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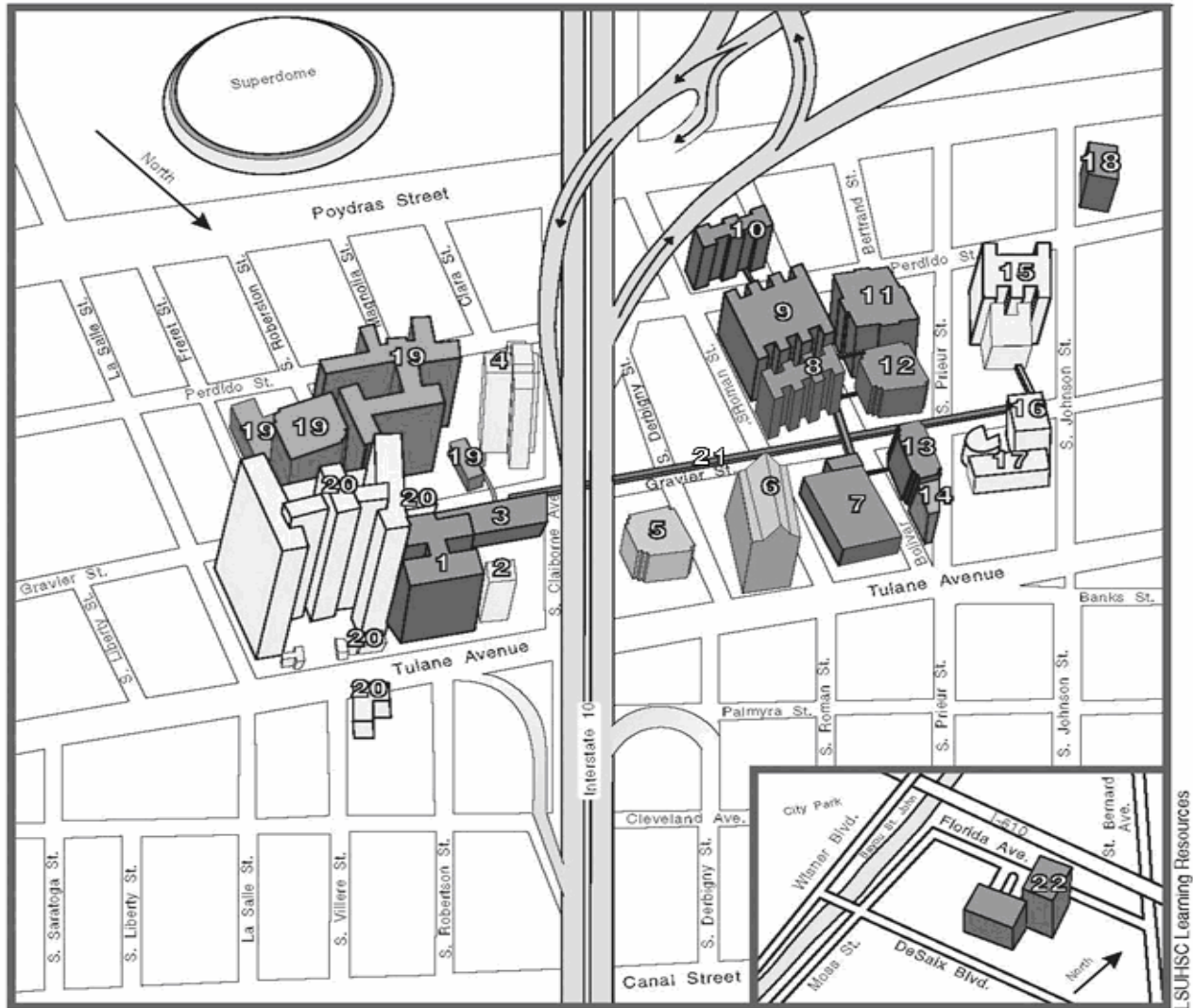
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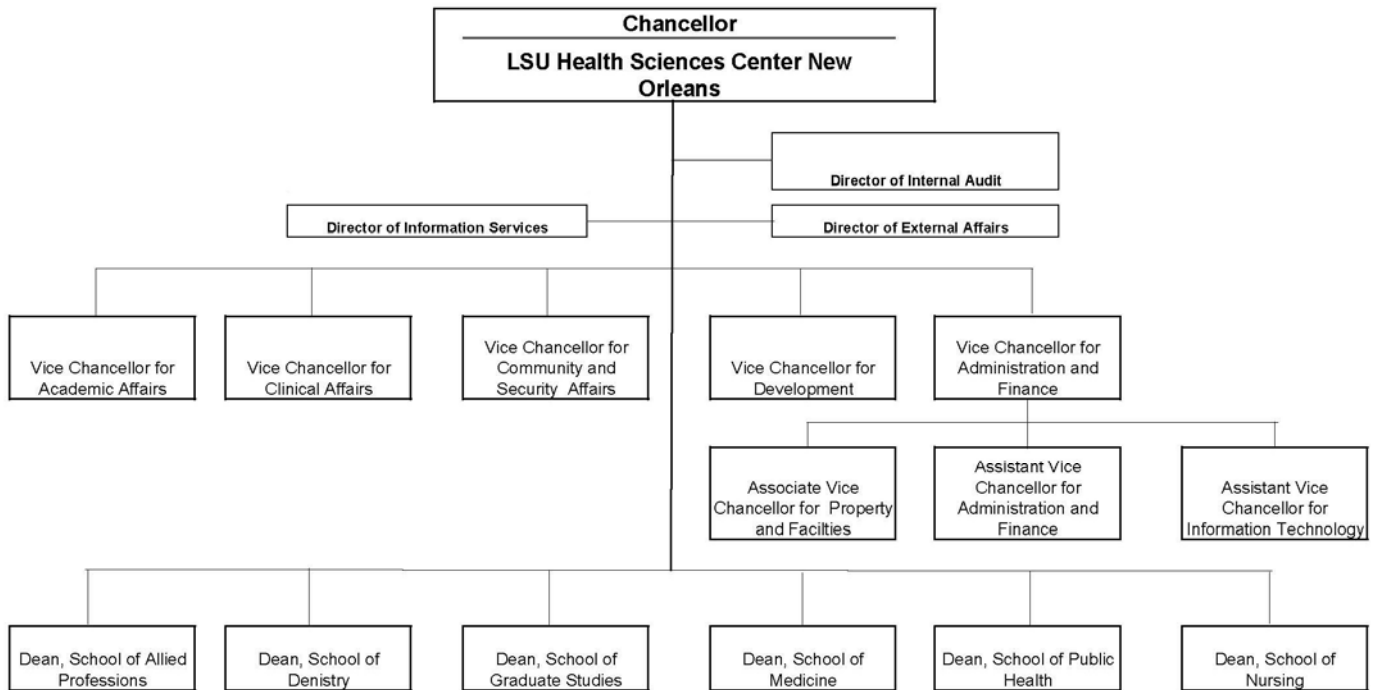
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**WILLIAM L. JENKINS, MMEDVET, PHD  
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Dr. William L. Jenkins is President of the Louisiana State University System, which includes ten institutions on 10 campuses in five cities as well as 10 public hospitals in 10 cities.

A native of South Africa, Dr. Jenkins received his professional veterinary medicine degree in 1958 and specialist credentials in 1968 from the University of Pretoria. In 1970 he received a Ph.D. degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia. After practicing veterinary medicine for four years, Dr. Jenkins joined the faculty at the University of Pretoria, advancing through the ranks to become professor and head of the Department of Veterinary Physiology, Pharmacology and Toxicology in 1971.

In 1978 Dr. Jenkins moved to the United States and joined the faculty in the Department of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology at Texas A&M University. In 1988 he was appointed dean of the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, was named LSU's provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs in 1993, Chancellor of LSU in 1996, and President of the LSU System in 1999.

Dr. Jenkins has taught extensively at both the professional and graduate levels. He also has been active in continuing education and has delivered more than 200 lectures and addresses to diverse groups in both the United States and abroad. He has published more than 60 scientific articles and has contributed 15 chapters to various textbooks. He is co-author of a textbook on veterinary pharmacology.

Over the years President Jenkins has received numerous teaching and service awards and recognitions. He also has served on many boards and commissions at the local, regional, state, and national levels.

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Dr. Larry H. Hollier is Chancellor of LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, which includes six professional schools as well as eight public hospitals throughout Louisiana.

Dr. Hollier is a native of Crowley, La. and a LSU School of Medicine graduate. He has served as Dean of the LSU School of Medicine since January 2004 and was recently named Vice Chancellor for Clinical Affairs. Before being named Dean, Dr. Hollier was President of the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York and Professor of Surgery and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine for seven years.

### Chronology

Six individuals have served as Permanent Chancellor of the Louisiana State University Medical Center since its present organizational structure was implemented in 1965.

The names of the former Chancellors and their period of chancellorship follow.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center has teaching, research and health care functions state-wide, through its professional schools, as well as the more than one hundred hospitals and other health science related institutions throughout the State, Region, Nation, and the World, with which they maintain affiliations, the Health Sciences Center provides health care for approximately 75 percent of Louisiana's indigent population.

Component professional schools, each headed by a dean, which now comprise the Health Sciences Center include, in the order of their establishment.

- The School of Medicine in New Orleans, 1931
- The School of Graduate Studies of the Health Sciences Center, 1965
- The School of Dentistry, 1966
- The School of Nursing, 1968
- The School of Allied Health Professions, 1970
- The School of Public Health, 2003

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Information regarding faculty contained in the individual rosters of the respective professional schools of the Health Sciences Center reflects the academic status of the person concerned, as recorded in the department files at the time the regular *Catalog/Bulletin* was printed. Faculty who are promoted after the publication of the current *Catalog/Bulletin* will be correctly listed in this electronic version of the *Catalog/Bulletin*.

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### ROLE, SCOPE, AND MISSION

The mission of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans (LSUHSC-NO) is to provide education, research, and public service through direct patient care and community outreach. LSUHSC-NO comprises the Schools of Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Graduate Studies, Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health.

LSUHSC-NO educational programs prepare students for careers as health care professionals and scientists. The Health Sciences Center disseminates and advances knowledge through State and national programs of basic and clinical research, resulting in publications, technology transfer, and related economic enhancements to meet the changing needs of the State of Louisiana and the nation.

LSUHSC-NO provides vital public service through direct patient care, including care of uninsured and indigent patients. Health care services are provided through LSUHSC-NO clinics in allied health, dentistry, medicine, nursing, and in numerous affiliated hospitals, and clinics throughout Louisiana.

LSUHSC-NO provides referral services, continuing education, and information relevant to the public health of the citizens of Louisiana. In addition, LSUHSC-NO works cooperatively with two Area Health Education Centers (AHECs), whose programs focus on improving the number and distribution of health care providers in underserved rural and urban areas of Louisiana and on supporting existing rural health care providers through continuing education programs.

### FACULTY MEMBERSHIP

The faculty of the Health Sciences Center is composed of approximately 3,900 appointees, including physicians, dentists, nurses, research scientists, and other allied health professionals, nearly 1,600 of whom are involved in full-time teaching and research activities of its professional schools. They are augmented by more than 2,300 who are involved part-time in the Health Sciences Center's academic programs.

Full-time members of the faculty have the same academic status as members of the faculty of other institutions of The LSU System.

The four faculty academic levels are, in the ascending order of their rank: Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor, or their equivalents.

- Full-time academic personnel of the Health Sciences Center whose primary role is related to a clinical setting but who do not hold tenure at the rank indicated are designated by the word "Clinical" following their academic rank.
- Full-time academic personnel of the Health Sciences Center whose primary role is related to a research setting but who do not hold tenure at the rank indicated are designated by the word "Research" following their academic rank.
- Part-time academic personnel whose primary role is related to a clinical setting are designated by the word "Clinical" preceding their academic rank.
- Part-time academic personnel whose primary role is related to a non-clinical setting are designated by the words "Part-time" following their academic rank.
- Faculty primarily involved in activity outside of The LSU System are designated by the term "Adjunct."
- Adjunct faculty of exceptional distinction are designated by the term "Consulting."
- Retired faculty members may be designated by the term "Emeritus".
- The term "Visiting" indicates a courtesy title held by a visiting full-time faculty member.

The title "Special Lecturer" is authorized and limited to part-time appointments without rank or designation and is restricted to specialists and professional people whose primary occupation is the practice of their profession.

## Boyd Professorships

Boyd Professorships, authorized by the LSU Board of Supervisors in 1952, are The LSU System's highest designated professorial rank, awarded only to faculty scholar-researchers who have attained singular international recognition in their respective academic disciplines. The Professorships honor brothers who were presidents of The LSU System, David French Boyd (1865-1880) (1884-1886) and Thomas Duckett Boyd (1896-1927).

A total of eight Boyd Professorships have been awarded to LSU Health Sciences Center faculty, as follows.

