

Debbie Craig, Ph.D., Dean, College of Health

Debbie Craig, Ph.D., is UAA dean for the College of Health, having served in the role since July 2022. As dean, Craig oversees all aspects of the College of Health including faculty, staff, and student support, fiscal operations and budget management, representing the college across the UAA campus and at external meetings and events, and daily operations of the college. Craig works closely with the other deans at UAA, with the provost, and with the Office of Academic Affairs.

Previous academic administrative roles Craig has held include serving as associate dean of the College of Health and Human Services at Northern Arizona University. Prior to the associate dean role, she served as the department co-chair, program director, and tenured full professor with that same college. Her areas of expertise include leading professional/specialized health program accreditation efforts, supporting a variety of health-related research efforts, and aligning the educational program offerings with the health workforce needs of the state. Her dedication to improving the inclusion and accessibility efforts within the college has led to many positive changes.

Craig holds a Ph.D. in educational leadership in higher education from Colorado State University, Fort Collins; a master's degree in athletic training from the University of Arizona; and received her bachelor's degree in physical education – emphasis in athletic training from California State University, Chico. She served in a full-time faculty role at Northern Arizona University for 18 years.