

School of Health Professions *Philanthropy Goals*

The UTMB School of Health Professions is a pioneering place. The oldest school of its kind in the South and Southwest, established in 1968, the school has done more than any other academic enterprise to populate our state with the clinical professionals vital to the health and well-being of its citizens. The more than 10,000 graduates who have passed through the school's doors have filled communities across the state with their expertise.

Today, the school is home to 860 students in six departments (Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Nutrition and Metabolism and Respiratory Care) and one division (Rehabilitation Sciences). Those students are guided by 56 full-time, 11 part-time and 55 clinical faculty members.

At the same time, the school is home to one of the country's most vigorous research enterprises in the health professions. It consistently ranks in the top 20 in support from the National Institutes of Health—a barometer of our faculty's collective research productivity—and was ranked 11th nationally last year.

The Challenge

The demographic realities in Texas—and across the nation—are rapidly changing, with profound implications for health care. Texas' population is expected to double over the next three decades, much of that growth taking place among Texans 60 and older; according to the Texas Department of Aging, that segment of the population is expected to increase from 3.7 million today to 8.1 million in 2040.

That demographic shift will place a serious burden on a health system already stretched thin. An aging population will consume an ever greater share of health resources, demanding more health care professionals at every level. And with vacancy rates in the health professions ranging from 30 to 80 percent, we must act now to produce even more care providers to meet the needs of a growing—and aging—state.



Did you know?

- The School of Health Professions continues to experience record enrollment, with 860 students in its six degree programs.
- 85 percent of the school's alumni practice in Texas.
- The school's clinical residency in neurologic physical therapy is the first in Texas and one of only seven nationwide.
- The school has created a doctoral curriculum in rehabilitation sciences, the first of its kind in Texas and one of just a handful in North America.
- Graduate programs in Physician Assistant Studies, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy are ranked among the best in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

An Investment in the Future

At this critical juncture in health care in Texas, we turn to all those who share a kinship with the School of Health Professions: the thousands of alumni who have passed through our doors, the leaders in the many communities who depend on our exceptional graduates, the organizations who embrace our commitment to the future of health



Scholarships are a pathway to opportunity, making a health professions education possible for students of limited means, enabling the UTMB School of Health Professions to populate communities across the state with even more of the exceptional health care professionals it has trained since 1968.

care. We invite your support for the school's future, knowing that your philanthropic engagement is truly an investment in better health and better health care for Texas.

Scholarships. Scholarships are competitive awards that help us recognize our best students and ensure that financial concerns are no impediment to students' educational ambitions. Endowed scholarships are permanently invested funds, supported through gifts from our friends and alumni, that yield income every year to support some of our most deserving students. The remainder of the earnings is reinvested in the fund as a tool for growth and a hedge against inflation.

\$10,000: Minimum for an endowed scholarship

\$50,000 and above: Presidential scholarships

\$250,000: Full tuition scholarship

Endowed Faculty Positions. An expanded enrollment will call upon the school to broaden the intellectual capital among its faculty ranks. With 122 faculty, the school is already a place of innovation and discovery, but we will need to augment that number as student enrollments continue to grow. Endowments established by our benefactors play a key role in the recruitment of outstanding health care educators and researchers.

Distinguished University Chair: \$2 million

Distinguished Chair: \$1 million

Chair: \$500,000

Distinguished Professorship: \$250,000

Professorship: \$100,000