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Catalog

The Catalog contains all programs offered by The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, providing applicants and enrolled students with the information they need regarding the academic careers available to them and the resources needed to succeed in those.

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As per Public Law 101-542, The Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act, information on the graduation rate is available on request from the registrar. All students who enroll are required to be adequately immunized prior to registration. Students applying for admission may review institutional accreditation documents of the Health Science Center by contacting the Office of the Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs. Information about program level accreditation may be obtained at each school at the Health Science Center. Information regarding campus security and crime statistics is available from University Police.

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**Mission Statement**

The mission of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (http://www.uthscsa.edu) is to make lives better through excellence in education, research, health care and community engagement.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu) is to provide the best in health careers education, biomedical research, patient care and community service to San Antonio and the South Texas/Border Region. Through undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate and professional programs, the faculty is committed to educating health professionals who will provide excellent patient care and research that can be applied to treat and prevent disease.

**Research and Teaching**

Faculty excellence at the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu) is demonstrated by faculty members’ participation on many national advisory and governing boards and by their election to high offices in national and professional societies. Faculty recruitment efforts emphasize research as well as teaching. The Health Science Center receives millions of dollars annually in new research, training and public-service grants and contracts for hundreds of projects. The university endowment is growing at an impressive rate.

With the cooperation of medical institutions in the area and the combined resources of the Southwest Research Consortium (http://www.swri.org/8special/consortia/consortia.htm), both basic and clinical research is underway in such fields as cancer, aging, genetics, immunology, cardiovascular disorders, nutrition, arthritis, osteoporosis, psychiatric disorders, AIDS, new drug development and reproductive biology. The consortium is composed of the Health Science Center, The University of Texas at San Antonio (http://www.utsa.edu), the Audie L. Murphy Division of the South Texas Veterans Health Care System (http://www.southtexas.va.gov), Trinity University (http://www.trinity.edu), St. Mary’s University (http://www.stmarytx.edu), the Texas Biomedical Research Institute (http://txbiomed.org/About), Southwest Research Institute (http://www.swri.org), the 311th Human Systems Wing at Brooks City-Base and the San Antonio Military Medical Center. (http://www.bamm.amedd.army.mil/sammc.asp)

The Institute of Biotechnology (IBT) (http://molecularmedicine.uthscsa.edu) is located on a 181-acre site in the Texas Research Park, 20 miles west of the central campus. The IBT is joined by the adjacent South Texas Centers for Biology in Medicine, the Sam and Ann Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging Studies (http://
www.barshop.uthscsa.edu), the Institute for Drug Development and the Southwest Oncology Group.

The Robert F. McDermott Clinical Science Building, on the Greehey Academic and Research Campus, houses the Research Imaging Institute (http://ric.uthscsa.edu) as well as research labs and teaching facilities for the clinical pharmacology and clinical pharmacy programs, and the ophthalmology department.

The School of Health Professions (http://uthscsa.edu/shp) programs are located in three campus buildings. The Research Administration Building is adjacent to the McDermott Building and the Greehey Children’s Cancer Research Institute (http://ccri.uthscsa.edu) and houses three School of Health Professions departments: emergency health sciences, occupational therapy and physical therapy. The Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences is housed in the School of Dentistry building on the main campus. The Department of Physician Assistant Studies and the Department of Respiratory Care are located in the School of Medicine building on the main campus along with the School of Health Professions dean’s office.

The Greehey Children’s Cancer Research Institute (GCCRI) (http://ccri.uthscsa.edu) is a unique and specialized cancer research center located at the Health Science Center’s Greehey Academic and Research Campus. The mission of the GCCRI is to advance scientific knowledge relevant to childhood cancer and to accelerate the translation of knowledge into novel therapies. Through discovery, development and dissemination of scientific knowledge with relevancy to childhood cancer, the overarching aim of the GCCRI is to impact the problem of cancer at all ages.

The Cancer Therapy & Research Center (CTRC) (http://www.ctrc.net) is one of the elite academic cancer centers in the country to be named a National Cancer Institute Designated Cancer Center, and is one of only four in Texas. A leader in developing new drugs to treat cancer, the CTRC Institute for Drug Development conducts one of the largest oncology Phase I clinical drug programs in the world, and participates in development of cancer drugs approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The Medical Arts & Research Center (MARC) (http://www.utmedicine.org) is home to the physicians of UT Medicine San Antonio (http://www.utmedicine.org), the clinical practice of the School of Medicine at the Health Science Center. With more than 700 doctors — all faculty members from the School of Medicine — UT Medicine is the largest medical practice in Central and South Texas, practicing in more than 100 different medical specialties and subspecialties. Located in the South Texas Medical Center at 8300 Floyd Curl Drive, the MARC features state-of-the-art clinics, diagnostic imaging, an ambulatory center, endoscopic suites, operating rooms, physician’s offices and a pharmacy. The MARC complements community physicians who are invited to refer complex cases to UT Medicine specialists and subspecialists.