- Nicolas G. Bazan, MD, Boyd Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Neurology and Ophthalmology
- Herbert E. Kaufman, MD, Boyd Professor of Ophthalmology, and Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics
- John N. Kent, DDS, Boyd Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- David G. Kline, MD, Boyd Professor of Neurosurgery
- Jack P. Strong, MD, Boyd Professor of Pathology; and Boyd Professor of Medical Technology;
- John J. Spitzer, MD, Boyd Professor of Physiology;
- Pelayo Correa, MD, Boyd Professor of Pathology;
- D. Neil Granger, PhD, Boyd Professor of Physiology and Biophysics;

## ACCREDITATIONS

### Regional Accreditation

LSU Health Sciences Center is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097: Telephone number 404-679-4501. Web site [www.sacs.org](http://www.sacs.org)) to award Postsecondary awards, certificates, or diplomas of less than one academic year (less than 900 contact or clock hours); Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma of at least one but less than two academic years (at least 900 but less than 1800 contact or clock hours); Associate Degrees; Postsecondary awards, certificates or diplomas of at least two but less than four academic years (at least 1800 but less than 3800 contact or clock hours); Bachelors Degrees; Post-baccalaureate Certificates; Masters Degrees; Post-Masters Certificates; Doctoral Degrees; First-Professional Degrees; First-Professional Certificates (Post-Degree)

In addition, all academic certificate or degree program offerings of the professional schools of the Health Sciences Center are either fully accredited or are eligible for accreditation according to criteria of and review by the appropriate national or other accrediting agency concerned.

## National, Institutional, and Specialized Accrediting Bodies

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, Committee on Accreditation of Respiratory Care  
Respiratory Therapy

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, Joint Review Committee on Education in Cardiovascular Technology

Cardiovascular Technology

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology

Ophthalmic Medical Technology

National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences  
Medical Technology

Council on Rehabilitation Counseling

Rehabilitation Counseling

American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation

Dental Hygiene

Dental Laboratory Technology

Dentistry

American Occupational Therapy Association, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education

Occupational Therapy

American Physical Therapy Association, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education

Physical Therapy

American Psychological Association, Committee on Accreditation

Professional Psychology

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Audiology

Speech-Language Pathology

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

Nursing

Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs

Nurse Anesthesia

Committee on Accreditation of Respiratory Care

Respiratory Therapy

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Public Health

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Medicine

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## Academic Credit

LSU Health Sciences Center does not award academic credit for course work taken on a non-credit basis.

## Commencement

Beginning in 2006, a single commencement ceremony, honoring candidates for degrees of the respective professional schools of the LSU Health Sciences Center, will be held each academic year. Payment of all financial indebtedness to the LSU System prior to commencement, as well as attendance at commencement, unless excused, in writing, by the student's Dean, is degree requirements. The complete schedule of graduation ceremonies through 2007 is as follows.

- Saturday, May 19, 2007, 10:00 am
- Saturday, May 17, 2008, 10:00 am
- Saturday, May 16, 2009, 10:00 am
- Saturday, May 15, 2010, 10:00 am

Students completing academic requirements during a semester in which a commencement ceremony is not held will have their degrees conferred at the end of the academic term. Conferral dates will generally be the third Saturday in August and the second Thursday in December.

- Thursday, December 7, 2006
- Saturday, August 18, 2007
- Thursday, December 13, 2007
- Saturday, August 16, 2008

## Degrees Conferred

Through May 2005, a total of 28,981 LSU System degrees and certificates in the health sciences have been conferred on students completing academic programs in now included in the LSU Health Sciences Center's professional schools, dating from the initial academic convocation of the LSU Medical Center, October 1, 1931. Approximately 70 percent of these graduates are now actively involved in practice, teaching, research and service in the health sciences within the State of Louisiana. They are also located throughout the United States of America, as well as in many foreign countries.

## Transcripts

Official LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans transcripts of an academic record may be requested by submitting a request in writing along with a check in the amount of \$2.00 per copy, payable to LSU Health Sciences Center.

All transcript requests must include a student's

- Name
- Social security number or ID number
- Mailing Address
- Years of attendance
- School attended (Allied Health Professions, Dental, Graduate Studies, Public Health, Medical or Nursing)
- Signature

Note: If the current name is different from the name under which you were enrolled, the former name must also be referenced.

The transcript will be mailed from the Office of the Registrar within 24 hours of receipt of the request.

Unofficial transcripts may be requested free of charge and can be mailed to students for their personal use.

The mailing address for transcript requests is

LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans  
Library, Administration and Resource Center  
Office of the Registrar  
433 Bolivar Street, Room 401C  
New Orleans, LA 70112-2223

Official LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans transcripts of an academic record may also be ordered online through the National Student Clearinghouse website at <http://www.getmytranscript.com>. The cost is \$2 per copy plus a \$2.25 per recipient processing fee.

## Degree Verification

LSUHSC New Orleans has authorized the National Student Clearinghouse to act as our agent for verification of student degrees. Outside agencies requiring a verification of a degree should be directed to contact the Clearinghouse online at <http://www.degreeverify.com> or by phone at (703) 742-4200.

## Enrollment Verification

Enrollment Verification Certificates are available to currently enrolled students. Students may print their own verification certificate by using our secure Student Self-Service Portal provided by the National Student Clearinghouse. Outside agencies requiring a verification of enrollment should contact the National Student Clearinghouse online at <http://www.studentclearinghouse.org/> or by phone at (703) 742-4200.

## Louisiana Residence Status

Residents of the State of Louisiana are given preference in the admissions processes of all LSU Health Sciences Center certificate and degree programs. For certain highly competitive curricula, non-resident applications will not be accepted.

Residence status is determined by the Office of the Registrar and is based upon guidelines established by The LSU System in Permanent Memoranda 31.

## Definition of a Resident Student

A resident student for tuition purposes is defined as one who has abandoned all prior domiciles and has been domiciled in the State of Louisiana continuously for at least one full year (365 days) immediately preceding the first day of classes of the term for which resident classification is sought. A non-resident student for tuition purposes is one who is not eligible for classification as a resident student under these regulations.

The individual's physical presence within this state for one year must be associated with substantial evidence that such presence was with the intent to maintain a Louisiana domicile. Physical presence within the state solely for educational purposes without substantial evidence of the intent to remain in Louisiana will not be sufficient for resident classification regardless of the length of time within the state.

## Establishing the Requisite Intent to Become a Louisiana Domiciliary

The following facts and circumstances, although not necessarily conclusive, may support one's claim for resident classification for tuition purposes: financial independence from parents residing in another state or country; reliance on Louisiana resources for financial support; possession of a valid Louisiana voter registration card for at least one year and voting in Louisiana; designating Louisiana as his or her permanent address on all school and employment records, including military records if one is in the military service; possession of a valid Louisiana driver's license (if applicable) for at least one year; possession of a valid Louisiana vehicle registration (if applicable) for at least one year; continuous presence in Louisiana during periods when not enrolled as a student; commitments indicating an intent to stay in Louisiana permanently; paying Louisiana income taxes as a resident during the past tax year, including income earned outside Louisiana from the date Louisiana domicile was claimed; establishing an abode where one's permanent belongings are kept within Louisiana; licensing for professional practice (if applicable) in Louisiana; and the absence of these indicia in other states during any period for which domicile in Louisiana is asserted.

In order to establish financial independence, a student seeking reclassification should meet the following criteria for the current and immediately preceding calendar year: (1) that the student has not been claimed as an exemption for state or federal income tax purposes by his/her non-resident parents; (2) that the student has not lived in the home of his/her non-resident parents for more than six weeks after the time at which a Louisiana domicile is claimed; and (3) that the student's primary source of financial support not be derived from Federal programs and/or campus employment (such as graduate assistant scholarships and scholarships that provide full waiver of fees).

Documentary evidence shall be required; all relevant indicia will be considered in the classification determination. The facts suggested above are neither conclusive nor exclusive; each claim shall be determined on its own merits. Relevant indicia should be collected and reviewed with each admission regardless of prior classification of the applicant.

## Non U.S. Citizens

A student who is a non U.S. citizen is entitled to resident classification if the student has been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence (refugees, acylase, persons who are married to a U.S. citizen, "temporary" or amnesty aliens, etc.). In accordance with all applicable laws of the U.S. and relative requirements of these regulations (PM-31).

Students present in the United States under terms of the following visa classifications

- E Treaty trader or investor
- G Representative of international organization
- I Foreign information media representative
- K Fiancée, children of U.S. citizen
- L Intra-company transferee/foreign employer

who demonstrate a Louisiana domicile for at least one full year (according to these regulations) prior to the first day of class of the beginning of the semester will be eligible for an exemption of the non-resident fees while holding such a visa.

Students holding Visa Category A - Government officials will be immediately eligible for an exemption of the non-resident fees while holding such a visa.

Students holding the following visa classifications

- B Visitor for business/pleasure
- C In transit
- D Crewman
- F Academic student
- H Temporary worker
- J Exchange visitor
- M Vocational/non-academic student

are not eligible to establish Louisiana domicile nor be exempted from non-resident fees unless otherwise permitted by law or by these or other regulations.

## General Rules Applying to Minors and Dependents

The domicile of an unmarried minor (under age of 18) or dependent (see Internal Revenue Code of 1954, Section 152) is regarded to be that of the parent with whom such a minor or dependent maintains his or her place of abode. The domicile of an unmarried minor or dependent who has a parent living cannot be changed by his or her own act or by the relinquishment of a parent's right of control. When the minor or dependent lives with neither parent, domicile is that of the parent with whom the student maintained the last place of abode. The minor or dependent may establish domicile when both parents are deceased and a legal guardian has not been appointed. When the residence of a minor or dependent is derived from the Louisiana residence of the parent, that parent must meet requirements described elsewhere in this document.

A parent who was eligible to be classified as a resident of Louisiana under these regulations for at least two years and then moves to another state retains the right to enroll himself/herself or any minor child or dependent as a resident for a period equal to the number of years he/she was thus eligible; but the right shall expire upon the person's residing continuously for a period of at least five years in another state, or outside the State of Louisiana continuously for a period of ten years.

When there is clear and convincing documentation that the parent(s) with whom a dependent child is domiciled has abandoned out-of-state domiciles and moved to Louisiana to work and/or live, the dependent student is eligible for immediate resident classification. Similarly, when an independent applicant for enrollment other than in graduate or professional study, who is more than twenty-two years of age, shows convincing evidence that he/she has abandoned out-of-state domiciles and moved to this state to live and work, the applicant may be granted immediate residency.

### **Employees of the University**

The unmarried dependent or spouse of a full-time University employee is eligible for a waiver of the non-resident fees.

### **Military Personnel**

An individual on active duty in the Armed Forces currently stationed in Louisiana may be classified as a "Temporary Resident" upon submission of an appropriate statement signed by the unit commander verifying his/her being on active duty and stationed in Louisiana. The classification of "Temporary Resident" is valid as long as the student remains enrolled.

A member of the Armed Forces currently stationed in Louisiana on active duty may enroll any of his/her dependents as "Temporary Residents." A member of the Armed Forces who was eligible for classification as a resident of Louisiana under these regulations immediately prior to entering the Armed Forces retains the right to enroll himself/herself and any of his/her dependents as residents as long as he/she is in the Armed Forces and for a five-year period after separation from service.

When a member of the military who has a spouse or dependent enrolled as a "Temporary Resident" is transferred out of the state, the temporary resident may continue to attend under this classification as long as he/she remains in this State.

### **Maintaining a Residence During a Temporary Absence**

A person who was eligible to be classified as a resident of Louisiana under these regulations does not lose the right to be classified as a resident during the period of employment in a foreign country. In cases of prolonged employment in a foreign country, evidence of retention of United States citizenship may be required.

### **Miscellaneous**

Resident status is not determined for student auditing only or for students enrolled in extramural or correspondence courses, except when such enrollment is for resident credit.

An individual who marries a Louisiana resident may be immediately considered a Louisiana resident for fee purposes. Students who have been classified as residents of Louisiana under the regulations now superseded shall not be reclassified as a result of these regulations.

### **Classification Procedures**

The resident status of an applicant or student is determined by the Admissions Office (Registrar's Office within the Health Sciences Center) on each campus in accordance with these regulations and is based upon evidence provided in the application for admission and related documents.

An application for reclassification from non-resident status to resident shall be filed with the Admissions Office on the respective campus not later than 21 calendar days following the first day of classes of the term for which such reclassification is sought. Such application shall include any information or documents required by the Admissions Office, together with any supporting evidence, which the student desires to submit.

### **Appeals Procedures**

Any student may appeal the decision of the Admissions Office (Registrar's Office within the Health Sciences Center) pursuant to the above classification procedures. This written appeal must be filed not later than 21 calendar days after notice of such decision is mailed to the student by the Admissions Office. Such appeal will be forwarded to the Chairman of the System Residence Appeals Committee by the Admissions Office.

