

## University of Bridgeport Announces New Dean of Chiropractic College

It is with great pleasure that the University of Bridgeport Division of Health Sciences announces the following recent academic appointments within the [College of Chiropractic](#) (UBCC): David Wickes, MA, DC, has been appointed dean of UBCC.

Dr. Wickes was initially trained as a chiropractic physician in Illinois and has spent most of his professional life in the academic setting. He has served as the chief academic officer at two institutions: the National University of Health Sciences (NUHS) and the University of Western States (UWS).

In addition to his professional doctorate, he holds a master's degree in education and human development from George Washington University, for which his focus was on contemporary educational methods and practices, the best practices in teaching with technology, critical appraisal of educational technology, instructional design and leadership. He has served as a faculty member, department chair, director, dean, and vice president.

Dr. Wickes has also been very active in the chiropractic profession at the national and international level, including being involved at a multitude of levels with the Association of Chiropractic Colleges (ACC), Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME), World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC), Congress of Chiropractic State Associations (COCSA), the Chiropractic Summit, National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE), and the American Chiropractic Association (ACA). He has also helped the Universidade Anhembi Morumbi develop a chiropractic degree program in [Sao Paulo](#), Brazil.

UBCC is committed to training doctors of chiropractic as portal-of-entry providers capable of successfully meeting the challenges of today's integrative health care environment, while respecting the various approaches and philosophies inherent within our diverse chiropractic community. We are confident Dr. Wickes will help us significantly in this regard.

### Other Appointments

Denise Gagne-Kurpiewski has been appointed director of educational assessment and planning for the division of health sciences. She will be responsible for coordinating assessment planning, data collection, reporting, and decision-making by academic departments within health sciences to encourage decision-making based on high-quality assessment data and drive continuous improvement and assure accreditation standards compliance. The director will also provide faculty consultation and training on the development of learning outcomes, curriculum design, rubric design, and the use of assessment information to drive curricular planning.

Ms. Gagne-Kurpiewski's training includes an Advanced Diploma (6th year), Educational Leadership, College of New Rochelle; Administrative Certification Program in Educational Leadership, Sacred Heart University; MBA, University of Bridgeport; Recipient of Director's Award; and BBA, Concentration in Management, Western Connecticut State University.

Paul Sherman, DC, associate professor of clinical sciences, and member of the UBCC faculty since 1998, has been appointed as the coordinator of academic affairs. In addition to continuing in a faculty role, Dr. Sherman will assist the dean, associate dean of clinical education, and director of educational assessment and planning in coordination of academic activities, including, faculty support, program scheduling and planning, student advising and competency assurance, and data compilation and reporting for accreditation compliance.

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