

WES DUDGEON



Interim Dean, School of Health Sciences



Wes Dudgeon was appointed interim dean in charge of launching the new School of Health Sciences at College of Charleston. In this role, the focus of his efforts will be to develop novel undergraduate programs that will complement the existing public health and exercise science majors.

As the new school takes shape, Dudgeon will work with community partners to enhance the experiential learning opportunities available to health science students, both locally and abroad. Taken together, these efforts will prepare undergraduate students

to be industry leaders in improving health outcomes, be it as practitioners, researchers or healthcare providers.

As chair of Health & Human Performance (HEHP) at the College, Dudgeon led a department of 800 students and 18 faculty across four different academic majors. During his five years as chair, HEHP absorbed the B.A. in public health degree program and made curricular changes to all majors to better serve student interests and needs. The Physical Education Activity Program also flourished to the point of nearly 20% of the CofC student body annually enrolling in physical education activity courses. He was also instrumental in developing new staff lines, including the HEHP internship coordinator and HEHP lab manager to increase the focus on advising and experiential learning.

As a scholar, Dudgeon's academic pursuits have covered the spectrum of human health. His early career focused on elucidating the impacts of exercise training on persons living with HIV. These efforts led to federal grant funding and numerous conference presentations and journal publications. Recently, his work has focused on improving health/fitness in young adult females via various exercise and nutritional interventions. His research interests complement his teaching in courses such as exercise physiology and sport & exercise nutrition.

EDUCATION

2006: Ph.D. in Exercise Science, University of South Carolina
2002: B.S. in Sports Science, Malone University

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2022-present: Interim Dean, School of Health Sciences, College of Charleston
2016-present: Associate Professor, Department of Health & Human Performance, College of Charleston, Charleston
2016-2021: Chair, Department of Health & Human Performance, College of Charleston
2013-2016: Assistant Professor, Department of Health & Human Performance, College of Charleston
2013: Associate Professor Department of Health, Exercise, & Sports Science, The Citadel
2008-2013: Assistant Professor, Department of Health, Exercise, & Sports Science, The Citadel
2006-2008: Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Health & Human Performance, College of Charleston