The System Residence Appeals Committee shall consist of three members of the LSU System staff appointed by the President. The Committee shall function as an appellate body with appropriate legal counsel. The Committee shall recommend to the President the reclassification of any student who has appealed his/her classification as a non-resident if the Committee finds from the evidence submitted that the student is entitled to reclassification under these regulations.

Failure to comply timely with the appeals procedure shall constitute a waiver of all claims for reclassification for the applicable term or terms.

### **Incorrect Classification**

All students classified incorrectly as residents are subject to reclassification and payment of all non-resident fees not paid. If incorrect classification results from false or concealed facts by the student, the student is also subject to University discipline.

### **Registration**

Registration in any program of study is valid only when all appropriate fees have been paid and the conditions of enrollment have been fully satisfied.

The dates for registration are determined by the individual schools and are listed in the calendars throughout this publication. Registration after the designated dates incurs the assessment of the Special Registration Fee.

Any person who is eligible to register for the federal draft and has not done so will be denied permission to register as a student in LSU Health Sciences Center. A statement of Selective Service status is required at the time of applying for admission.

## Auditing Courses

The auditing of courses is permitted only by authorization from the student's advisor. Regular fees apply to audited courses as courses taken for credit. The intent to audit must be noted on the Schedule of Courses at the time of registration.

## Adding and Dropping Courses

The adding and dropping of courses may be accomplished only in accordance with the dates specified in the school calendars. The effective dates of drops and the applicable grades are determined when the Request for Course Change form is received in the Registrar's Office and validated with the imprint of the date/time stamp. Courses scheduled as "audit" at registration, may be changed to "for credit" only up to the final date for adding courses for credit as specified in the calendar of the school in which the course is offered.

## Termination of Enrollment

The Registrar is the designated institutional official for the notification of termination of enrollment. Termination of Enrollment forms are available in the Office of Student Affairs in each school.

## Effective Date of Change of Status

The official date-of-record for all changes in student status shall be determined by the last date of class attendance, last exam taken or the date on which other actions were last initiated and approved by the respective schools.

## Leave of Absence

A school may authorize a student leave of absence, which like the Termination of Enrollment, requires authorization from the dean or other school official, and clearance by certain campus departments.

## Student Academic Appeals

Each of the professional schools of the Health Sciences Center has a procedure for the implementation of student academic appeals of final grades. Detailed information concerning same may be obtained from the Office of the Dean of the school concerned.

## Student Enrollment

Professional education is a continuum that extends from undergraduate school through internship and residency. Students at all of these levels of training are included within the mission of the LSU Health Sciences Center and its individual Schools.

More than 2,200 individuals are now enrolled in educational and training programs operating within the professional schools of the LSU Health Sciences Center, including undergraduate students, graduate and professional students, post-graduate students, residents, and persons undergoing special fellowship training.

## TUITION AND FEES

Students in most professional curricula are enrolled on an academic-year basis, whereas certain others are enrolled by semesters. Tuition and fees vary by school and are based on the number of hours for which the student is enrolled.

All students, depending upon the program in which they are enrolled may incur additional expenses apart from those outlined below. A detailing of the estimate of such additional expenses, when applicable, appears in each such appropriate section of this *Catalog/Bulletin*.

Tuition and fees listed here are subject to change. Please visit our website at <http://www.lsuhscc.edu/no/tuition> or contact the offices of admissions for the individual schools to verify current tuition and fees.

## Application Fee

A non-refundable application fee of \$50 must accompany each application for admission for the Schools of Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Medicine in New Orleans, Medicine in Shreveport and Nursing. A non-refundable application fee of \$30 must accompany each application for admission to the School of Graduate Studies. Checks or money orders should be made payable to: LSU Health Sciences Center. Certain limited-enrollment curricula require an acceptance deposit to insure a place in the class after a student has been accepted by the Committee on Admissions of the respective professional school concerned. This deposit is credited toward payment of fees due at the time of registration. The acceptance deposit is only refunded if the student is unable to complete registration for reasons beyond the student's control.

## Late Registration Fee

Students registering past the date designated as their school's official registration date will be assessed a special fee in addition to their regular tuition and fees. A fee of \$50 will be assessed up to one week after the official registration, and \$75, thereafter. A letter from the dean of their school to the Registrar authorizing registration is required with the \$75 special registration fee.

## Adding and Dropping of Courses

Adding a course costs \$5 per transaction. There is no charge for dropping a course

## Transcripts of Academic Record

A fee of \$2 per copy is charged for official transcripts. Transcripts are issued upon request providing the student is current in all his/her financial obligations to the University and the LSU Health Sciences Center. Official transcripts are not issued to students; official transcripts are mailed directly to other institutions.

## Graduation Fees

Fees for graduation are normally assessed at registration for the semester in which the student intends to graduate.

Associates or bachelors degree	\$10
Masters degree	\$15
Doctorate or professional degree	\$25

The fee for a duplicate diploma is \$25. This fee is assessed when a diploma is ordered and the student does not graduate as scheduled.

A fee of \$15 is charged to cover the cost of thesis or dissertation binding.

All dissertations must be microfilmed, and a charge of \$45 is assessed for this services

## Academic Load

A full time academic load for Undergraduate Students at LSUHSC-NO is normally 12 hours in a Fall or Spring semester and 6 hours in a Summer Semester. A full time Academic Load for Graduate Students at LSUHSC-NO is normally 9 hours in a Fall or Spring Semester and 6 hours in the Summer Semester.

For undergraduates and students enrolled in the School of Nursing, a full-time load is 8 hours in the Fall Semester and Spring Semester and 4 hours in the Summer Semester, with the exception of students enrolled in the C.A.R.E. Program.

Fulltime enrollment is required in the following programs.

- Dentistry
- Medicine
- Master of Nursing - Nursing Anesthesia
- Career Alternative RN Education (C.A.R.E.)
- Advanced Dental Education



## REFUND OF FEES AND TUITION

### Upon Termination of Enrollment

Students who withdraw during the first 60% of an enrollment period (semester, term, or billing period) receive a proportional refund of applicable fees based on the percentage of days remaining in the enrollment period as of the withdrawal date. For example, a student who withdraws on the 36th day of a 118- day enrollment period would receive a 70.34% refund of applicable fees. Students who withdraw after the first 60% of the enrollment period do not receive a refund.

For student financial aid recipients, the refund is generally returned to the aid programs (SEE "Return of Title IV Funds" in the Student Financial Aid Section of this *Catalog/Bulletin*).

Withdrawal date is the day the student begins the official Termination of Enrollment process or otherwise officially notifies their school's Student Affairs Office of their intent to withdraw. For unofficial withdrawals, the latter of the 50% point in the enrollment period or the last documented date of a student's educational activity (such as an exam, lab assignment, or academic advisement appointment) is used. The first day of a leave of absence is considered the withdrawal date, unless the student is granted a special exemption based on the nature and length of the leave and their ability to return during the same academic period and resume studies without incurring any additional financial liability.

### Upon Dropping Courses

The refund of the University Fee and the Non-resident Tuition will be made on the following basis.

1. Before classes begin, 90 per cent
2. During the first two full weeks of classes, 75 per cent
3. During the third and fourth full weeks of classes, 50 per cent
4. Thereafter, none

In making refunds during the summer term, time lapses are reduced to one-half of the above. Fees for auditing courses will not be refunded. Refunds or fee adjustments and the assignment of appropriate grades, which may be necessitated by course changes, board examinations, or terminations of enrollment, will be determined by the date on which such notices are received in the Registrar's Office.

**FEE SCHEDULE 2006-2007**

**ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
Full Time Students**

<b>Undergraduate</b>	FALL	SUMMER
	SPRING (Cost per semester)	
University Fee (Tuition)	\$1,634.00	\$829.50
Other Fees	\$380.00	\$177.50
<b>Total Student Fees Resident</b>	<b>\$2,014.00</b>	<b>\$1,007.00</b>
Non-Resident Fee	\$1,250.00	\$625.00
<b>Total Student Fees Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$3,264.00</b>	<b>\$1,632.00</b>

<b>Graduate</b>	FALL	SUMMER
	SPRING (Cost per semester)	
University Fee (Tuition)	\$1,950.00	\$987.50
Other Fees	\$393.00	\$183.50
<b>Total Student Fees Resident</b>	<b>\$2,343.00</b>	<b>\$1,171.00</b>
Non-Resident Fee	\$1,250.00	\$625.00
<b>Total Student Fees Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$3,593.00</b>	<b>\$1,796.00</b>

**GRADUATE STUDIES  
Full-Time Students**

<b>Graduate</b>	FALL	SUMMER
	SPRING (Cost per semester)	
University Fee (Tuition)	\$1,965.00	\$1,054.50
Other Fees	\$348.00	\$187.50
<b>Total Student Fees Resident</b>	<b>\$2,313.00</b>	<b>\$1,242.00</b>
Non-Resident Fee	\$1,250.00	\$625.00
<b>Total Student Fees Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$3,563.00</b>	<b>\$1,867.00</b>

**DENTISTRY  
Full-Time Students**

<b>D.D.S.</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
University Fee (Tuition)	\$9,758.00
Other Fees	\$1128.00
<b>Total Student Fees Resident</b>	<b>\$10,886.00</b>
Non-Resident Fee	\$12,374.00
<b>Total Student Fees Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$23,260.00</b>

<b>Dental Hygiene</b>	FALL
	SPRING (Cost per semester)
University Fee (Tuition)	\$1,140.25
Other Fees	\$363.75
<b>Total Student Fees Resident</b>	<b>\$1,504.00</b>
Non-Resident Fee	\$700.00
<b>Total Student Fees Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$2,204.00</b>

<b>Dental Lab Tech</b>	FALL
	SPRING (Cost per semester)
University Fee (Tuition)	\$1,019.25
Other Fees	\$359.75
<b>Total Student Fees Resident</b>	<b>\$1,379.00</b>
Non-Resident Student Fees (Baccalaureate)	\$700.00
Non-Resident Student Fees (Associate)	\$650.00
<b>Total Student Fees (Baccalaureate) Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$2,079.00</b>
<b>Total Student Fees (Associate) Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$2,029.00</b>

<b>Advanced Dental Education</b>	SUMMER	FALL	SPRING
	University Fee (Tuition)	\$721.00	\$1,206.75
Other Fees	209.00	\$346.25	\$346.25
<b>Total Student Fees Resident</b>	<b>\$930.00</b>	<b>\$1,553.00</b>	<b>\$1,553.00</b>
Non-Resident Fee	\$625.000	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
<b>Total Student Fees Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$1,555.00</b>	<b>\$2,803.00</b>	<b>\$2,803.00</b>

**NURSING  
Full Time Students**

<b>Undergraduate Except C.A.R.E.</b>	FALL	SUMMER
	SPRING (Cost per semester)	
University Fee (Tuition)	\$1,162.00	\$590.50
Other Fees	\$362.00	\$168.50
<b>Total Student Fees Resident</b>	<b>\$1,524.00</b>	<b>\$759.00</b>
Non-Resident Fee	\$850.00	\$425.00
<b>Total Student Fees Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$2,374.00</b>	<b>\$1,184.00</b>

<b>Undergraduate C.A.R.E.</b>	FALL	SUMMER
	SPRING (Cost per semester)	
University Fee (Tuition)	\$1,162.00	
Other Fees	\$362.00	
<b>Total Student Fees Resident</b>	<b>\$1,524.00</b>	
Non-Resident Fee	\$850.00	
<b>Total Student Fees Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$2,374.00</b>	

<b>Graduate Except Nurse Anesthesia</b>	FALL	SUMMER
	SPRING (Cost per semester)	
University Fee (Tuition)	\$1,473.00	\$807.50
Other Fees	\$329.00	\$175.50
<b>Total Student Fees Resident Student Fees</b>	<b>\$1,802.00</b>	<b>\$983.00</b>
Non-Resident Fee	\$1,250.00	\$625.00
<b>Total Student Fees Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$3,052.00</b>	<b>\$1,608.00</b>

<b>Master of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia</b>	TOTAL
University Fee (Tuition)	\$8,325.50
Other Fees	\$1066.50
<b>Total Student Fees Resident</b>	<b>\$9,392.00</b>
Non-Resident Fee	\$3,125.00
<b>Total Student Fees Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$12,517.00</b>

**MEDICINE  
Full-Time Students**

<b>M.D. Students</b>	TOTAL
University Fee (Tuition)	\$11,533.50
Other Fees	\$1,191.50
<b>Total Student Fees Resident</b>	<b>\$12,725.00</b>
Non-Resident Fee	\$14,148.00
<b>Total Student Fees Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$26,873.00</b>

**PUBLIC HEALTH  
Full-Time Students**

<b>Graduate</b>	FALL	SUMMER
	SPRING (Cost per semester)	
University Fee (Tuition)	\$1,855.00	\$921.50
Other Fees	\$354.00	\$173.50
<b>Total Student Fees Resident</b>	<b>\$2,209.00</b>	<b>\$1,095.00</b>
Non-Resident Fee	\$450.00	\$225.00
<b>Total Student Fees Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$2,659.00</b>	<b>\$1,320.00</b>

**STUDENT FINANCIAL AID**

LOCATION: Resource Center Building, Suite 215  
 PHONE: (504) 568-4820  
 FAX: (504) 599-1390  
<http://www.lsuhscc.edu/no/students/financialaid/finaid@lsuhsc.edu>

Financial aid, including grants, loans, scholarships, and part-time employment is handled through the Office of Student Financial Aid. Students interested in receiving financial aid should contact this Office well in advance of their expected enrollment. Each student's need for aid will be evaluated on information supplied and in accordance with Financial Aid Policy of the Health Sciences Center. Representatives of the Office are available for consultation with all candidates for admission and students.

