

Dean, College of Health Sciences – Role and Responsibilities

[Dean Dharamsi](#) is the chief academic officer and administrative leader of the College of Health Sciences, and serves as a key member of the University leadership team. The College's Department Chairs, Program Directors, Associate and Assistant Deans, and College staff report directly to the Dean. Representing the College within the University and among a wide range of external constituencies, the Dean promotes UTEP's highly acclaimed Access and Excellence mission, strengthens collaborations with community partners, and fosters excellence in education and research.

The Dean's mandate includes several key priorities:

- Set the academic climate
- Promote a culture of outstanding interdisciplinary education, research and innovation
- Support the mission of the College to prepare the next generation of health and human service practitioners to improve quality of life locally, nationally and globally
- Work with faculty to ensure adherence to accreditation standards, enhanced community engagement, and excellence in clinical practice and research
- Build collaborative relationships between departments and programs in the College, and across the University and into the community
- Foster global engagement efforts
- Cultivate and develop relationships with alumni and industry partners
- Provide financial and administrative management responsibility for the College