



Bob Jones University School of Health Professions Fact Sheet

- On January 31, 2018, Bob Jones University launched a School of Health Professions to begin operation in August 2018.
- By launching the School of Health Professions, BJU is moving forward, continuing to provide high quality in-demand programs that prepare students to excel in their fields and make a difference in their communities.
- Initially, BJU is bringing together academic programs currently in other schools to form three divisions in the new School of Health Professions.
- The initial programs in the new school include the following.
 - Division of Exercise & Sport Science: Exercise Science BS with concentrations in Applied Physiology and Fitness and Wellness, Sports Management BS, and the Health and Fitness AS.
 - Division of Nursing: Nursing BSN.
 - Division of Health Sciences: BS programs in Premed/Predent, Communication Disorders and Health Sciences which offers a general concentration as well as concentrations in Pre-Physician Assistant, Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Nutrition, Pre-Pharmacy, Public Health/Global Health and Health Care Administration.
- Over the next several years, BJU plans to add resident and online programs, particularly at the graduate level. A number of programs are currently under consideration including master's degrees in areas such as Nursing, Athletic Training, Physician's Assistant, Speech Language Pathology, Dietetics, Sport Administration and Coaching, Health Care Information Management and Health Care Administration.
- BJU is launching the new school with a strong base of health-related programs and a high caliber faculty already in place. Since 2002, our cumulative pass rate on the national nursing licensing examination is above 95 percent, and our nursing grads typically outperform national and South Carolina pass rates. 80 to 100 percent of BJU premed graduates are accepted into medical school within one year of graduation—more than double the national average of 40 percent. These graduates score on average in the 84th percentile on the national Medical College Admission Test, with some scoring in the 98th to 100th percentiles.
- The demand for health care professionals is strong across the health-related industry.
 - Bachelor degree completion in health-related programs increased nearly 100 percent from 2007 to 2015.

- A recent Educational Advisory Board study showed jobs in health care professions increased 57 percent from 2012 to 2016.
- The U.S. Department of Labor projects a 16.4 percent increase in jobs for health care practitioners and technical occupations through 2024.
- Four of the top five growth occupations in the south are in health care.
- Three of the top five employers in South Carolina are looking for health care workers.
- BJU students are increasingly enrolling in health-related programs. From 2013 to 2017 enrollment in BJU health-related programs increased 21.6 percent.
- The School of Health Professions will benefit students by co-locating health related programs to facilitate teamwork and collaborative learning. BJU's School of Health Professions will be one of the first undergraduate schools to prepare students to enter today's complex health system focusing on teamwork.
- Three distinctives will set BJU's School of Health Professions apart.
 - Professional Excellence: BJU and its students continually strive for excellence and our grads exhibit high performance in all fields every day.
 - Personal Development: BJU students take a core of liberal arts and Bible courses which teach soft skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, and communication and encourage character building and leadership development—all of which help our students become dependable, ethical leaders with credible influence in the workplace.
 - Purposeful Service: BJU instills a desire to serve others with compassion motivated by the love of Christ.
- BJU is seeking an academic dean for the new school. A position description and position qualifications are available at www.bju.edu, click "about" then "Careers at BJU."
- Dr. Jessica Minor of the Health Sciences faculty will serve as interim dean until a dean is appointed.
- BJU has assembled a stellar advisory board for the School of Health Professions comprised of individuals with expertise in diverse aspects of the health care industry. This board will provide advice and counsel to ensure BJU is cognizant of the latest trends in the health industry which will influence the specific academic program offerings and help with student and faculty recruitment and fundraising.