Although the primary responsibility for financing an education rests with the student and the student's immediate family, it is recognized that many students require additional assistance in order to meet their educational costs.

Awards from aid programs funded by the Federal or State government are administered according to laws and guidelines governing those programs. Priority is given to students with the greatest documented need whose completed applications are received by the appropriate deadline.

## Deadlines

### Fall Enrollment

Priority date is April 15<sup>th</sup>, and final date is 60 days before the end of the academic year.

### Spring Enrollment

Priority date is November 15<sup>th</sup>, and final date is 60 days before the end of the academic year.

### Summer Enrollment

Priority date is April 15<sup>th</sup>, and final date is 60 days before the end of the academic year.

## General Eligibility

To be eligible for federal aid, a student must: be accepted for enrollment and be in good standing, making satisfactory progress; be a citizen or eligible non-citizen; meet federal requirements regarding selective service registration and prior drug convictions; not be in default or beyond applicable aggregate limits on any federal student loan; and, not owe a refund on any federal grant (i.e., Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant or LEAP).

## Satisfactory Academic Progress

Each school of the Health Sciences Center has established and administers policies on the satisfactory academic progress of its students. These policies include a delineation of the minimum grades, which must be achieved to meet the criteria for satisfactory academic progress; a full description of the application of these policies in regard to the various categories of students; a specific definition of the effects of course incompletes, withdrawals, and repetitions on satisfactory academic progress; and an explanation of the appeals process for those students who have been determined as not making satisfactory progress. For a full description of each school's policies, consult the appropriate section of this catalog.

The Health Sciences Center requires that all work towards a bachelors, graduate, or professional degree be completed in not more than eight calendar years and that all work toward a certificate or an associate degree be completed in not more than five calendar years. Any requests for extension of this policy are subject to approval by the appropriate committee within each school and the dean of that school.

## The Application Process

All persons desiring aid must submit an application. Some types of aid, including all federal programs, require a resource analysis; applicants must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and make the results available to the LSUHSC Financial Aid Office. All application materials are available from the Financial Aid Office and a counselor is available to discuss programs and advise on application and awarding procedures.

## Types of Financial Assistance

An applicant will be considered for all the following types of financial aid with a single application (except some programs require their own applications in addition to the general application).

## Scholarships and Grants

The Federal Pell Grant is designed to assist students in pursuing their first undergraduate degree. The purpose of the program is to provide eligible students with a "foundation" of financial aid to help defray the cost of post-secondary education. Full awards are based on a minimum of 12 semester hours. Students taking between 9-11 hours will be awarded on a three-fourths basis. Those taking 6-8 hours will be awarded on a one-half basis. Graduate students and students enrolled as undergraduates but who already have a baccalaureate degree are not eligible.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) is for Federal Pell Grant recipients with exceptional financial need.

Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) provides state and federal grant funding for needy undergraduate students who have not yet received a baccalaureate degree.

Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award recipients identified by Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) as maintaining TOPS eligibility receive payment equal to basic allowable fees through the TOPS program. Those who qualify for TOPS Performance and Honors level awards also receive an additional \$200 or \$400, respectively, per semester.

LSU Board of Supervisors Scholarship applications are available in the Student Financial Aid Office. Members of the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors, and the LSU System President, select scholarship recipients.

Centennial Award: Students who matriculate from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, and hold the award, will be continued at the Health Sciences Center as long as they maintain their eligibility as established for the original award (undergraduate study only).

Decennial Award: Students who matriculate from the University of New Orleans and hold the award will be continued at the Health Sciences Center as long as they maintain their eligibility as established for the original award (undergraduate study only).

Honor Awards: Each participating school makes selection as only one award is made per class, per year, in each professional school. The award is worth \$270 per academic year.

## Loans

The Office offers assistance to students through various long-term loan programs. Repayment of these loans is deferred as long as the borrower is enrolled for at least a half-time course load of study. Qualifications for the loan programs are listed below. Specific information regarding loan terms and repayment/deferment options is available in the Student Financial Aid Office.

Federal Perkins Loan: This loan requires evidence of financial need for eligibility. The interest rate is five (5) per cent and does not accrue while the student is enrolled on at least a half-time basis. There are provisions for partial cancellation for designated public service. Repayment may be extended for ten years, depending upon the amount borrowed.

**Nursing Student Loan:** Nursing Student Loans provide funds for undergraduate (BSN candidates) and graduate students. The interest rate is five (5) percent and does not accrue while the student is enrolled on at least a half-time basis. The major criterion for this program is demonstration of financial need. Repayment may be extended for ten years, depending upon the amount borrowed.

**Health Professions Student Loans (HPSL):** The Health Professions Student Loan program is for students in dentistry. The interest rate on these need-based loans is five (5) percent during the repayment period.

**Primary Care Loan (PCL):** Medical students who demonstrate financial need and make a commitment to pursue primary care training and practice may have access to these loans, which are interest free during the in-school and primary care residency periods and feature a five percent interest rate during repayment periods. Significant interest penalties are assessed on borrowers who fail to meet the primary care training and practice requirements stipulated in the loan promissory note.

NOTE: Students seeking HPSL or PCL must include parent data on their FAFSA.

**Federal Stafford Loan Program:** These government guaranteed loans feature a subsidized need based component and an unsubsidized non-need based component. The government pays interest on the subsidized component during qualifying in-school, grace and deferment periods. Interest rate is variable with an 8.25% cap.

**Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS):** Parents of undergraduate dependent students can apply for PLUS loans. These loans are non-need based and feature a variable interest rate capped at 9%. Repayment generally begins when the loan is disbursed unless the parent borrower qualifies for deferment. PLUS lenders are required to perform a credit check and may deny the loan based on adverse parent credit history.

### Employment

**Federal College Work-Study Program (FWSP):** The FWSP provides employment opportunities for college students who are in need of earnings from part-time employment in order to pursue a course of study. This program enables students to earn money during the academic year and/or Summer to help defray expenses. The Office is responsible for determining the eligibility of all students who apply for work under this program. Job placement, hours of work, and rates of pay are also handled by the Office. Several FWSP positions involve community service in health care delivery and in reading tutoring for primary school children.

### Other Aid Programs

The Health Sciences Center does recognize and administer other programs over which it has no authority to determine qualifications or amounts.

Scholarships offered by persons or organizations that determine the recipient and amount, but require the funds to be handled through the Health Sciences Center, are welcome. Any questions concerning such a program in which any applicant is interested should be discussed with the counselor for the appropriate school.

**Veterans Benefits:** The Veterans Administration officer for the Health Sciences Center is the Registrar who certifies enrollment and academic load of veterans. The Veterans Administration determines the amount.

**Louisiana Vocational Rehabilitation Program:** provides fee payments and other support to eligible participants. Information is available through local state vocational rehabilitation offices.

Service Oriented Scholarships and Loans, such as the National Health Service Corps and Military scholarships, provide extensive funding in exchange for future service or practice commitments. Additional information regarding these programs is available in the Student Financial Aid Office.

### Emergency Loans

Short-term loans for use in emergency situations relating to education are available through the Office of Student Affairs of each school in the Health Sciences Center. Processing time for checks is two working days following loan approval.

### Aid Disbursement

Loan or Grant checks may be disbursed to registered students only.

Registered students may have their loan amount credited to their account up to 10 days before the beginning of classes. The balance due the student is usually within seven days before or after beginning of classes for the term or billing period. Second (Spring) loan disbursements for medical, dental, and nurse anesthesia students are initiated the latter of the calendar midpoint of the academic year or the date the student successfully completed half of the course work for the academic year.

All funds are disbursed by the Health Sciences Center Business Office.

### How to Apply

1. Submit an application for admission.
2. Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and designate LSUHSC as a data recipient.
3. If accepted for admission, complete the Fact Sheet and send to the Office.
4. If selected for verification, complete and submit a verification worksheet along with relevant IRS forms.
5. Promptly submit relevant loan application forms and any documents requested by the Financial Aid Office.
6. After the applicant has been formally accepted for admission and the financial aid file is complete, the Office will process the application for aid.
7. The applicant will receive notification of awards from the Office.

## Appeal Procedure

Students may appeal decisions made concerning their initial and continuing eligibility for financial assistance through the following appeal mechanism:

1. The Student Financial Aid Counselor
2. The Director of the Office
3. The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Information contained above, under the heading "TYPES OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE", constitutes fulfillment by The LSU System of requirements of the United States Department of Education, Student Consumer Information Provisions, P.L. 94-475.

## Eligibility for Deferment of Fees

Students wishing to register and request a deferment of fees must meet the following requirements:

1. Have applied for financial aid with a completed application prior to the registration date;
2. The funds have not arrived;
3. Obtain statement from financial aid to the above (This statement is available on the registration line.); or
4. Special circumstance approved by the administration.

## Return of Title IV Funds

In cases of student full withdrawal during the first 60% of the term, semester, or billing period, the U.S. Department of Education requires the return of a portion of Title IV funds (Federal Stafford loans, Federal Perkins loans, PLUS, Federal Pell Grant, and SEOG). The percentage of such funds considered "earned" by the student is determined by dividing the number of days prior to withdrawal by the total number of days in the term, semester or billing period, with the results expressed as a percentage rounded to the second decimal point.

The remaining percentage is considered "unearned". The unearned percentage is applied first to applicable fees. The school returns this percentage to the federal aid programs. If this percentage of fees exceeds Title IV aid, the amount in excess of Title IV aid is generally returned first to other aid programs, with any remaining excess returned to the student.

If the Title IV aid exceeds the amount of applicable fees, the unearned percentage is applied to the funds in excess of fees. The student repays unearned loan funds in excess of applicable fees on the normal repayment schedule. However, the student is responsible for repaying 50% of the calculated unearned grant funds not attributable to the returned applicable fees.

Unearned funds are attributed to Title IV programs in the following order: 1. Unsubsidized Federal Stafford loans; 2. Subsidized Federal Stafford loans; 3. Perkins loans; 4. Federal PLUS loans; 5. Federal Pell Grant; 6. Federal Supplemental Grants (FSEOG); and, 7. Other applicable Title IV Aid.

Withdrawal date is the day the student begins the official Termination of Enrollment process or otherwise officially notifies their school's Student Affairs Office of their intent to withdraw. For unofficial withdrawals, the latter of the 50%

point in the enrollment period or the last documented date of a student's educational activity (such as an exam, lab assignment, or academic advisement appointment) is used. The first day of a leave of absence is considered the withdrawal date for financial aid purposes, unless the student is granted a special exemption based on the nature and length of the leave and their ability to return during the same academic period and resume studies without incurring any additional financial liability.

## Return of Title IV Funds Example

Jane receives a \$500 subsidized Federal Stafford disbursement and a \$1000 Federal Pell grant for her 113 day long Spring semester. Her applicable fees are \$1000. She signs her Termination of Enrollment form on the 33rd day of the semester and is considered in attendance for 33 days. Therefore, 29.2 percent of her Title IV aid, \$438, is considered earned, while 70.8%, \$1,062, is considered unearned.

The school must return 70.8% of Jane's applicable fees, \$708, to her Title IV aid. The school first attributes the return to Jane's Stafford disbursement, fully repaying the \$500 to the lender, thus reducing Jane's student loan debt. The school then returns \$208 to the Federal Pell Grant program.

Jane is not off the hook yet; she still has \$354 in unearned Title IV funds attributable to her Federal Pell Grant. However, federal regulations give Jane a break. She is responsible to return only half of this amount, \$177, to the Federal Pell Grant program; she must return this amount or make satisfactory repayment arrangements with the U.S. Department of Education before she can receive any further Title IV student aid from any institution.

## Academic Common Market

LSU Health Sciences Center is a participant in the Southern Regional Education Board's Academic Common Market; students interested in pursuing any of the programs offered through the ACM, may contact the Office of Student Financial Aid.

## STUDENT HEALTH

### Student Health Insurance

The Health Sciences Center offers a group health insurance program for students. At the time of registration, students must either purchase coverage from this plan or must be prepared to show evidence of coverage by another plan, in which case the requirement to purchase may be waived. Students who receive medical treatment or who are referred to outside hospitals or clinics will be responsible for their bills. Students will be expected to pay the charges and then file a claim with their insurance carrier.

