

# School of Applied Sciences

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## Overview

The School of Applied Sciences was established in 2001 and includes the departments of Applied Gerontology; Communication Sciences and Disorders; Nutrition and Hospitality Management; Health, Exercise Science, and Recreation Administration; Criminal Justice and Legal Studies; and Social Work. We are home to 10 undergraduate degree programs, 10 master's and 4 doctoral degree programs, the Institute of Child Nutrition, the Center for Health and Sports Performance and the Jackson Heart Study Vanguard Center at Oxford.

## MISSION/VISION

Mission - We learn, lead and serve to improve the health and well-being of Mississippi, our Nation and world.

Vision - All are equipped to advance their profession, serve others and improve the human condition through discovery, ingenuity, hard work and compassion.

Tag Line – You belong where human sciences and service intersect

## Accreditation

The clinical service and academic training programs of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders are accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. The Dietetics program in the Department of Nutrition and Hospitality Management is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics. The hospitality management program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration. The Sport and Recreation Administration program is accredited by the National Recreation and Park Association. The program in Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. New degree programs in public health are in the process of accreditation through the Council on Education for Public Health. A new master's degree program in Athletic training has applied for and in the process of accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education.