The South Texas Research Facility (STRF) (http://research.uthscsa.edu/strf), completed in 2011, houses the university’s growing research enterprise, including the Institute for Integration of Medicine and Science and the Center for Healthy Aging. The close proximity of the 190,000-square-foot STRF to the MARC fuels the translation of basic research discoveries into new treatments and cures to save lives.

The Center of Oral Health Care & Research (http://dental.uthscsa.edu/COHCR), completed in 2015, is located next door to UT Medicine’s Medical Arts & Research Center and is the new home for the School of Dentistry’s clinical practice, UT Dentistry. The 198,000-square-foot facility provides for all aspects of students’, residents’, faculty and patients’ clinical experiences and creates an environment that supports the finest in comprehensive and multi-specialty patient care.

Size and Location

The Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu) is one of 14 institutions of the University of Texas System (http://www.utsystem.edu). The Health Science Center is composed of six campuses in San Antonio and South Texas.

The Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Campus is located on nearly 100 acres in the heart of San Antonio’s South Texas Medical Center (http://southtexasmed.com). A few blocks away are the 92-acre Greehey Academic and Research Campus and the Medical Arts & Research Center (MARC). The 181-acre Texas Research Park Campus is in west Bexar County. The Cancer Therapy & Research Center (CTRC) (http://www.uthscsa.edu/patient-care/ctrc) and the South Texas Research Facility are located on the Greehey campus on Floyd Curl Drive. The university’s South Texas campus is located in Laredo.

Students are enrolled in the Health Science Center’s five schools—School of Dentistry (http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/dental), Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu), School of Health Professions (http://uthscsa.edu/shp), School of Medicine (http://som.uthscsa.edu) and School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu). Also, programs leading to a Doctor of Pharmacy, Master of Public Health, as well as a Ph.D. in translational science and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in biomedical engineering, are jointly conducted with other universities within The University of Texas System.

In addition, several hundred individuals are pursuing post-doctoral education, and hundreds more medical interns and residents are training at the institution. Annual research awards and sponsored program activity for fiscal year 2014 was $185 million. The interdisciplinary aspects of research and patient care are regarded as being among the university’s greatest strengths. The university’s locations on the northwest side of San Antonio are accessible to those who study and work in the Medical Center complex and to patients. Interstate 10 and the city’s major thoroughfare, Loop 410, converge about one mile from the Long and Greehey campuses.

The Health Science Center has more than 4 million square feet of education, research, treatment and administrative facilities. The university employs 5,500 faculty and staff, and in fiscal year 2015 had an operating budget of $787.7 million.

The Greehey Children’s Cancer Research Institute (GCCRI) (http://ccri.uthscsa.edu) concentrates on the epidemiology of children’s cancer in the South Texas border region, identifying new targets of therapy in childhood cancer, new drug development and research in cancer prevention. The GCCRI is located on the Greehey campus at 8403 Floyd Curl Drive, between the CTRC and the Research Administration Building.

Many institutions in San Antonio serve as excellent resources for programs of the Health Science Center. These include facilities of Bexar County’s University Health System (http://www.universityhealthsystem.com), South Texas Veterans Health Care System/Audie Murphy Division (http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?id=115), San Antonio Military Health System (http://www.health.mil/About-MHS/Other-MHS-Organizations/San-Antonio-Military-Health-System), San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (http://www.sanantonio.gov/health), Southwest Research Institute (http://
www.swri.org) and the Texas Biomedical Research Institute (http://www.txbiomed.org/about). Over the years, the Health Science Center has collaborated extensively with Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs colleagues in education, research and health care. To build on that strong foundation, the university established a Military Health Institute (http://uthscsa.edu/military) to enhance and sustain collaborations at the local, state, national and international levels.

The Health Science Center’s Regional Academic Health Center (http://rahc.uthscsa.edu) (RAHC) is located in Harlingen, Texas, in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Clinical education training sites supporting the RAHC include Valley Baptist Medical Center, Su Clinica Familiar and other clinical sites throughout the Valley. The RAHC’s educational programs are supported by classrooms, a medical library, a clinical simulation center and other resources.