### Student Health Services & Records

LOCATION: Lions-LSU Clinics Building, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
PHONE: (504) 412-1503  
AFTER HOURS: (504) 412-1100  
<http://www.lsuhscc.edu/no/organizations/campushealth/studenthealth/>

Out-patient care for episodic illnesses, emergencies, and chronic illnesses is provided by student health services. The

cost of primary care services for student out-patient visits at student health is supplemented with a portion of the University Fee. Students, and/or their insurance carriers are responsible for costs related to laboratory, X-ray, medications, hospital bills, consultants and other non-reimbursed fees. A physician is on call 24 hours a day, including weekends and holidays.

Registration in the Health Sciences Center is not complete until a student submits the completed Student Health History and Physical Examination form, and the student's health has been determined to be adequate for the performance of assignments and duties. Documentation of titer level or date of immunization for the following is required: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis. In addition, a tuberculin skin test, or chest x-ray if the skin test is positive, is required within 90 days of registration and Hepatitis B vaccination is required for admission to clinical curricula in the Schools of Dentistry, Graduate Studies, Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health Professions. All students must have tuberculin skin tests on a yearly basis. All students must provide written documentation of the satisfaction of all health requirements at least two weeks prior to the first day of registration. Those students not in compliance with student health requirements will not be allowed to register for classes until student health requirements are completely satisfied.

Under the auspices of the Student Health Service there is no provision for dental care, or the treatment of visual problems or chronic physical disabilities, which are present and amenable to correction. These problems should be corrected before matriculation.

Student Health Service is not responsible for the care of students who withdraw or resign from the University.

Students who wish to be treated by health care providers other than those furnished by the Student Health Service relieve the Health Service of responsibility for their welfare. There is no refund of any portion of the University fee if this option is selected.

Short-term mental health crisis/stress counseling services are available to enrolled students through partial funding from student health fees. Counselors are available on and off campus.

A health promotion program is also partially funded as a component of Student Health Services. Programs are offered in aerobics, stress management, time management, and other wellness promotion topics. A health analysis is available to assist in lifestyle modifications for an improved health status. An active student/faculty committee has developed this component.

Complete details on the available Student Health Services will be provided to students at registration.

When leaving the University, graduates may pick up a copy of their records from Student Health Service. Records are kept on active file for five years after the student graduates.

### **Billing and Payment**

There is a requisite student health fee at registration. This fee includes the Fitness Center registration.

LSUHSC requires that students purchase and maintain health insurance either through our agent or independently. If

purchased independently, the policy obtained by the student must offer comprehensive medical insurance coverage comparable to or exceeding the level of coverage offered through the Health Sciences Center. Students are encouraged to purchase health insurance for their dependents through LSU or independently.

### **Privacy of Student Health Records**

Student health records are protected by HIPPA and are kept separate from other student records in the Office of Student Health Services.

### **Campus Assistance Program**

PHONE: (504) 568-4933

CRISIS LINE: (504) 568-8888 or (888) 616-6642

<http://www.lsuhscc.edu/no/organizations/CampusHealth/>

The LSUHSC Campus Assistance Program (CAP) is a free service provided by the LSU Health Sciences Center to assist faculty, staff, residents, and students in the resolution of personal problems.

LSUHSC recognizes that everyone, at sometime, needs a "helping hand" or assistance. Whether it is a simple or complex problem, the LSUHSC Campus Assistance Program can help. CAP provides the following resources.

- Crisis Line (568-3931 or 568-8888) with a CAP counselor on-call 24 hours a day 365 days a year
- Services provided for problems with anxiety, depression, stress, marriage and family, relationships, legal or financial concerns, grief, and alcohol or drugs
- Free short-term confidential counseling and referral services for students, their significant others, and/or immediate family members and, when needed, referral will be made to a specialist within the community for the most cost effective services
- Trained professional specialists in individual, marital, and family counseling, social work, substance abuse, and psychiatry with medical back-up

### **COUNCIL OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS**

The Council of Student Body Presidents was organized in 1979 with the primary purpose of improving communication among students attending the professional schools of the Health Sciences Center. This Group also expresses student opinion and interest to the administration and implements various programs which concern all students. Each May, the newly elected presidents representing the various schools meet to elect a chairperson. This person, in addition to conducting meetings and other Council business, is the designated representative to The LSU System Council of Student Body Presidents from the Health Sciences Center. A member of The LSU System Council of Student Body Presidents is selected yearly for appointment by the Governor to serve as the student member of the LSU Board of Supervisors.

## FACULTY SENATE

The Faculty Senate of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center serves as a representative voice of the faculty. The Senate consists of faculty elected representatives from the schools of Allied Health, Dentistry, Graduate Studies, Medicine, Public Health and Nursing. The Senate provides a means of communication between the faculty and the Chancellor and a means whereby the administration, through the Chancellor, may refer matters of common faculty interest to a body representing the faculty. The Senate also provides a means whereby the faculty can offer suggestions or recommendations to the Chancellor pertaining to matters of common faculty interest. The Senate may hear, consider, and advise the Chancellor on any matter of faculty interest. The Senate, upon its request, may be furnished by appropriate to its consideration in such a matter. The Senate accepts and shares responsibility with administration and students in all efforts to improve the stature and to accomplish the mission of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

## STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Each year, student identification cards are either issued or validated. Students must present their cards for validation annually in order to avail themselves of certain services and privileges, for identification to authorized University authorities, and for building access. The identification card must be worn at all times while on campus. Replacement identification cards are available from the Office of the Registrar. A fee of \$5 will be charged for replacement.

## STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The student body of the Health Sciences Center annually produces "The Murmur," the yearbook of LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.

## STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The disciplinary powers of The LSU System are derived from the provisions of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and the Louisiana Revised Statutes which established the Board of Supervisors with the power to adopt rules and regulations necessary for the government of The University System consistent with the purposes for which it was founded and to adopt rules and regulations governing student conduct.

The University System, therefore, has a responsibility to protect its educational purposes, and, as a corollary, its community. It follows that the function of its disciplinary powers is to protect its educational purposes and the health and safety of its community and the safety of property therein, through regulating the use of University System facilities and setting standards of scholarship and conduct for its students.

## STUDENT HOUSING

LOCATION: Residence Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 210  
PHONE: (504) 568-6260  
FAX: (504) 568-7204  
<http://www.auxent.lsuhs.c.edu/rehall>  
[HOUSING@LSUHSC.EDU](mailto:HOUSING@LSUHSC.EDU)

The Residence Hall office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Application forms for reserving accommodations can be obtained from the Office of the Residence Hall Manager by phone or email. Application forms may also be obtained by mail by sending a written request to the following address.

The Residence Hall  
1900 Perdido Street, Room 210  
New Orleans, LA 70112

LSU Health Sciences Center has two residence facilities.

**Stanislaus Hall** is located on six floors of the recently renovated Sister Stanislaus Memorial Building, also known as the Old Charity Nursing Dormitory. This building, located at 450A South Claiborne Avenue has 154 single occupancy newly furnished dorm suites. A kitchen, lounge, and laundry are on each floor. Stanislaus Hall is fireproof and air-conditioned. The building is served by two passenger elevators and one freight elevator.

A covered crosswalk, the LSUHSC "Walk to Wellness," connects Stanislaus Hall to other building in the LSUHSC downtown complex such as the Medical Education Building, the Nursing-Allied Health Building, and the Entergy Garage where parking for LSUHSC Stanislaus Hall residents is available. A Wellness Center located in Stanislaus Hall offers the following.

- Cardiovascular equipment: treadmills, bikes (upright and recumbent), ellipticals, rowers, and stair climbers
- Selectorized weight equipment: Nautilus Nitro
- Plate loaded/free weights
- A multipurpose room for group exercise activities
- Spacious locker rooms with shower facilities

The Office for Stanislaus Hall is located in room 243 on the second floor of the building. Office hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The mailing address is 450A South Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, La 70112.

**The Residence Hall** is a reinforced concrete building featuring two residence towers situated atop a recreational area on the second floor and a parking garage on the ground level. Each tower is served by an elevator. There are 132 living units in the building, which contains approximately 110,000 square feet of floor space. The units include 20 one-student dormitory rooms and 2 two-student dormitory rooms for single women; 43 unfurnished one bedroom apartments; 59 unfurnished two bedroom apartments; and 8 unfurnished three bedroom apartments, reserved for married students with children.

## FEDERAL REGULATIONS

### Campus Security

Information relative to the authority, mission composition and function of the University Police Department for the Health Sciences Center is included in the University Police section of this publication. Beginning September 1, 1992, and annually thereafter, data on specific incidents of crime required under Title II of the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 will be provided upon request by the University Police Department.

### Equal Opportunity

The LSU System assures equal opportunity for all qualified persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, marital status, or veteran's status in the admission to, participation in, or employment in the programs and activities, which the LSU System operates. Anyone having questions or complaints regarding equal opportunity at the LSU Health Sciences Center should contact:

Office of Human Resource Management  
433 Bolivar Street  
New Orleans, LA 70112-2223  
(504) 568-3916

Persons believing they have been discriminated against contrary to federal law are entitled to make an inquiry or file a complaint with:

United States Equal Employment Opportunity  
Commission  
701 Loyola Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70113

or  
United States Department of Health and Human  
Services  
Office for Civil Rights  
1301 Young Street  
Suite Number 1169  
Dallas, TX 75202.

### Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records. These rights include; the right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the University receives a request for access, the right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes is inaccurate, the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent, and the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by LSUHSC to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The act further provides that LSUHSC may release certain information about the student, designated as directory information, unless the student has informed the institution in writing that such information should not be released. Directory information is the information in the education record of the student that generally would not be considered harmful or an invasion of

privacy if disclosed. Directory information includes: the student's name, address, telephone listing, electronic mail address, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, dates of attendance, enrollment status, degrees, honors and awards received, expected graduation date, planned post-completion placement (e. g. AAMC match), and the most recent educational agency or institution attended by the student. A student who desires that any or all of the above listed information not be released must submit a written request to the Office of the Registrar no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the academic term. For further information, consult the LSUHSC website.

### Health Insurance Privacy and Portability Act

LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans is a covered entity under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). All faculty, staff, and students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with University policies CM-53 (privacy) and PM-36 and CM-42 (Information Security) and are required to complete training modules on protection of patient privacy and security of electronic information. Training is offered in various formats including orientation sessions, web-based, and, self-study. Please direct all inquiries regarding HIPAA to the Office of Compliance Programs at 504-568-2350. Information can also be obtained from the Office of Compliance Programs website at <http://www.lsuhscc.edu/no/administration/ocp/>.

### Military Selective Service Act

As a condition for admission on all campuses in the LSU System, any person who is required to register for the federal draft under the act and is unable to show proof of having done so will be ineligible for admission to the schools of the LSU Health Sciences Center.

### Reasonable Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

LSU Health Sciences Center seeks to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 by providing reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. Students are responsible for providing documentation of a disability and must contact the Office of Student Affairs of their school to request a disability related accommodation. Costs associated with documentation of a disability are the responsibility of the student.

Upon receipt of such information, the Health Sciences Center will determine what reasonable accommodations, if any, are appropriate for the student.

## Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is a form of unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex, and is defined as unwelcome verbal or physical behavior of a sexual nature that is prohibited by both LSU Health Sciences Center policy and federal law.

The Health Sciences Center reaffirms and emphasizes its commitment to provide a learning environment that is free of discriminatory, inappropriate, and disrespectful conduct or communication. Sexual harassment threatens this environment in that it inhibits the individual's ability to function effectively as a student and violates acceptable standards of behavior. For these reasons, the Health Sciences Center will not tolerate any form of sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment may involve submission to verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, unwelcome sexual advances, or requests for sexual favors when these are made—either explicitly or implicitly—a term or condition of an individual's academic status. Sexual harassment may also include unwelcome verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when this conduct interferes with an individual's ability to function effectively in an academic setting by creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.

All categories of students, including graduate assistants and student-employees, are governed by the Health Sciences Center's sexual harassment policy.

To help the recipient determine how best to remedy sexual harassment, as well as to ensure that appropriate measures are taken when warranted, anyone who believes he or she has been subjected to sexual harassment may address questions or complaints to his academic advisor, department head, the Dean of Students for the student's respective school, or the Human Resources Department. The recipient of such a complaint shall notify HRM and seek that office's assistance in connection with an investigation of the complaint.

