COURSE CROSS ENROLLMENT POLICY

UNIVERSITY DECISION

It is the decision of the Health Science Center to allow students to enroll in courses in other Health Science Center schools/programs outside their home school/program, so long as: 1) students receive permission from both their home school/program and the school/program in which they plan to enroll by completing an official Cross-enrollment form (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/08/Cross-Enrollment-FormEdits-Rev-7.29.2016.pdf), 2) the course in which the student plans to enroll has start and stop dates that are consistent with the student’s program of study start and stop dates.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

It is the responsibility of the schools/departments to advise students on which courses in other schools/programs will count toward their degree program. Further, individual curriculum committees within each school/program are charged with deciding which courses/programs will allow cross-enrollment. They also will be charged with informing the Office of the University Registrar which courses should be open for cross-enrollment and specifying for each course if there are any students who are to be given priority enrollment (for example, students in their final year of study).

Transcripts: If students sign up for a course outside of their home school/program, the course will be listed on their home career transcript. For example, if a nursing student takes a course in the School of Health Professions (SHP) while the student is an active student in the School of Nursing (SON), the SHP course will show on the same transcript as the student’s nursing courses.

Tuition and fees:

- Under state statute, students in the D.D.S. and M.D. program can only be charged a flat, base tuition rate and will not be charged separately for cross-enrolled courses. Semester credit hour based, excludes D.D.S. and M.D. students.
- Students will be charged tuition and fees (including such fees as the Medical Service fee and Fitness fee) based on their home/billing school/program rate regardless of what school/program has ownership of the course in question.
- Course fees will be charged based on the course in question.
- Students will be charged program fees (such as the education support fee in the School of Health Professions) for their home/billing school/program (if applicable) and may be charged the program fee of the schools/programs of courses in which they are cross-enrolled (if applicable), unless the impacted schools/programs agree to waive that fee. If a school decides to waive program fees for cross-enrolled students, they are responsible for informing the Office of the Bursar in writing of their intent to waive these fees. Students should refer to the Cost of Attendance table on the Office of the Bursar’s website for information about program fee waivers by school/program.
- Financial aid can only be used for courses counting toward degree program completion. A curriculum committee approving a course for cross-enrollment and/or the signature of an administrator designated by the dean of the student’s home school/program on the Cross-Enrollment form will serve as proof that the course is considered part of the student’s degree program for purposes of Financial Aid. It is the responsibility of the schools/departments to verify and certify that a course taken outside a student’s home program will count toward their degree.

Course Rosters: All students registered for a course, regardless of their home school/program, will appear on the same course roster, with the exception of Dental and Medical students enrolled in semester-based courses. They will appear on a separate roster for annually enrolled students.

Courses Requiring Approval: Students must receive permission to enroll in a course offered outside their home school/program, if said course has not been pre-approved as an open-enrollment course by the student’s home program. Students can enroll, without receiving approval, in courses that are published in the catalog as pre-approved, open-enrollment courses in their home program’s plan of study.

Curriculum committees in the schools/program identify courses which will be open for cross-enrollment, designate them as approved, open-enrollment courses in the appropriate plans of study and publish them in the catalog. Students who desire to take a course that is not a pre-approved, open-enrollment course in their plan of study must request approval from both their home program and the receiving program following the process listed below.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Cross-enrollment refers to taking one or more courses in a Health Science Center school/program that is not the same as the student’s home school/program.

Designated administrator/adviser is the person(s) designated by the school/program (sending or receiving) to approve the enrollment of students in a course that is outside their home school/program.

PROCESS


2. Student submits the completed Cross-Enrollment form to the Office of the University Registrar.

3. Staff in the Office of the University Registrar are notified if the start and stop dates of the cross-enrollment course in question fall outside the start and stop dates of the student’s home program/school. When dates of the course are not consistent with the student’s home program the Office of the University Registrar, in consultation with the appropriately designated administrator(s) in the student’s home program/school, will make a determination on a case-by-case basis as to whether the student will be allowed to enroll in the course in question.

4. Office of the University Registrar registers student for the course.