The Health Science Center’s Regional Campus in Laredo (http://laredo.uthscsa.edu) offers educational programs that serve Laredo and the surrounding area. These include educational experiences provided by the South Texas Environmental Education and Research (STEER) (http://steer.uthscsa.edu) program. Through lectures, field work and hands-on training, students from the Health Science Center and throughout Texas, the U.S. and Mexico learn how environmental factors such as water and air quality, sanitation, culture, herbal remedies and animal-borne diseases can affect public and community health. The program is also the foundation of the four-year M.D./M.P.H. program offered in collaboration with the UT School of Public Health. The four-week, fourth-year School of Medicine (http://som.UTHSCSA.edu) elective and/or M.P.H. practicum is run seven to eight times per year. Please refer to the School of Medicine website for updated information.

Dental Residents and Student Training: The School of Dentistry (http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/dental) provides dental education opportunities for Health Science Center dental residents in collaboration with a number of clinical partners in South Texas, including Laredo, Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Harlingen, Raymondville and Brownsville as well as in San Antonio. Currently, residency training in pediatric dentistry is based at the Laredo Regional Campus (didactic training via video conferencing) and at the Laredo Health Department (clinical training). Residents from San Antonio programs in prosthodontics and periodontics rotate to Laredo in collaboration with Gateway Community Health Center. Residents in public health dentistry from San Antonio rotate to Laredo through an agreement with United Independent School District and the Laredo Independent School District. These collaborations offer rotations for dental students and residents, as well as dental hygiene students.

Teaching Affiliates - San Antonio

Some members of the staff of our teaching affiliates hold joint appointments in the School of Dentistry, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, School of Health Professions, School of Medicine or School of Nursing and participate in educational research programs. These institutions constitute an important resource for training students and provide needed laboratory space for conducting research.

University Hospital, the teaching hospital and Level I trauma center owned by Bexar County’s University Health System (http://www.universityhealthsystem.com), adjoins the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu) and is connected to the School of Medicine building at several levels. The 498-bed facility significantly expanded in 2014, with the 10-story tower adjacent to the existing hospital. The tower includes an 88-bed Emergency Center, two floors of operating suites and six floors of private patient rooms. University Hospital is San Antonio’s only magnet hospital and has approved post-graduate training programs in anesthesiology, surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, ophthalmology, orthopedic surgery, otolaryngology/head-and-neck surgery, neurosurgery, thoracic surgery, pathology, pediatrics, rehabilitation medicine, psychiatry, radiology, urology, and family practice, as well as more than 20 additional subspecialty residencies and fellowships.

University Health System’s Robert B. Green Campus downtown is an outpatient health center featuring more than 103 primary, specialty and urgent care clinics. More than 300,000 outpatient visits are conducted there each year. A six-story advanced clinical pavilion opened on the Robert B. Green campus in 2013.

The South Texas Veterans Health Care System (STVHCS) (http://www2.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?id=115) is comprised of two inpatient campuses: the Audie L. Murphy Memorial VA Hospital in San Antonio and the Kerrville VA Hospital in Kerrville, Texas. South Texas provides medical, surgical, and psychiatric health services for approximately 100,000 veterans. The VA Hospital in San Antonio is linked to University Hospital by a crosswalk.

CHRISTUS Santa Rosa (http://www.christussantarosa.org) is a Catholic, faith-based, nonprofit health and wellness ministry dedicated to providing the highest quality medical care and services available. As one of the top health care organizations in South Central Texas, CHRISTUS Santa Rosa has five hospital campuses located in the South Texas Medical Center, New Braunfels, Westover Hills, and a short-stay surgical hospital in Alamo Heights. CHRISTUS Santa Rosa has an extensive medical staff, a wide variety of primary care providers, an extensive offering of specialty care, and multiple programs in place to benefit the community. Complete health care services offered include but are not limited to: cardiology, bariatric surgery, gastroenterology, geriatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedics, outpatient rehabilitation, and wound care and hyperbaric treatment.

