10 YEARS IN HILLSBORO

95% Increase in College of Health Professions enrollment since Hillsboro Campus opening

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
College of Health Professions
Pacific University has a long and rich history of dedication and service to our community.

In our earliest days, Pacific was founded to care for children who were orphaned on the Oregon Trail. For more than 150 years, we have cared for our students and alumni, helping them to pursue their dreams, become leaders in their fields, and give back to their communities.

Today, Pacific is heralded for yet another kind of care: the care that our faculty, staff, students and alumni provide through our health professions programs.

The Pacific University College of Health Professions is dedicated to preparing leaders in innovative healthcare for a diverse global community. The distinguished faculties of our eight schools are educating future practitioners, researchers and educators, who will lead the transformation of healthcare by modeling interprofessional, person-centered care.

The Hillsboro Campus is central to our success. These facilities, and our partners in the Hillsboro Health and Education District who share our mission, make it possible for us to provide outstanding education to our students and alumni, as well as world-class healthcare every day through our clinics and clinical placements. We are proud to be a part of this community and to serve its members and the large regional, national and international communities by extension.

We look forward to the next decade — and beyond — as we grow our college, our campus and our capacity to care, here in Hillsboro and throughout the world.

Regards,

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Vice Provost & Executive Dean
Brief History

The Pacific University Hillsboro Campus opened in August 2006 as a single building to serve as a home for the growing College of Health Professions, which was established in 2004 when the schools of Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies and Professional (now Graduate) Psychology merged.

The five-story, LEED-certified building was later named in honor of Pacific’s 16th president, Phil Creighton, whose vision and leadership launched the campus. Creighton Hall was joined in 2010 by a second building, as well as the Intermodal Transit Facility, a partnership between educational, healthcare and government agencies in Hillsboro, Washington County and the state of Oregon.

Today, the College of Health Professions has expanded its footprint in Hillsboro to include leased space in the Tuality 7th Avenue Medical Plaza and additional space opening in 2017 on Oak Street.

As the campus has grown, so too have the university’s programs and clinical services. The close relationships forged between Pacific, Portland Community College, Tuality Healthcare, Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center, and the City of Hillsboro have created collaborations that enhance not only the education and preparation of our graduate and professional students, but the access and quality of healthcare in the region.
Healthcare & Education

In 1975, physical therapy was established as the first health professions program at Pacific University. Launched on the Forest Grove Campus, the physical therapy program has transitioned to awarding a doctor of physical therapy, preparing practice-ready physical therapists who serve patients all over the world. Today, the School of Physical Therapy also offers a master of science in athletic training. The Pacific Physical Therapists Clinic serves the communities of Hillsboro and Cornelius through our Pacific clinics and through our collaboration with Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center.

In 1984, a new program started in occupational therapy. Today, Pacific students earn the doctor of occupational therapy degree and serve in a wide range of settings, from schools and rehabilitation centers to hospitals and community health clinics. Occupational and physical therapy students from Pacific team up with robotics students from Hillsboro’s Glencoe High School to participate in “Go Baby Go,” a national program in which child-size toy cars are modified with adaptive technology to provide solutions for children with mobility limitations. This is only one example of the many interprofessional and hands-on opportunities for learning and innovation available to students in the health professions at Pacific.

Also in the mid-1980s, the Oregon School of Professional Psychology, founded in 1975, joined Pacific as the School of Professional Psychology, now known as the School of Graduate Psychology. The school offers several programs, including the master in applied psychological science, the doctor of clinical psychology, and the PhD in clinical psychology, Pacific’s first PhD degree program. The school’s Psychology and Comprehensive Health Clinics, with locations in Hillsboro and Portland, serve patients using a coordinated care model delivered by psychology, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, and speech-language pathology students and faculty from Pacific, as well as students and faculty from the National University of Natural Medicine.

The master of science in physician assistant studies was established in 1997 and continues to grow along with the expanding role of PAs in healthcare. Graduates of our PA program become primary care and specialty care providers in a variety of healthcare settings. In 2017, Portland Monthly magazine recognized 22 of Pacific’s PA alumni among the “best doctors and nurses in Portland.” The School of Physician Assistant Studies also offers special tracks for veterans who want to put their military healthcare experience to work in

Hillsboro Campus History

2006 | Building 1, later renamed Philip Creighton Hall, opens on the southeast corner of SE Washington Street and SE 8th Avenue in the fall as the new home to the Pacific University College of Health Professions.

2012 | The School of Audiology opens, operating out of leased space in the Tuality Medical Plaza on SE 7th Avenue. The Simulation Lab is installed on the third floor of Creighton Hall.

2010 | Building 2 opens on the northeast corner of SE 8th Avenue and SE Washington Street and features state-of-the-art classrooms, labs and study areas. As part of downtown Hillsboro’s designation as a Regional Center in the Metro 2040 Regional Growth Plan, the Intermodal Transit Facility is funded through a public-private partnership between the City of Hillsboro, Pacific, Tuality Healthcare, the state of Oregon, and federal stimulus programs. The City of Hillsboro declares the area the Health and Education District, which includes Pacific University, Portland Community College, Tuality Healthcare, and Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center.
civilian settings, as well as for practitioners who will serve rural communities in desperate need of healthcare providers.