## Deficit Reduction Act Notice

<http://www.lsuhscc.edu/no/administration/ocp/dranotice.aspx>

The Deficit Reduction Act was designed to improve federal and state oversight and enforcement actions against fraud and abuse in the Medicaid program. It requires that any entity receiving more than 5 million dollars in Medicaid funds per year must instruct their workforce on the following issues:

- The federal False Claims Act
- Any state civil or criminal penalties for false claims
- Whistleblower protections

## Federal False Claims Act, 31 USC § 3279

The False Claims Act is a federal statute that covers fraud involving any federally funded contract or program, including the Medicaid and Medicare programs. This act is commonly known as the "Lincoln Law" because it was first enacted to counter fraudulent activities involving military procurement during the Civil War. The act establishes liability for any person who knowingly presents or causes to be presented a false or fraudulent claim to the U.S. government for payment

The term "knowingly" is defined to mean that a person, with respect to information:

- Has actual knowledge of falsity of information in the claim;
- Acts in deliberate ignorance of the truth or falsity of the information in a claim; or
- Acts in reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the information in a claim

**Claim** – For purposes of the False Claims Act, a "claim" includes any request or demand for money that is submitted to the U.S. government or its contractors.

**Liability** – Health care providers and suppliers who violate the False Claims Act can be subject to the following:

- Civil monetary penalties (CMP) ranging from \$5,500 to \$11,000 for each false claim submitted.
- In addition to the above (CMP), can be required to pay three times the amount of damages sustained by the U.S. government.
- If convicted of a False Claims Act violation, the OIG may seek to exclude the provider or supplier from participation in federal health care programs.

**False Claims Violation** – Any conduct that leads to the submission of fraudulent claims to the government such as knowingly making false statements, falsifying records, double-billing for items or services, submitting bills or services never performed or items never furnished, or otherwise causing a false claim to be submitted.

## Qui Tam "Whistleblower" Provisions

Encourages individuals to come forward and report misconduct involving false claims, the False Claims Act includes a "qui tam" or whistleblower provision. It allows any person with actual knowledge of allegedly false claims to the government. Such persons are known as "relators." By way of example, the U.S. Department of Justice reports that the federal government obtained more than \$1.4 billion in settlements and judgments for fraud committed against the government in 2004-2005.

**Qui Tam Procedure** – The relator must file his or her lawsuit on behalf of the government in a federal district court. The lawsuit will be filed "under seal," meaning that the lawsuit is kept confidential while the government reviews and investigates the allegations contained in the lawsuit and decides how to proceed.

**Rights of Parties to Qui Tam Actions**

If the government determines that the lawsuit has merit and decides to intervene, the prosecution of the lawsuit will be directed by the U.S. Department of Justice. If the government decides not to intervene, the whistleblower can continue with the lawsuit on his or her own.

**Award to Qui Tam Whistleblowers** – If the lawsuit is successful, and provided certain legal requirements are met, the qui tam relator may receive an award ranging from 15 to 30 percent of the amount recovered. The whistleblower may also be entitled to reasonable expenses including attorney's fees and costs for bringing the lawsuit.

**No Retaliation** – In addition to a financial award, the False Claims Act entitles whistleblowers to additional relief, including employment reinstatement, back pay, and any other compensation arising from retaliatory conduct against a whistleblower for filing an action under the False Claims Act or committing other lawful acts, such as investigating a false claim or providing testimony for, or assistance in, a False Claim Act action.

### Louisiana State Law

Under Louisiana state law, the definition of a false or fraudulent claim is slightly broader, At LSA R.S. 46.437.--, "8) "False or fraudulent claim" means a claim which the health care provider or his billing agent submits knowing the claim to be false, fictitious, untrue, or misleading in regard to any material information. "

Under state law, (12) "Knowing" or "knowingly" means that the person has actual knowledge of the information or acts in deliberate ignorance or reckless disregard of the truth or falsity of the information.

Just as with the federal whistleblower statute, under Louisiana state law, "a private person ("Qui Tam plaintiff) may institute a civil action ("Qui Tam Action") in the courts of this state on behalf of the medical assistance programs and himself to seek recovery

A person who is or was a public employee or public official or a person who is or was acting on behalf of the state shall not bring a qui tam action if the person has or had a duty or obligation to report, investigate, or pursue allegations of wrongdoing or misconduct by health care providers, or had access to the records of the state through the normal course and scope of his employment relative to activities of health care providers.

### State Whistleblower Protection

No employer of a qui tam plaintiff shall discharge, demote, suspend, threaten, harass, or discriminate against a qui tam plaintiff at any time arising out of the fact that the qui tam plaintiff brought an action pursuant to this Subpart unless the court finds that the qui tam plaintiff has instituted or proceeded with an action that is frivolous, vexatious, or harassing.

No employee shall be discharged, demoted, suspended, threatened, harassed, or discriminated against in any manner in the terms and conditions of his employment because of any lawful act engaged in by the employee or on behalf of the employee in furtherance of any action taken pursuant to this Part in regard to a health care provider or other person from whom recovery is or could be sought. Such an employee may seek any and all relief for his injury to which he is entitled under state or federal law.

No individual shall be threatened, harassed, or discriminated against in any manner by a health care provider or other person because of any lawful act engaged in by the individual or on behalf of the individual in furtherance of any action taken pursuant to this Part in regard to a health care provider or other person from whom recovery is or could be sought except that a health care provider may arrange for a recipient to receive goods, services, or supplies from another health care provider if the recipient agrees and the arrangement is approved by the secretary. Such an individual may seek any and all relief for his injury to which he is entitled under state or federal law.

An employee of a private entity may bring his action for relief against his employer or the health care provider in the same court as the action or actions were brought pursuant to this Part or as part of an action brought pursuant to this Part.

**Recovery awarded to a qui tam plaintiff** – Generally, if the secretary or the attorney general intervenes in the action brought by a qui tam plaintiff, the qui tam plaintiff shall receive at least ten percent, but not more than twenty percent, of recovery, exclusive of the civil monetary penalty provided in R.S. 46:439.6(C). In making a determination of award to the qui tam plaintiff the court shall consider the extent to which the qui tam plaintiff substantially contributed to investigations and proceedings related to the qui tam action.

**Rewards for fraud and abuse information** – State law provides that there may be a reward of up to two thousand dollars to an individual who submits information to the secretary which results in recovery pursuant to the provisions of this Part, provided such individual is not himself subject to recovery under this Part.

### Louisiana State False Claims Penalties

- Payment of actual damages
- In addition to actual damages, a civil fine not to exceed 10,000 dollars per violation; OR
- A civil fine not to exceed three times the value of the illegal remuneration, whichever is greater
- Payment of interest on the mandatory civil fine imposed.

## LSUHSC-NO POLICIES FOR STUDENTS

### Alcohol Use

The use of alcohol is prohibited in classroom buildings, laboratories, auditoriums, library buildings, faculty and administrative offices, athletic facilities, and all other public campus areas. Alcohol may be served for special events on campus sponsored by the institution with written authorization from the Dean, Chancellor, or their authorized designee and when the LSUHSC's Guidelines for Responsible Use of Alcohol are followed. These Guidelines also apply to the use of alcohol at LSUHSC sponsored functions off campus.

The Guidelines are contained in CM-36 (Guidelines for the responsible use of Alcohol at the LSU Health Sciences Center) at <http://www.lsuhscc.edu/no/administration/cm/cm-36.aspx>.

### Violence-Free Workplace

Everyone has a reasonable expectation to perform his/her assigned duties in an atmosphere free of threats and assaults. Recognizing the increasing incidence of violence in the workplace, the Governor of the State of Louisiana issued an executive order committing the State of Louisiana to work toward a violence-free workplace. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans fully supports this effort and is committed to a violence-free workplace. In response, LSUHSC-NO issued CM-44 (Violence in the Workplace Policy, and Workplace Violence Prevention Plan) at <http://www.lsuhscc.edu/no/administration/cm/cm-44.aspx>

CM-44 contains LSUHSC-NO's Firearms and Weapons Policy. This policy states that it is illegal and expressly prohibited to engage in the unauthorized carrying of a firearm, or a dangerous weapon, by a student or non-student on University property at anytime. This includes but is not necessarily limited to school sponsored functions or in a firearm-free zone. Violators will be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Other topics covered under CM-44 include the following.

- Hazard Prevention and Control
- Personal Conduct to Minimize Violence
- How to Deal with Bomb Threats

### Substance Abuse

Authorized use of, possession of, or being under the influence of alcohol and the illegal use, abuse, possession, manufacture, dispensation, distribution of, or being under the influence of controlled or illegal drugs is prohibited while at work, on call, on duty, at school, or engaged in Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans campus (LSUHSC-NO) business on or off LSUHSC-NO premises.

LSUHSC-NO provides for an on-going alcohol and drug-testing program for reasonable suspicion/for cause, post accident, periodic monitoring or aftercare, and random testing.

The schools of the Health Sciences Center actively maintain programs dealing with all aspects of chemical dependency, such as prevention, intervention and rehabilitation. Education in substance abuse is provided through workshops and seminars, and has become an integral part of the curriculum of each school.

This Substance Abuse Policy applies to all faculty, staff, residents, and students of LSUHSC-NO. Students must understand that initial and continued enrollment is contingent upon compliance to this policy. The complete policy is in CM-38 (Substance Abuse Policy and Procedures) and is located at <http://www.lsuhscc.edu/no/administration/cm/cm-38.aspx>.

### Information Technology

Users of the Information Technology infrastructure are expected to exhibit responsible behavior and comply with all federal and state laws, LSUHSC-NO rules and policies, terms of computing contracts, and software licensing rules. Students should not engage in any activity that jeopardizes the availability, performance integrity, or security of the IT infrastructure. For example, students should not

- Use peer-to-peer (P2P) applications that take up bandwidth for the downloading of music, games, and video
- Deliberately or recklessly overloading access links or switching equipment by using streaming media such as web radio and other mechanisms

CM-42 contains the entire LSUHSC-NO Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure Policy and is located at <http://www.lsuhscc.edu/no/administration/cm/cm-42.aspx>. By using a computer on the LSUHSC IT infrastructure, students acknowledge that they are subject to the terms of CM-42 and that they give their unrestricted consent to the monitoring, copying, and unrestricted distribution of any transmission/communication or image generated, received by, sent by, or stored in the computer. Noncompliance could result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from an academic program, and civil or criminal liability.

### Weather Related Emergency Procedures

During a weather event that requires closing of the campus, LSUHSC-NO will not function as an evacuation site for students. CM 51 (Policy on Weather Related Emergency Procedures for LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans) at <http://www.lsuhscc.edu/no/administration/cm/cm-51.aspx> has information about disaster preparedness. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this information.

### Student Responsibilities and Rights

Students are responsible for complying with all policies/procedures, rules and regulations and other information published by the Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. In addition, students are expected to abide by all federal, State and local laws.

Mistreatment and abuse of students by faculty, residents, staff, or fellow students is contrary to the educational objectives of the LSUHSC in New Orleans and will not be tolerated.

CM-56 (Student Responsibilities and Rights at LSUHSC-NO) located at <http://www.lsuhscc.edu/no/Administration/cm/cm-56.aspx> describes additional responsibilities and rights. CM-56 also describes the procedures for addressing student complaints including informal conflict resolution and filing a formal complaint.

## LIBRARY FACILITIES

LOCATION: Resource Center Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
PHONE (504) 568-6130  
WEB: <http://www.lsuhscc.edu/no/library/>  
EMAIL: [library@lsuhscc.edu](mailto:library@lsuhscc.edu)

The Division of Libraries of the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans includes the John P. Isché Library, the major biomedical collection, the Dental School Library at the William Pitcher Plaza Dental Campus, and the Clinical Document Delivery Room located in the Clinical Education Building. The Isché Library occupies 3 floors of the Resource Center Building, approximately 48,980 square feet with a seating capacity of 614. The Dental Library occupies the third floor of the Dental Administration Building, approximately 15,000 square feet with a seating capacity of about 200.

The New Orleans collection includes over 232,617 bound volumes, 3,215 audiovisual titles, and approximately 1,514 current print journal subscriptions with electronic links to over 2,359 in-scope serials and an additional 10,818 serials online through the LOUIS consortia. There are approximately 394 electronic monographs. A web-based integrated library system, networked databases, search systems, and full-text databases provide patrons access to a variety of resources. The Ovid search system includes: MEDLINE, Old MEDLINE, PreMEDLINE, Daily Updates, CINAHL, HAPI, and Mental Measurements Yearbook. Other online resources include: the Web of Science group (Science Citation Index, Social Sciences Citation Index, Current Contents for the Life Sciences, Clinical Medicine, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Journal Citation Reports); Micromedex; MDConsult; the Cochrane Library; Dissertation Abstracts; STAT!Ref; PIER; Gideon; InfoPOEMS; EBSCOhost (PsycInfo, Biological Abstracts, ERIC); ScienceDirect; Synergy; BMJ Group; Nature Group; American Psychiatric Publishing; site license to the AMA online journals; New England Journal of Medicine, Thieme Medical journals, American Chemical Society archives, American Society for Microbiology journals, Mary Ann Liebert journals, Quintessence journals and Lippincott Williams and Wilkins journals. Remote access to online resources is available through WAM (Web Access Management) through the integrated online catalog, Innopac.

