

Judy Ortiz to direct School of Physician Assistant Studies

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Longtime faculty member selected to succeed the recently retired Randy Randolph.

Pacific University has named Judy Ortiz, MHS MS PA-C, as the School of Physician Assistant Studies' new program director.

Ortiz, associate director and professor in the School, begins her appointment July 1 and succeeds Randy Randolph, who recently retired after 13 years at the helm.

"Judy has been a visionary force in the School of Physician Assistant Studies for many years as a skilled educator and forward thinker," vice provost and College of Health Professions executive dean Ann Barr said. "She has served the University with distinction and will continue to do so in her new role."

Ortiz began her tenure at Pacific in 1998 as the PA program's academic coordinator, and became the School's associate director in 2005.

She earned a master of health science degree and PA certificate from Duke University and a master of health and sport science degree from Wake Forest University.

Her professional interests include medical simulation, interprofessional education and rural primary care.