ACADEMIC TEXAS CORE CURRICULUM

Students who will be receiving their first baccalaureate degree from the Health Science Center must successfully complete the Texas Core Curriculum requirements. See the General Education Core Curriculum Policy (http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/generalinformation/institutionalpolicies/educationcorecurriculumpolicy/) for more information, including changes to the Health Science Center’s Core Curriculum based on legislation passed in 2013 and applicable to students matriculating in the fall of 2014.

The Texas Common Course Numbers (TCCN) are provided for guidance. Information is available online (http://www.tccns.org); searches can be conducted by school or course. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Office of the University Registrar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar/) or the respective school/program office to inquire about other courses that may satisfy Core Curriculum requirements.

Any student concurrently enrolled at more than one institution of higher education must follow the core curriculum of the institution in which they are classified as a degree-seeking student. Accordingly all degree-seeking students at the Health Science Center must meet the core curriculum requirement set forth by the Health Science Center to be considered core complete. Students who complete core curriculum of another institution while enrolled at the Health Science Center as a degree-seeking student are, regardless of their status with the other institution, only considered core complete if their coursework satisfies all core curriculum requirements at the Health Science Center.

If a student’s transcript from another Texas public college or university indicates that the student has completed the institution’s core curriculum, no additional core curriculum requirements will be imposed. An Associate in Applied Science degree does not deem a student core complete. If a student has not completed the core requirements at another Texas institution prior to entering the Health Science Center, the student must complete outstanding core requirements before a baccalaureate degree will be awarded by the Health Science Center (even if all program requirements have been met at the Health Science Center). Students who are deficient in core requirements, upon acceptance at the Health Science Center, should work closely with their academic advisor and/or program director to finalize these requirements before completion of the baccalaureate program at the Health Science Center, as meeting Texas Core requirements is a requirement of degree completion. Courses completed must fulfill transfer requirements and be equivalent to the deficient course. Applicants should note that most programs require full completion of the Texas Core prior to admission to the Health Science Center.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or Advanced Placement (AP) credit may be accepted for core curriculum requirements. The maximum number of hours accepted for CLEP shall be established by the respective school/program. More information is available in the Policy on Awarding Academic Credit, Transfers and Substitutions (http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/generalinformation/generalacademicpolicies/policyonawardingacademiccredittransfersandsubstitutions/) in this Catalog.

Timeline to Complete the Texas Core Curriculum

It is recommended that the Texas Core curriculum be completed prior to entry into the Health Science Center, however select courses may be taken up until one semester before graduation.