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Salus and Arcadia Universities Collaborate for Interprofessional Education Opportunity

Elkins Park, PA. - Salus and Arcadia Universities recently collaborated for an interprofessional education (IPE) opportunity between the Arcadia Physical Therapy (PT) program and Salus University's Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) and Occupational Therapy (OT) programs.

"Salus and Arcadia combine each year for this IPE opportunity to give students an authentic experience of how they are going to work as practitioners after graduation. The event helps our students put the proper skills in place to be effective healthcare or education practitioners when they leave for their externship rotations and for when they graduate and enter professional practice," said Robert Serianni, MS, CCC-SLP, FNAP, Salus University SLP program director and chair.

The program split students from the three programs into approximately 20 groups, with all programs represented in each group. In the groups, students were presented with various patient model examples and discussed treatment methods for the patients involving an interprofessional approach from OTs, PTs, and SLPs.

According to Serianni, IPE programs of this nature help improve patient care outcomes, student satisfaction, and allow faculty to bring theories in programmatic practice principles to life through real-world applications.

Allison Fowler, physical therapist and IPE coordinator at Arcadia University said, "It is a wonderful opportunity for both Arcadia and Salus University students to work with different disciplines outside of their field, and outside of the programs at their respective universities. We have opportunities to work with Physician Assistants and Public Health Students at Arcadia, but coming to Salus we are able to work with OT and SLP students who are part of the core of rehab departments and teams."

About Salus University

Salus University, founded as the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1919, today is a diversified, globally recognized professional academic center of learning that offers a wide range of degree programs in the professions of Optometry, Audiology, Physician Assistant, Blindness and Low Vision Studies, Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and Orthotics and Prosthetics. Salus operates four clinical facilities in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance, Speech-Language pathology and occupational therapy services. The University has over 1,200 students and more than 14,000 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit www.salus.edu.

About Arcadia University

Arcadia University is a top-ranked private University in Greater Philadelphia that provides an educational experience that is values based; rooted in justice, equity, diversity and inclusion (JEDI); and places students at the center. Through its community of practice, Arcadia has made facilitating a safe and welcoming environment a priority by developing and Combating anti-Black Racism Initiatives (CABR) on campus and in its surrounding communities. For more information, please visit www.arcadia.edu.