Reference Librarians provide mediated searches with access to over 400 other databases. A fully-equipped, state-of-the-art electronic classroom is available for bibliographic instruction, and state-of-the-art computer labs with multimedia programs, internet access, and assorted software programs for faculty and student use are located at both Isché Library and the Dental Library. The Reference librarians teach courses, seminars, and regularly scheduled training sessions in the access and use of the biomedical literature, and in the use of the Library.

The Libraries offer online reference service and online interlibrary loan service. Both libraries have wireless networks. The Isché Library is open 104 hours per week with extended hours during exam periods, and the Dental Library is open 84 hours per week. In addition, the Isché Library serves as a Resource Library in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, is a member of the South Central Academic Medical Libraries (SCAMeL), and LALINC, the Louisiana Academic Library Information Network Consortiums.

## ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE RESOURCES AT LSUHSC-NO (APRIL)

APRIL provides an umbrella of academic support services for all LSU Health Sciences Center students in New Orleans through LSUHSC Student Health. Funding for many of these services comes from Student Health Fees and Student Health Insurance. However, not all services may be covered. Please familiarize yourself with the scope of your health insurance coverage.

For convenience, the APRIL for Students Brochure at <http://www.lsuhscc.edu/no/administration/academic/april.htm> outlines the services available, the providers and contact numbers. Students may choose to contact any of the service providers directly or may seek information through their Office of Student Affairs.

## PEER ADVOCATE LIAISON (PAL) PROGRAM

In the Peer Advocate Liaison Program, LSUHSC student volunteers (PALs) learn about LSUHSC-NO academic resources for Students. PALs are available to help guide students to the appropriate resources for any of the following problems:

- Relationship or family issues
- Academic problems
- Concerns with alcohol or drugs
- Depression
- Adjustment to new environments
- Stress or anxiety

PALs act as temporary liaisons between students and the campus resources that assist them. PALs are not trained for counseling or crisis intervention. When unsure what LSUHSC-NO resource to use, students can ask a PAL representative, which resource might be the most appropriate. To find a PAL volunteer, students can call their Office of Student Affairs or look for nametag holders that say, "Ask me about PALs."

## AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES

LOCATION: Medical Education Building  
PHONE: (504) 568-4454  
WEB: <http://www.auxent.lsuhscc.edu>

The Board of Supervisors authorizes auxiliary operations as being necessary and supportive of but outside the primary missions of the institution. All operations are self-supporting and receive no state appropriations for operation. Auxiliary operations at the institution are not expected to generate additional funding over and above the self-supporting requirement. Among some component programs there is considerable overlap in their missions of support and their designation is a function of operational and administrative control. Auxiliary operations under assignment of the Executive Director of Auxiliary Enterprises are grouped under five general classifications: Administrative Office, Auxiliary Business Office, Faculty Support Program, General Support Program, and Student Support Program.

## Bookstores

Both of our bookstores are members of the National Association of College Stores. In addition, the staff participates in Southwest Regional Association, the statewide Louisiana Association of College Stores and in informal local meetings of college bookstore managers. These affiliations help the managers remain current on issues in the university bookstore industry.

### Health Sciences Bookstore

LOCATION: Resource Center Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
PHONE (504) 568-2504  
FAX: (504) 568-2121  
WEB: <http://www.auxent.lsuhscc.edu/hsb/>  
EMAIL: [aebsb@lsuhscc.edu](mailto:aebsb@lsuhscc.edu)

The Health Sciences Center Bookstore in New Orleans stocks all course books, reference books and health sciences software plus ancillary supplies needed for Allied Health, Graduate, Medical, Nursing and Public Health school students, residents, and faculty.

## Duplicating and Printing

LOCATION: Residence Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
PHONE (504) 568-4455  
FAX: (504) 568-4556  
WEB: <http://www.auxent.lsuhscc.edu/dp/>

LSUHSC duplicating and printing provides the academic community with commercial quality duplicating and printing services.

With over fifty years of experience, the highly skilled staff is always ready to assist with copying and printing needs and can make presentations pop with color. Printing and Duplicating offers a wide variety of copy, printing, laminating and bindery services at very attractive pricing.

LSUHSC Duplicating and Printing maintains public access vending copiers in the Dental School and Resource Center libraries, Medical Education, Allied Health, and Clinical Education buildings. These copiers will accept the Pay Paw card.

## Food Services

The Tiger Den Café in MEB and Tiger Café at the Dental School provide students, faculty and staff with a convenient and wide variety of meals and snacks without leaving their respective campuses. The newly expanded menus give hungry and rushed customers a wide variety of favorites from traditional hamburgers and New Orleans style red beans and rice, to freshly prepared Deli/Panini Sandwiches and Wraps and personal pizzas. For coffee lovers on the downtown campus the MEB We Proudly Brew Starbucks coffee kiosk has Tigerchinos as well as many specialty coffee drinks.

## Microsystems Sales and Service

LOCATION: Medical Education Building, Room 4221  
PHONE: (504) 568-4578  
WEB: <http://www.auxent.lsuhscc.edu/mss/>

Microsystems Sales and Services is an authorized Dell, Gateway and Apple source for all models of desktop and laptop computers as well as peripherals and related electronic equipment. In addition, Microsystems offers savings on a wide variety of off-the-shelf software through educational and volume discounts. Available products include scanners, HP and other printers, digital cameras, projectors, keyboards, mice, speakers, PDA's, flash memory, cables, additional memory, etc. Software includes the latest products from Microsoft, Norton, Adobe, Macromedia and many other software packages.

In addition to selling equipment, Microsystems is a Dell and Gateway authorized on-campus service center. They are able to perform warranty repairs, install additional hardware and software, and otherwise trouble-shoot computer problems ranging from virus attacks to upgrades.

Microsystems offers free consultation, system design, and estimates for all services.

## Pay Paw

<http://www.auxent.lsuhscc.edu/paypaw/>

The academic Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, in affiliation with the LSU main campus, began implementing the BlackBoard Transaction System on campus in the month of June 2004. Many students will recognize this as nearly identical to the Tiger Card program at LSU Baton Rouge. The program at the Health Sciences Center is being called the Pay Paw Card, and is a means for faculty, staff and students to access a variety of goods and services without the necessity of carrying cash. It will be available for use with vending machines, many updated copy machines, a new printing system in the student labs and libraries, all food service and coffee kiosk operations, the bookstores, and 1542 C Store.

Account setup information and applications, as well as badge encoding will be available at both bookstores, as will be temporary/visitor badges. In addition, temporary/visitor badges will be available in the main library and in the Nursing/MEB atrium. Funds may be added to both temporary and Pay Paw accounts at these locations, at the bookstores, or online via credit card at the secure web site by clicking the ONLINE CARD OFFICE. Please visit the web site for further details.

## THE FOUNDATION FOR THE LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS

LOCATION: 2020 Gravier Street, Room 729  
PHONE: (504) 568-3712  
FAX: (504) 568-3460  
WEB: <http://www.foundation.lsuohsc.edu/>

The Foundation for LSUHSC was incorporated in 1988 as a 501(c)3, tax-exempt organization with the mission of supporting and promoting the educational, research, patient care, and community outreach programs of the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. It is governed by a corporate board composed of civic, professional and community leaders who are committed to the development and support of LSUHSC.

The Development Staff of the Foundation helps to promote this mission through developing programs of major and annual giving opportunities, by soliciting grants from foundations and corporations, through estate planning, and by facilitating and organizing numerous fundraising and recognition events. Every dollar raised is designated to one of the six LSUHSC schools: Medicine, Dentistry, Allied Health Professions, Nursing, Graduate Studies and Public Health.

LSUHSC fundraising efforts have included

- LSUHSC endowed chairs and professorships
- Centers of Excellence
- community outreach programs
- lecture series
- distinguished faculty fellowship awards
- staff incentive awards
- academic scholarships
- applied research funds

Funds also have been raised to support international faculty travel, graduate student travel, grants to aid theses/dissertation preparation, rare library or museum artifacts and related items not supported by state revenues. These private contributions serve as the primary nourishment for the growth and advancement of the many programs associated with LSUHSC.

The Finance Staff of the Foundation manages \$70 million in funds and maintains accountability for all reporting required by the IRS and the State of Louisiana for LSUHSC. The Research and Development Services staff maintains a database of alumni and donors for all LSUHSC schools, centers and programs. An annual report and thrice-yearly newsletter are published and distributed by the Foundation to over 35,000 alumni, faculty and staff, donors, community leaders and government officials. A bi-monthly e-newsletter was recently launched.

The entire Foundation staff works closely with the chancellor, schools, the Foundation board of directors and select community and business leaders to continue bringing excellence and value to LSUHSC.

The Foundation is located at the corner of Bolivar and Tulane Avenue. To find out more information on any of LSUHSC's giving programs or the history of the Foundation, please contact us.

## TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

LOCATION: Resource Center Building Suite 827  
PHONE: (504) 568-8303  
FAX: (504) 568-5588  
WEB: [HTTP://WWW.LSUHSC.EDU/NO/ADMINISTRATION/OTD/](http://www.lsuohsc.edu/no/administration/otd/)  
EMAIL: [OTD@LSUHSC.EDU](mailto:OTD@LSUHSC.EDU)

The Office of Technology Development at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center facilitates the research enterprise and provides a means for faculty, staff, and students to bring significant novel intellectual property to the commercial marketplace. This process is called *Technology Transfer*.

The major steps in Technology Transfer are disclosure of inventions; evaluation and marketing; federal reporting of inventions; patent prosecution; finding a licensee, negotiation of license agreements; and management of active licenses. The Tech Transfer process begins when inventors submit a technology disclosure summary to the Office of Technology Development. Employees of LSUHSC-NO have an obligation to disclose their inventions to the university.

The LSUHSC-NO Technology Transfer Committee, composed of leading researchers and faculty members from the LSUHSC schools, evaluates technologies based upon scientific merit, patentability, and marketability.

If technologies are successfully protected and licensed, revenue received from licensing deals is shared with the inventor(s) in accordance with LSU System policy. Detailed information on these issues can be found in Permanent Memoranda 16 ("Technology Transfer") and Permanent Memoranda 64 ("Intellectual Property - Distribution of Royalties and Other Matters").

In addition to the actual technology transfer process, the Office of Technology Development is charged with establishing and enabling the relationships necessary for certain aspects of research and collaboration to occur, including Material Transfer Agreements, Confidential Disclosure Agreements, and Inter-Institutional Agreements. The Office of Technology Development is committed to encouraging economic development for the New Orleans region and the State of Louisiana and producing public benefits for public dollars. We encourage inventors and industry to contact us regarding opportunities for LSUHSC technology.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

The LSU Alumni Associations are voluntary organizations of the more than a quarter of a million graduates, former students, and friends of The LSU System. A portion of the diploma fee of each graduate is credited to the Alumni Associations. This provides each graduate with one year of active membership in the Alumni Association.

The official publication of the Alumni Associations, LSU Magazine is published five times a year and is received by all active members.

The LSU Health Sciences Center "Status Report," published quarterly, is received by all Health Sciences Center graduates.

### Allied Health Alumni Association

Dr. Jan Jeter  
1900 Gravier Street  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
(504) 568-4246  
[jjeter@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:jjeter@lsuhsc.edu)  
<http://alliedhealth.lsuhscc.edu/Alumni/>

### LSU School of Dentistry Alumni Association

Traci Hamann  
1100 Florida Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70119  
(504) 619-8597  
[http://lsusd.lsuhscc.edu/alumni/alumni\\_association.htm](http://lsusd.lsuhscc.edu/alumni/alumni_association.htm)

### Nursing Alumni Association of LSU Health Sciences Center

Arlene Rome  
1900 Gravier Street  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
(985) 727-1983 or (504) 568-4107  
<http://nursing.lsuhscc.edu/NursingAlumniAssociation/Alumni.html>

### LSU Health Sciences Center Medical Alumni Affairs

Dr. Russell C. Klein  
533 Bolivar, Room 301  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
(504) 568-4009  
[roar@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:roar@lsuhsc.edu)  
[http://www.medschool.lsuhscc.edu/alumni\\_affairs/](http://www.medschool.lsuhscc.edu/alumni_affairs/)

## UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

LOCATON: Resource Center Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
PHONE: (504) 568-8999  
WEB: <http://www.is.lsuhscc.edu/police/>

Established by Act RS:17-1805 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the University Police function with full authority for the protection of the LSUHSC Community including students, employees, and property. It is further the responsibility of this office to uphold federal, state and local laws, University regulations, and to provide assistance, guidance and coordination in emergencies and unusual situations.

Orientation of all new students, faculty and staff, includes lectures on Health Sciences Center rules and regulations and on personal safety. Locations and telephone numbers of all University Police Centers are provided in student packets and handbooks.

To become a commissioned officer of the LSUHSC Police Department, Officers must complete and graduate from Police Officers Standard Training (P.O.S.T.) certification training.

### Emergency Telephone Number

Call (504) 568-8999 to contact University Police.

## CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

### Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center

*(Approved by the Board of Regents, 1991)*

Steve Nelson, MD, Director

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center stimulates interdisciplinary collaborative efforts for research and teaching and the dissemination of pertinent information in the area of alcohol and drug abuse. This Center enhances the research capabilities of scientists and students, stimulates collaborative research efforts and strengthens educational activities in the biomedical aspects of alcohol and substance abuse throughout the Health Sciences Center. The Center is directed toward building upon existing strength, expanding and elevating our reputation in substance-abuse research, treatment and prevention. Research opportunities are available for predoctoral Ph.D. and M.D., Ph.D combined students as well as postdoctoral research fellows through an NIH sponsored NRSA training program.

### Cardiovascular Center

*(Approved by the Board of Regents, 1991)*

Jack P. Strong, MD, Director

The goal of the Cardiovascular Center is to improve the understanding and management of cardiovascular diseases by developing a multidisciplinary approach that integrates close, collaborative efforts among programs in basic and clinical research, clinical management, prevention, and epidemiologic and genetic studies. This combined effort will focus on the investigation of cardiovascular disease with a particular emphasis on integrating molecular and cellular perspectives with clinical and population-oriented studies. These studies will enable us to establish more effective treatment and prevention of cardiovascular diseases.

### Center for Molecular and Human Genetics

*(Approved by the Board of Regents, 1991)*

Bronya J. B. Keats, PhD, Director

The Center for Molecular and Human Genetics is a comprehensive, interdisciplinary program that stimulates multi-departmental and multi-center collaboration and cooperation in translational research, education, and clinical management. Genetic factors play a major role in a large number of diseases, including many forms of cancer, and nervous system and cardiovascular disorders. The Center is contributing to basic and clinical research in genetics that will identify the genes contributing to these diseases and enhance the development of effective therapies. The latest advancements in genetic diagnosis and treatment are provided through the Center's clinical services. Major clinical research interests of the Center members are genetic studies of hearing loss, Usher syndrome, Friedreich ataxia, breast cancer, prostate cancer, and lung cancer, particularly in the Acadian population in southwestern Louisiana and the Louisiana African-American population. Ongoing basic research projects are elucidating the role of genome instability in cancer and other human diseases. Center members have expertise in areas such as molecular genetics, cytogenetics, population genetics, gene therapy, and genomic variation. The Center provides a cohesive framework that facilitates communication between basic scientists and clinicians leading to excellent research, education, and clinical programs in genetics.

### Center for Oral and Craniofacial Biology

*(Approved by the Board of Regents, 1994)*

Paul L. Fidel, PhD, Director

The Center of Excellence in Oral and Craniofacial Biology is a multidisciplinary center to provide adequate resources to promote and facilitate research, intellectual stimulation, and a network for research opportunities and collaboration in oral health. The Center serves as a nucleus for both clinical and basic science research in the oral and craniofacial region. Clinical research efforts currently center on reconstruction and restoration with numerous clinical trials in a state-of-the-art Clinical Research Facility. The basic science efforts currently center on craniofacial developmental biology, oral infectious diseases, inflammation, biomaterials, and cancer. A Statistical Core and Research Facilities Core with state-of-the-art molecular biology and microscopy equipment aid the research effort. The Center also serves an educational role through the training of predoctoral and postdoctoral students and clinicians throughout the State of Louisiana. The Center was recently awarded an NIH Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) grant to develop promising junior faculty into scientific independence and provide additional infrastructure to the research enterprise.

### Center on Aging

*(Approved by the Board of Regents, 1991)*

S. Michal Jazwinski, PhD & Charles A. Cefalu, MD, MS,  
Co-Directors

The focus of this center is "successful aging". As a regional facility, the Center on Aging provides geriatric care, research, and faculty education. Interdisciplinary clinics are being established where assessment of and care for the elderly will focus on prevention of the decline of function. Research facilities host interactive studies in the fields of genetics, molecular biology, physiology, clinical sciences, social services, and care delivery as they relate to aging. Education activities include the analysis and expansion of the existing geriatric multimedia resource base to meet national demand, and the presentation of continuing education programs for faculty and health care providers. The aim of the education activities is the improvement of faculty skills in teaching multidisciplinary geriatric curricula. Finally, the policy-planning activities will evaluate existing public and private institutions, recommending and initiating improved service programs for the elderly throughout the state and region.

### Eye Center

*(Approved by the Board of Regents, 1999)*

Donald R. Bergsma, MD, Director

The LSU Eye Center of Excellence was created in 1978 as a comprehensive center for vision care and research, with interdisciplinary cooperation among basic scientists and clinical scientists to advance the prevention and treatment of blinding eye disease. In 1986, a \$20 million grant from the Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation constructed a new home for the Eye Center, expanding critically needed clinical, research, and educational space and creating a model of the synergistic effects of interdisciplinary cooperation among basic scientists and clinical scientists.

For over 27 years, our physician-investigators and scientists have actively searched for causes, preventive measures, and most effective treatments for diseases and disorders of the eye. Innovative studies at the LSU Eye Center pioneered laser

refractive surgery and continue to develop and refine new modalities such as intraocular lens implants to correct vision. Other noted research programs include: the search for a better understanding of the mechanisms of and treatments for viral and bacterial eye infections; research to prevent and ameliorate retinal diseases such as macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa and diabetic retinopathy; investigations of new ways to look at the causes of glaucoma and related damage to the optic nerve head; ongoing improvements in cornea storage and corneal transplantation; the development of the confocal microscope; new methods of drug delivery; nanotechnology; and, computer-aided imaging and diagnosis.

The Eye Center's research program has generated over 20 patents, is supported by more than 25 grants, and includes cooperative programs with LSUHSC physicians and scientists in other departments as well as with colleagues across the United States and throughout the world.

### **Ernest N. Morial Asthma, Allergy, and Respiratory Disease Center**

*(Approved by the Board of Regents, 1996)*

Warren Summer, MD, Director

In 1997 The Ernest N. Morial Asthma, Allergy and Respiratory Disease Center at LSUHSC was dedicated as Louisiana's first comprehensive center for the education, prevention, treatment and research of asthma and other respiratory diseases. The Morial Asthma, Allergy and Respiratory Disease Center is named for, and dedicated to, Ernest "Dutch" Morial. "Dutch" suffered and eventually died from asthma. An integral part of the mission of the Ernest N. Morial Asthma, Allergy and Respiratory Disease Center is to preserve "Dutch" Morial's passion for wanting to help those who need it most. Because the asthma death rate among African-Americans is almost triple that of Caucasians, and because the largest increase in incidence of asthma has been among inner city African-Americans, much of the Center's work is focused on the African-American Community and the urban poor - helping those who need it the most.

The mission of the center is 1) Patient, community and physician education in asthma management and prevention, for all citizens with a special focus in high-risk groups such as African-Americans and the urban poor; 2) Outstanding patient care for those suffering from asthma and other respiratory diseases, such as pneumonia, emphysema, tuberculosis, cystic fibrosis, chronic bronchitis, pulmonary hypertension and other chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, with a focus on access to care for the under-served; and 3) Basic and clinical research in asthma and respiratory diseases - with an emphasis on at-risk populations - to determine causes and to develop new methods for prevention, treatment and cure. The Center is an active component of the American Lung Association's Asthma Clinical Research Centers.

### **Neuroscience Center**

*(Approved by the Board of Regents, 1987)*

Nicolas G. Bazan, MD, PhD, Director

The Neuroscience Center pursues a multidisciplinary approach to neuroscience education and research. The primary mission of the Center is to foster and conduct science of the highest caliber that advances the understanding of brain function and diseases that affect the nervous system. A major role of the Center is to mentor the development of neuroscientists and clinician-neuroscientists through fundamental and translational research. The Neuroscience Center has

established, through the faculty associated with the Center, research and clinical programs directed toward Alzheimer's disease, pain, Parkinson's disease, stroke, brain and spinal cord injury, epilepsy, depression, blinding eye diseases, schizophrenia, and developmental and hearing disorders. Cutting-edge research programs on the molecular and cellular bases of neural diseases are the heart of the Center's innovative educational programs: the Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Graduate Program (M.S. in Neuroscience, Ph.D. in Neuroscience) attracts outstanding students from around the world; the Summer Undergraduate Neuroscience Program mentors top Louisiana undergraduate students through lectures and hands-on research; and postdoctoral fellowships train the next generation of investigators. Several seminar programs and lectureships host renowned scientists who present their work to the LSUHSC community. The lecture series "Health Through Discovery" promotes the exchange of knowledge at the interface of clinical and research science.

The annual statewide Neuroscience Retreat (in its 18<sup>th</sup> year in 2006) is a forum for the showcasing of neuroscience investigation and discovery and has been the birthplace of countless research collaborations. The Center has had an economic impact in Louisiana through significant federal and private research funding. Innovations from the Center's drug-discovery program have resulted in 18 patents or patent applications; some of these innovations formed the base of a start-up pharmaceutical/biotechnology company in Louisiana. In addition, the expertise of the Centers investigators has drawn the interest of the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries, and took the lead in the establishment of the Neurobiotechnology Program of Louisiana, which brings together Tulane University, LSUHSC-Shreveport, and LSUHSC-NO to promote the application of knowledge gained through research. The Center is very active in technology transfer and is dedicated to the retention within the state of Louisiana of technologic expertise, patents, and the income generated through discovery. In 1997 the Center began its initial phase of consolidation of resources and recruitment of investigators. At present the Neuroscience Center is undertaking its second major expansion. In bringing together academic and governmental agencies and private/public partnerships, the Neuroscience Center has had a pivotal role in innovative approaches to the treatment of disorders of the nervous system and the advancement of understanding the mechanisms of disease.

### **Research Institute for Children**

*(Approved by the Board of Regents, 2005)*

Seth Pincus, MD, Director

The Research Institute for Children (RIC) established in 1998 is a joint collaboration among Children's Hospital, LSU Health Sciences Center (New Orleans) and the University of New Orleans. The RIC is housed in the Research and Education Building on the Children's Hospital campus and is supported by Children's Hospital. The overall objective of the RIC is to promote and conduct medical and basic science research in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of pediatric illnesses, particularly infectious diseases and diabetes. A secondary objective is to provide research training for academic scientists, both basic and translational. To accomplish this, a strong core of basic scientists interact with clinical faculty from LSUHSC and Children's Hospital. Trainees include undergraduate and graduate students, and both clinical and basic postdoctoral fellows. The individuals trained within these basic science laboratories will become the translational and clinical researchers who fulfill the ultimate mission of the RIC.

**Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center**

*(Approved by the Board of Regents, 1991)*

Augusto Ochoa, MD, Interim Director

The Louisiana Board of Regents approved the formation of the Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center in 1991, and in 1995, the Center was awarded a National Cancer Institute Planning Grant, the first step in receiving designation as a Comprehensive Cancer Center. Since that time, the SSSCC has grown into a multidisciplinary matrix organization, drawing membership and expertise from virtually every department within LSUHSC's Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Dentistry. The primary mission of the SSSCC is to conduct research in cancer with a focus on the prevention, treatment, and eventual eradication of cancer, particularly among underserved populations. The knowledge obtained will lead to providing cutting edge clinical care for cancer patients and an opportunity to educate professionals and laymen alike.

Expenditures on grants and contracts awarded to SSSCC members have consistently risen over the years, by an average of 18 percent. Currently, SSSCC members hold nearly \$10 million in annual funding for their research projects. Research is conducted in such areas as: Molecular Signaling; Epidemiology, Prevention, and Control; Molecular Genetics; and Tumor Immunology. The Center is also making strides toward enhancing its translational and clinical research programs to complement its strong existing basic science component. Support to researchers is provided in many forms, including through several core laboratories including

Genomics, Proteomics, Immunology, Imaging, and Biostatistics/Bioinformatics, among others.

Of particular significance in terms of the Center's growth is the recent \$10.6 million COBRE grant award from the National Center for Research Resources to Dr. Augusto Ochoa, Interim Director of the Cancer Center. This award, entitled "Mentoring Translational Researchers in Louisiana", is designed to cultivate a group of successful researchers in immunobiology and immunopathology of chronic diseases, and will mentor a group of selected promising junior investigators to pursue biomedical research with demonstrated translational benefit to patient care. The thematic focus centers on understanding the immunobiology of disease. In addition, the SSSCC has the fortune of having Dr. Michael Jazwinski as the associate director for basic research. Dr. Jazwinski brings a wealth of NIH funding on Aging and Disease, including a major program in Aging and Cancer.

The progress of the Center over the last decade and a half has been substantial and opportunities for expansion continue with the recently formed Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium. This Consortium, in combination with the Cancer Center at Tulane University Health Sciences Center, receives a portion of the cigarette tax for all cigarettes sold in the state of Louisiana. At this point approximately \$10 million per year is being invested in the Consortium for the purpose of receiving an NCI designation for our Cancer Center.