New dean of health sciences

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PROFESSOR Mahmoud Soliman has been appointed as the new dean of the school of health sciences at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

The Egyptian-born pharmaceutical chemist intended ensuring that the school was an internationally recognised institution that provided unique teaching, research and community engagement programmes, he said yesterday.

The school of health sciences is responsible for training audiologists, biokineticists, dental therapists, occupational therapists, optometrists, pharmacists, physiotherapists and speech therapists.

Soliman earned his undergraduate qualification from Zagazig University in Egypt before earning his postgraduate degrees from the University of Bath in the UK. He joined UKZN in 2011 as a senior lecturer.

"The school of health sciences is one of the most innovative health education programmes in the country. It has educational facilities outfitted with state-of-the-art technology, and our curriculum promotes learning through utilisation of the best educational approaches and sound teaching principles," Soliman said.


Soliman paid tribute to his family in accepting his appointment.

"My little family, wife and two kids always support me and share my success," he said.