



PERFECTING THE ART OF PATIENT CARE

The highly-competitive School of Health Sciences (SHS) at Chatham University stands in stark contrast to the “lost in the crowd” health science programs at many larger universities:

1. Our approach to learning places students in a position of active responsibility for absorbing and mastering content. They learn new material by confronting and solving problems as applied to actual clinical cases.
2. Students learn from dedicated faculty members – many of whom are practicing professionals themselves – in a close-knit atmosphere known for providing personal attention to every student.

SHS programs are highly selective, with an approximate 25% acceptance rate (400 accepted out of 1,700 applicants). We excel in training students through teaching strategies such as problem-based learning, fostering critical thinking skills, and encouraging students to serve local, national, and international communities through service-oriented programs for medically-underserved populations. Our graduates are highly skilled, ethically and culturally aware, and highly sought after.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Undergraduate majors

- Nursing (including an RN-to-BSN completion degree)
- Exercise Science

Graduate – Master’s degree programs

- Physician Assistant Studies
- Psychology
- Counseling Psychology
- Nursing (including an international nursing program in collaboration with the Shanghai Institute of Health Sciences)
- Healthcare Informatics
- Athletic Training

Graduate – Doctoral degree programs

- Nursing (Doctor of Nursing Practice)
- Occupational Therapy (Entry-level Doctorate of Occupational Therapy, beginning fall 2019)
- Occupational Therapy (Post-Professional Doctorate of Occupational Therapy)
- Physical Therapy (Doctor of Physical Therapy)
- Counseling Psychology (Doctor of Psychology in Counseling Psychology)

ACCREDITATIONS

The following programs within the SHS are fully accredited by the following agencies:

- Counseling Psychology (MSCP): *Masters in Psychology and Counseling Psychology Accreditation Council (MPCAC)*
- Counseling Psychology (PsyD): *American Psychological Association (APA)*
- Healthcare Informatics: *HIMSS Approved Education Provider*
- Nursing (RN-to-BSN, MSN and DNP): *Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)*
- Occupational Therapy: *Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)*
- Physician Assistant Studies: *Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)*
- Physical Therapy: *Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)*
- Athletic Training: seeking accreditation from *Commission on Accreditation for Athletic Training Education (CAATE)*

GRADUATE PROGRAMS LICENSURE PASS RATE (2015)

	Most recent graduating class overall pass rate	Average pass rate	Employment rate (Six months post graduation)
Master of Physician Assistant Studies	100%	5 years: 94% 1st time 100% overall	100%
Doctor of Physical Therapy	100%	3 years: 90% 1st time 100% overall	100%
Master of Occupational Therapy	100%	3 years: 86% 1st time 100% overall	100%
Master of Science in Counseling Psychology*	100%	N/A	87%

*Data based on graduates who took the exam at Chatham.

► “Chatham’s problem-based learning approach trains their students to have not only an extensive knowledge base, but also the ability to quickly and creatively adapt to the tasks and challenges they encounter daily. After personally working with a Chatham Master of Physician Assistant Studies graduate for several years, I am grateful to have her on my healthcare team.”

— FREDDIE H. FU, M.D., UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH MEDICAL CENTER

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Arlette Ngoubene-Atioky is an assistant professor in the counseling psychology program, and her areas of academic interest include the social determinants of immigrants and refugee health and cross-cultural psychology.

Dr. Ingrid Provident is an associate professor in the occupational therapy programs. She has served on the accreditation team for the OT Program at the Polytechnic University in Hong Kong and has presented in several international forums including Tanzania and Kenya.

Dr. Debra Wolf is an associate professor in the healthcare informatics and nursing program and is a known international speaker, having presented at health conferences from Finland to France to China. Dr. Wolf was selected as a Nursing Ambassador to China, where she has collaborated with multiple healthcare organizations related to quality improvement.

CHATHAM EASTSIDE

The School of Health Science is located at Chatham Eastside, part of the Shadyside Campus. Chatham Eastside is in Pittsburgh’s bustling East End district, near Bakery Square, a vibrant retail district that is home to Google’s Pittsburgh office. The building was a LEED-Silver renovation project that uses sustainable design practices, recycled materials, and energy-efficient lighting to create academic and social space within a green environment.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

- The School is known for its international collaboration with the CRECER organization in Ibarra, Ecuador where faculty and students participate in service learning experiences related to Occupational and Physical Therapy.
- Our most recent international collaboration has been with the Shanghai Institute of Health Sciences. Chinese nurses apply to this very competitive program in order to study at Chatham for a year and receive their Master’s of Nursing Degree.
- Some of our programs include international travel opportunities to provide services in healthcare settings.