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College of Health Sciences records

1950s – 2014 Span Dates,
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Biography or Historical Sketch

During the late nineteenth century, El Paso's beneficial climate made it a haven for those suffering from serious illnesses, particularly tuberculosis. However, the city lacked a hospital to house and treat the many patients in need of care. The throngs of sick who flocked to El Paso took shelter in tents and makeshift shacks at the base of Mt. Franklin in a community that was known as 'Tent Town'. Concerned for the welfare of these 'tent dwellers' and wary of contagion themselves, the El Paso community determined to build a hospital in the area. Residents sought the assistance of Father Charles Ferrari, a local Jesuit priest.

At Father Ferrari's request, the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul sent four of their Sister nurses to El Paso to begin operating the area's first hospital. Four Daughters of Charity—Mary Stella Dempsey, Mary Vincent Lee, Genevieve Hennessey, and Dolores Eggert—arrived in El Paso on February 3, 1892 and Hotel Dieu was founded. After a series of temporary buildings that proved inadequate for the growing needs of El Paso's population, the Sisters initiated construction of a modern, permanent facility with funds provided by a sizeable bank loan, as well as money given by the Daughters of Charity and local citizens. Hotel Dieu Hospital opened at its Stanton and Rio Grande Street location on January 25, 1894 where it stood as an impressive El Paso landmark for fifty-eight years.

In March 1898 the Hotel Dieu School of Nursing was organized as a three-year diploma program to meet the growing demand for nurses. The school and its students were housed on the fourth floor of the hospital itself until 1917 when the school was moved to its own building in the old Gallagher Home at Arizona and Stanton Street. Students admitted into the program paid no tuition, received free lodging, and were paid a monthly salary of $5 after fulfilling a probationary period of two months. Until the mid-1930s, student nurses worked twelve hour shifts and attended classes from 7pm to 9pm every evening. Hotel Dieu School of Nursing graduated its first class of four students on June 4, 1902; this is believed to be the first class of professionally educated nurses to graduate in Texas.

Diphtheria, small pox, tuberculosis, and typhoid fever were the maladies that dominated treatment at the hospital in its early years. During the 1918 influenza pandemic the hospital was closed to all patients except for flu cases and emergencies; all student nurses contracted influenza at that time and one—Jimmie Holmes—died from the epidemic. During World War I, the nursing school's enrollment averaged a total of twenty-five students. Hotel Dieu School of Nursing graduates tended to wounded soldiers in France and Italy throughout the war. By the 1920s the school's reputation and enrollment had grown. In 1927 the school was moved to its new location at Arizona and Kansas Street; the new building had facilities to accommodate fifty students.

Hotel Dieu contributed heavily to the war effort throughout World War II. In 1943 the U.S. Public Health Service declared the hospital to be an Emergency Base Hospital, and admitted the nursing school into the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps Program. The school received approval from the State Approval Agency for veterans education in July 1948. During the 1950s Hotel Dieu School of Nursing was affiliated with Texas Western College and with De Paul Hospital in New Orleans where students received training in

psychiatric nursing.

Sister Aloysius Williams was named director of the school in 1959. Under her leadership, Hotel Dieu School of Nursing undertook an ambitious program of expansion and improvement. A state-of-the-art $2.5 million school complex was built at 1101 N. Campbell Street; the new building was dedicated during a blizzard on December 16, 1967. By 1970 Hotel Dieu School of Nursing had 198 students and 21 faculty members—the largest enrollment in its history.

During the late 1960s a preference for four-year baccalaureate programs was becoming the dominant trend in nursing education. In 1968 both Hotel Dieu and the University of Texas were exploring the possibility of integrating the School of Nursing into the UT system and creating a four year bachelor of science nursing degree program at UTEP. State Senator Joe Christie of El Paso introduced a bill, SB394, authorizing the creation of a nursing school at UTEP. The bill was approved unanimously by the Texas Legislature in May 1969; it was later signed by Governor Preston Smith.

The transition officially began in 1970 when Hotel Dieu admitted its final freshman class and UTEP enrolled its first students in pre-nursing courses. In 1971 UTEP's purchase of HDSN's property and equipment was finalized; and many Hotel Dieu faculty were appointed to positions in the new UTEP Nursing School, including Sister Aloysius who was named Director of Continuing Education Programs and the school's first dean. Senator Christie proclaimed in 1969 that the establishment of the nursing school within UTEP would ensure "the continuing growth of El Paso as a medical center for the entire West Texas Area."

In 1975 the school expanded when the Medical Technology Program and the Allied Health Program (from the College of Science) were incorporated into the School of Nursing. The school's name was changed to the College of Nursing in 1976 and to the College of Nursing and Allied Health in 1979. During the late 1970s and 1980s the College of Nursing continued to grow as programs, such as Speech-Language Pathology and Speech, Hearing, and Language Disorders, were transferred over to the College from other UTEP departments. In 1990 students began having student clinical rotations at several sites in rural El Paso, which was made possible by a six million dollar grant from the Kellogg Foundation. This year was also significant in the College's history as the school established a cooperative Master of Science in Nurse Midwifery program with Texas Tech University.

During the 1990s additional undergraduate and graduate programs – Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Health and Physical Education, Women's Health Care, Family Nurse Practitioner/Community Heath, Kinesiology and Sports Studies, and Nursing Administration – were either instituted or transferred to the College. And in 1996 the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (the name changed again in 1993) began administering the UTEP Student Health Center on campus. Doctoral programs began in 1998 with a cooperative Doctor of Science in Nursing program with the University of Texas at Houston Health Sciences Center. A doctoral program in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences started in 2004. After several administrative reorganizations, more name changes, and the addition of several new graduate programs, the school, now known as the College of Health Sciences, moved into its 134,000 square foot building on UTEP's main campus, though some programs

remained at the Campbell Street location.

[Historical sketch by Marissa Rogers and Abbie Weiser]

Series Description or Arrangement

Records are arranged in chronological order.

Scope and Content Notes

The College of Health Sciences records, a series of the UTEP Collection, date 1950s–2014, bulk 1970s – 1990s. Types of records include reports, self-evaluations, photographs, negatives, and other printed material primarily about the building on Campbell Street, course offerings, and the UTEP Centennial. This series is arranged in chronological order.

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University Communications, MS 001

Sister Aloysius Williams, MS 258

Hotel Dieu Hospital Collection, MS 102

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1	3	LL-OT/PT Labs Building Renovation and Blue Prints	about 1966 – 1990
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