After the establishment of the College of Health Professions in 2004, Pacific added four new schools and more programs to prepare innovative and practice-ready healthcare providers.

**In 2006, the School of Dental Hygiene Studies opened,** offering a bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene, one of the relatively few baccalaureate degree dental hygiene programs in the nation. Dental hygienists with a bachelor’s degree have expanded career opportunities that include teaching, management and administration. Our dental hygiene students provide dental services to thousands of underserved patients each year in our campus clinic and in a variety of off-campus community settings. They also provide dental services to migratory and seasonal agricultural workers and their families through our mobile Smile Care Everywhere program.

**Also in 2006, Pacific established its School of Pharmacy,** offering an innovative three-year block curriculum leading to the doctor of pharmacy degree. Among the largest of Pacific’s healthcare programs, the School of Pharmacy is a leader in pharmacy education, practice and research. Recently, the School of Pharmacy added the master of science in pharmaceutical sciences, a research-focused degree program that expands the research track already available in the PharmD program. The school has also established partnerships with the University of Oregon and with Pacific’s undergraduate School of Natural Sciences to support pathways from undergraduate sciences to the pharmacy program.

**In 2012, the School of Audiology opened** a doctor of audiology program. Following the model of the School of Pharmacy, the audiology program offers an innovative three-year block curriculum. The school has a state-of-the-art simulation laboratory for hands-on learning, and students treat patients in the on-campus Pacific EarClinic. Students and faculty from the schools of Audiology, Physical Therapy and the College of Optometry also work together to serve patients in our Interprofessional Dizziness and Balance Clinic.

The high level of education and preparation offers more opportunities.

**In 2013, School of Healthcare Administration & Leadership was established,** recognizing the need for highly qualified leaders within and beyond the practice realm. The school offers the master of healthcare administration (first established as a program in 2008), the graduate certificate in gerontology, and the bachelor of health science, Pacific’s first fully online bachelor’s degree. In 2017, the school also will partner with Pacific’s College of Education to offer a PhD in education and leadership, designed especially for educators and healthcare providers who want to pursue careers in higher education.

Together, these eight schools, along with other Pacific programs, such as optometry and speech-language pathology, promote innovations in healthcare, while providing healthcare services to the people of Hillsboro and our surrounding communities.
By the Numbers

1,292
Students in CHP in Fall 2016

$9.4 million
Grant activity by CHP in 2015-2016

95%
Increase in CHP enrollment since Hillsboro Campus opening

34
Continuing education events offered in 2015-2016

8
Classes that achieved a 95-100% pass rate on respective licensing exams in 2016
Interprofessional Education

The opening of the Hillsboro Campus marked a strategic effort at Pacific University to unite health professions programs in a collaborative and interprofessional space – one that would foster a vision of purposeful, interprofessional, patient-driven care.

That vision comes to life every day, integrated into a curriculum where all students take part in interprofessional case conferences and complete an interprofessional competency course, working with peers across the disciplines to address real-world problems and needs from a patient-centered perspective.

Over the decade, interprofessional education has continued to flourish as a prominent curricular and co-curricular thread at Pacific, as clinical opportunities, travel courses, and innovative curricular projects have emerged as opportunities to serve patients locally and around the globe.

The Interprofessional Diabetes Clinic is a partnership between the colleges of Health Professions and Optometry, where students and faculty-practitioners from a wide range of fields see patients together on a single day to provide them with fully integrated care, as well as the tools to manage their own health.

The Psychology & Comprehensive Health Clinics take this partnership to the next level, operating full-time clinics in Hillsboro and Portland, where patients have access to a range of healthcare providers from Pacific and partnering organizations.

Undererved populations are priority patients for the College of Health Professions, with students going out into communities to offer care. The schools of Dental Hygiene Studies and Audiology travel to schools and elsewhere to offer screenings, and the School of Physical Therapy provides services to migrant workers at local vineyards, as an example.

Partnerships extend beyond the College of Health Professions. The School of Occupational Therapy partners with Pacific’s speech-language pathology program to support an annual aphasia camp for patients and their partners to reconnect and enhance their communication and relationships.

In each example, faculty and students in the College of Health Professions extend care to their communities — collaboratively, advancing a team-based approach to interprofessional practice that will set the standard for excellence in healthcare.
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AREAS OF STUDY
Athletic Training | MSAT
Audiology | AuD
Bachelor of Health Science | Online
Dental Hygiene | BSDH
Education & Leadership | PhD
Gerontology | Certificate
Healthcare Administration | MHA
Occupational Therapy | OTD
Pharmacy | PharmD
Physical Therapy | DPT
Physician Assistant Studies | MS
Psychology | Applied Psychological Science MA/MS
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