

# DENNIS R. DEPERRO SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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St. Bonaventure University created the School of Health Professions in 2016 to help meet the growing demand for skilled and caring healthcare providers.

These highly trained and educated practitioners, who make up approximately 60 percent of the U.S. health workforce, work alongside other healthcare professionals to provide a range of diagnostic, technical, therapeutic, and direct patient care and support services.

Our Bachelor of Science in Public Health, a nationally recognized undergraduate major, addresses a national shortage of public health professionals and offers students the unique opportunity to immediately obtain a position in public health education and promotion, or enter graduate studies in public health.

Our Bachelor of Science in Health Science program provides the opportunity to study courses in medical terminology, health research methods, nutrition, and epidemiology. As seniors, students will intern under professionals in their chosen health field and engage during Senior Capstone in research and discussions of health issues with peers and professors.

Health Science graduates will be well prepared for immediate employment in health promotion or continued graduate studies in a variety of allied health fields.

The DePerro School of Health Professions also offers a Dual Degree, Bachelor of Science program in Nursing in partnership with Jamestown Community College, and an RN-BS completion program for working nurses who are interested in completing a bachelors degree prior to the 2028 NYS state mandate.

The DePerro School of Health Professions builds on St. Bonaventure's robust undergraduate science curriculum and prehealth programs. In addition to the present bachelor's degree programs, we offer a Master's in Physician Assistant Studies, Master's in Occupational Therapy, Master in Public Health, and Master Entry to Practice in Nursing. EAP (Early Assurance Programs) in Health Science and Public Health provide an avenue for high school seniors (and current SBU students) who meet the qualifying criteria to earn a seat in a graduate program in Occupational Therapy or Public Health.

We continue to explore the creation of additional clinical and non-clinical degree programs at the graduate and undergraduate level in several of the most desired and needed health fields.

Undergraduate programs under consideration will be designed to leverage the strengths of existing programs at St. Bonaventure and serve as a stepping stone to graduate study in the health professions.

Graduate and undergraduate degree programs will include offerings to future health practitioners that lead to professional licensure as well as academic and research degree programs that offer students the opportunity to develop advanced skills in management and leadership in the healthcare arena.