of study, which include nursing, physician assistant, communication sciences and disorders, health science, occupational therapy and nutrition and dietetics.

Lienhard School of Nursing

The Lienhard School of Nursing is named for the late Gustav O. Lienhard, Pace alumnus and honorary trustee of the University. Nursing was first established at Pace in 1966 with the introduction of a pre-professional program at the Pleasantville campus. By 1971, nursing was offered at the New York City campus and the Undergraduate School of Nursing was founded. Responding to community needs, the first professional Bachelor of Science nursing program was established in 1973. At the same time, the Graduate School of Nursing, formerly associated with the New York Medical College, became an official school of the University. In keeping with the current organizational structure of the various schools within the University, the Graduate and Undergraduate Schools of Nursing were unified in 1979 into the Lienhard School of Nursing.

Occupational Therapy, MS

The hybrid MSOT program at Pace University College of Health Professions: Pleasantville Campus was established in 2019. It is a weekday graduate program designed to be delivered in a blended format combining online and face-to-face classroom instruction. The program was granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) in April 2019 and registered by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) in May 2019. The MSOT program accepted the first cohort of students in September 2019.

Nutrition and Dietetics, MS

The Nutrition and Dietetics program is designed to prepare students for a career in nutrition and dietetics as Registered Dietitians (RD). Our program blends didactic learning with supervised practice to help students meet the knowledge and skill requirements of RDs as defined by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). The program was built with major nutritional challenges of today's world in mind—rising rates of overweight and obesity and their related comorbidities, a growing focus on sustainability and local food, an environment replete with unhealthful foods, a culture of convenience that has dented the family meal tradition, and socio-economic inequality that has left many Americans hungry.

Pace University-Lenox Hill Hospital Physician Assistant Program NYC

The PA program's inception in 1995 was a unique arrangement between Lenox Hill Hospital, an employer of 70 PAs, and Pace University's Department of Biological Sciences, which had a strong Allied Health component. Lenox Hill Hospital now employs approximately 165 PAs – more than double the number from 1995. In 2010, the PA Program relocated from Pace University's Department of Biological Sciences into the College of Health Professions. Learn more about the history of the PA program (<http://www.pace.edu/college-health-professions/history-pa-program/>), including key dates in the program's history.

Physician Assistant Program - Pleasantville

The Pace University Physician Assistant Program - Pleasantville is a rigorous course of study leading to a Master of Science. Students integrate courses in basic science, pharmacology, clinical medicine, and behavioral health, as well as unique courses providing a comprehensive approach to patient care and practice in underserved settings. The program welcomed its inaugural class in Fall 2017.