

# BRIEF HISTORY

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## College of Health Professions

Established in 2010, the College of Health Professions (CHP) at Pace University offers a broad range of programs at the bachelor, master's, and doctoral levels. It is the College's goal to create innovative and complex programs that reflect the changing landscape of the health care system. These programs are designed to prepare graduates for impactful careers in health care practice, health-related research, or as educators, and equip graduates to work in health policy and global health fields. Students in clinical programs receive hands-on training in the College's interprofessional Center of Excellence in Healthcare Simulation and have the opportunity to apply their developing skills in real-world settings at many of the regions' leading clinical facilities. The College currently comprises several growing and important areas of study, which include nursing, physician assistant, health science, nutrition and dietetics, occupational therapy, and public health.

## Health Science Department

The Health Science department offers a Bachelor of Science in Health Science and a Master of Public Health, as well as combined degree programs with advanced degrees in occupational therapy, nutrition and dietetics, and public health.

The undergraduate Health Science program welcomed its first class in the fall of 2015, graduating in spring 2019. Classes are offered on both the New York City and Westchester campuses. It prepares students with a broad, interdisciplinary foundation in health sciences and equips students with coursework spanning health promotion, behavioral science, and policy, and is designed to propel graduates into careers in healthcare administration, advocacy, and into master's and professional programs.

## 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.