



## **Naming Opportunity**

## The Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences

The Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences was established over two decades ago in response to the pressing need to professionalize the allied health and welfare disciplines that serve the outlying communities of northern Israel. Today, it is renowned for its world leading research in health and social welfare and innovative professional advancement programs that are setting the gold standard of practice in fields of physical and occupational therapy, pain management, mental health, rehabilitation technologies and nutrition.

Through rigorous research, innovative programs and training of health care professionals, the Faculty is playing a central role in shaping health care services and social welfare policies in Israel and around the world.



# Pioneering Research and Teaching

The Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences is dedicated to strengthening health care services, reducing health inequalities and building awareness to make health and social objectives part of society's overall socioeconomic and human development.

We are committed to improving the quality of life in Israel and beyond.

**Prof. Ron Robin, President** 



#### WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE THE BEST PATIENT CARE

The Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences is working in partnership with hospitals, government, and health agencies to improve patient care. We are proud that our students are applying the skills they learn in the classroom to the real world through professional experiences with our many partners, or in our own clinics and laboratories.

"We believe in taking a holistic approach to health and social care. Through our research and education courses, we are committed to finding new and enhanced ways to promote health, prevent disease, and achieve high-quality lives," explains Professor Israel (Issi) Doron, Dean of the Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences. "As the world's population ages, we are especially focused on addressing evolving seniors care needs and ensuring that the health care system has the capacity to deliver high-quality services to the growing elderly and disabled populations."

## **Two Leading Research Centers**

Researchers at the Human
Experimental Pain Research
Laboratory are advancing our
understanding of the complex
phenomena of pain and its underlying
mechanisms. Lead by Prof. Dorit Pud,
the Lab is examining genetic factors
affecting sensitivity to pain, measuring
effectiveness of pain killers and
conducting research that will lead to
the development of novel therapeutic
approaches to pain management.

The Cheryl Spencer Department of Nursing is home to Israel's first Institute for nursing research - combining advanced nursing research with practice in an academically-based environment. Faculty and students are identifying and analyzing complex issues involving nurses, their clinical practice, and their professional evolution, as well as developing innovative solutions that improve the quality of health care services provided to the community.

## THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Research - Education - Practice

#### **Communication Disorders**

- exploring processes that underlie hearing and language and their development
- improving the standard of care and hearing rehabilitation

## Gerontology

- investigating the physical, psychological, social, cultural, and other aspects of aging
- promoting the well-being of individuals as they age within families, communities and societies

## **Medical Imaging**

- combining advanced medical imaging and artificial intelligence
- training medical imaging technicians with broad theoretical knowledge, technological skills, and interpersonal competences

## **Occupational Therapy**

- treating individuals suffering from development deficits, physical injury or illness, aging, or psychosocial or emotional difficulties
- working with the healthy population to maintain health, prevent injury and to improve quality of life

## School of Public Health

 training the next generation of Israel's public health professionals in the areas of community health, health promotion, health services management, environmental and occupational health, epidemiology and nutrition behavior

#### **Community Mental Health**

 examining mental health issues, including resilience promotion, prevention and reduction of psychopathology, coping with trauma, and psychiatric rehabilitation and recovery from serious mental illness

#### **Human Services**

- employing an interdisciplinary approach to prepare professionals for the constantly growing services sector
- improve social services designed to promote the overall quality of life of the entire society

#### Nursing

- promoting nursing professionalism in Israel through research, teaching and community involvement
- preparing nurses to meet the clinical, technological, managerial and psychological challenges of the field

## **Physical Therapy**

 providing students with the scientific knowledge base and the clinical skills necessary to professionally evaluate, diagnose, set treatment goals, treat, and prevent movement related disorders

## **School of Creative Art Therapies**

 using art forms - such as painting, dance, music, drama and psychodrama - to help individuals work through their physical, emotional and spiritual issues

#### **School of Social Work**

 seeking to develop a more equitable, caring, and socially just society that meets basic human needs, eliminates social and economic inequities, and empowers individuals, communities, and institutions to reach their aspirations and potential



**Advancing Practice. Transforming lives.** 

#### **MEET ONE OF OUR STUDENTS**

After her younger sister suffered a debilitating stroke, **Tammar Truzmont** enrolled in the PhD degree program a the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. "I wanted to ensure that she received the best rehabilitative care possible."

Tammar took part in a research study on the efficacy of rehabilitative treatment in patients with post-stroke aphasia - an acquired language disorder following brain damage. The researchers used MRI and fMRI methods to measure brain changes in patients during word retrieval and restful states. It was the first study of its kind conducted with Hebrew speakers.

"The results from our study has generated a great deal of interest among language pathologists."



We invite you to partner with the University of Haifa to train the next generation of healthcare researchers, administrators and frontline service providers. A generous gift of \$7 million will enable the University to name the Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences in your honor or in memory of a loved one.

