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Salus University Joins the Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium



Elkins Park, Pa. — Salus University recently joined the Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education (SEPCHE), marking the first time in more than two decades that the consortium has expanded its membership.

Members of the SEPCHE now include: Arcadia University, Cabrini University, Chestnut Hill College, Gwynedd Mercy University, Holy Family University, Immaculata University, Neumann University, Rosemont College and Salus University. The consortium represents more than 20,000 students in small colleges located across all five counties of metropolitan Philadelphia. SEPCHE schools provide the largest share of teachers statewide and a significant portion of nurses and business, human services and allied health professionals.

SEPCHE's mission is to improve the quality and efficiency of academic programming, student access, faculty development, institutional operations and community outreach through a range of shared activities, services, technology and information.

"Presidents are actively exploring deeper collaborations to improve access and to better and more efficiently prepare highly qualified graduates across our region," SEPCHE Board Chair and Chestnut Hill College President Sister Carol Jean Vale said. "Salus is truly unique in offering graduate and post graduate degree options and certificate options. Salus' membership strengthens not only the range of career options but also accelerated access to graduate degrees and certificates in a host of new fields. We are thrilled to have Salus join our community of institutions collaboratively focused on access, excellence in teaching, liberal arts and lifelong learning in service to the broader society."

Salus University, founded as the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) 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 Studies, Blindness and Low Vision Studies, Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology. Salus also operates four clinical facilities in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance, and speech-language pathology services.

"We're extremely excited to be part of SEPCHE and to be able to contribute to increasing opportunities for students we all serve," Salus President **Michael Mittelman, OD '80, MPH, MBA, FAAO, FACHE**, said. "I know I speak for my entire staff when I say how much we look forward to working with all of the universities and colleges included in the consortium."

About Salus University

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