NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS SUPPORT WORKFORCE NEEDS

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The University has expanded its contribution to the healthcare workforce with the launch of a bachelor's degree in Health Science.

"The existing shortage of U.S. healthcare workers is escalating," says **Dr. Paula Williams**, Dean of Nursing and Health Professions. "According to the U.S. Department of Labor, one third of all new jobs added to the economy will be related to healthcare. This Health Science major is a much-needed response to workforce and market demands."

Also new for the 2020-21 academic year, two 4+1 programs address the U.S. shortage of highly skilled computer science professionals. Now Rivier's Cybersecurity Management or Mathematics majors can earn a Master of Science in Computer Science degree with just one additional year of study.

"Rivier's commitment to innovation in the sciences is enhancing students' academic and career opportunities," says **Dr. Brian Ernsting**, Vice President for Academic Affairs. "Graduates of these new 4+1 programs will secure rewarding positions, be prepared to make an immediate impact in their organizations, and advance quickly." ∎