San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC) (http://www.bamc.amedd.army.mil) located at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio is the largest inpatient medical facility in the Department of Defense (DoD). It plays a critical role in graduate medical education and research and patient care, including for wounded service members. SAMMC is home to the DoD’s only U.S. Army Institute for Surgical Research Burn Center and the only DoD Level 1 Trauma Center in the U.S. The hospital staff provides inpatient care in a 2.1 million-square-foot, 425-bed state-of-the-art medical treatment facility. The hospital, formerly known as Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) and renamed SAMMC, is the largest of the six treatment facilities in San Antonio under the BAMC command. Other facilities falling under BAMC include the Center for the Intrepid, Fort Sam Houston Clinic, McWethy Troop Medical Clinic, Taylor Burk Clinic at Camp Bullis, and the Schertz Medical Home. SAMMC sustains more than 89 accredited educational programs.

Baptist Health System (http://baptisthealthsystem.com/home.aspx) is a trusted provider of health care in San Antonio and South Texas. The System includes five acute-care hospitals (Baptist Medical Center, Mission Trail Baptist Hospital, North Central Baptist Hospital, Northeast Baptist Hospital, and St. Luke’s Baptist Hospital), which offer 1,674 licensed beds. All five hospitals have earned Accredited Chest Pain Center designation, as well as Primary Stroke Center Certification. The system also includes Baptist Regional Children’s Center, Baptist Breast Center, HealthLink wellness and fitness center, Baptist M&S Imaging Centers, community health and wellness programs, ambulatory services, rehabilitation services, medical office buildings, San Antonio AirLIFE air
medical transport, School of Health Professions, and other health-related services and affiliations.

The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (http://www.sanantonio.gov/HEALTH/) Ricardo Salinas Clinic provides training opportunities for pediatric dentistry residents and dental students under the supervision of pediatric dentistry faculty. Pregnant women, young mothers and children are the primary users of medical and WIC facilities of the center. Close interactions between the medical and dental/WIC clinics promote a significant opportunity to emphasize the relationship between oral health and general health.

The Texas Diabetes Institute (http://www.universityhealthsystem.com/research-diabetes?gclid=CKCo3ZGO4rACFcLeTAoDVHEx1w), another component of the University Health System (http://www.universityhealthsystem.com), is located in west San Antonio. The campus includes the Village of Hope, an ambulatory center for children with developmental disabilities, and an outpatient hemodialysis unit. The Texas Diabetes Institute offers all specialty services related to diabetes prevention and treatment, and is home to one the nation’s leading diabetes research centers. University Health System’s ambulatory network includes 16 other clinic locations throughout the community.

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) (http://www.utsa.edu) is one of eight academic universities and six health institutions in the UT System. As a multicultural institution, UTSA aims to be a national research university providing access to educational excellence and preparing citizen leaders for the global environment. UTSA serves nearly 31,000 students in more than 130 degree programs. Its students and scholars often collaborate with the Health Science Center community through educational, research and community outreach projects in a variety of disciplines.

Clarity Child Guidance Center (CGC) (http://www.claritycgc.org) is a nonprofit mental health treatment center providing programs designed specifically for children ages 3-17 suffering from emotional and behavioral difficulties. The facility includes a 52-bed psychiatric hospital and separate outpatient treatment center to provide acute and crisis assistance 24 hours a day, seven days a week; sub-acute residential and day treatment; child, adolescent and family therapy; medication management; psychological assessments; psychiatric evaluations; developmental assessments; neuropsychological assessments; and substance abuse evaluations. Clarity CGC incorporates a multi-disciplinary team approach, including board certified child/adolescent psychiatrists, nurses, psychologists, social workers, therapists, teachers, and aides. Through an affiliation agreement with the Health Science Center, Clarity CGC is a training site for child psychiatry residents and clinical psychology residents. Social workers and special education and nursing students from several area universities gain clinical experience at this facility as well.

An affiliation agreement is maintained between the Health Science Center and the Texas Biomedical Research Institute (http://txbiomed.org/About). This agreement allows the two institutions to share facilities and faculty. The Texas Biomedical Research Institute staff works primarily in the fields of genetics, virology and immunology, and animal models of human diseases. The Institute has 527,000 square feet of offices, laboratories and animal space. A large indoor and outdoor animal facility houses a primate colony and other animals to support the biomedical research effort.

An agreement between the Health Science Center and the Southwest Research Institute (http://www.swri.org) allows cooperation in research. The Southwest Research Institute, an independent, nonprofit, applied engineering and physical sciences research and development organization, has its headquarters in San Antonio.

The School of Dentistry (http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/dental) is affiliated with a number of federally qualified community health centers, local health departments, hospitals, school districts, mental health facilities, military facilities, homeless facilities, faith-based clinics and nursing homes in San Antonio, Bexar County and South Texas, as well as U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service (http://www.ihs.gov) facilities located throughout the United States that serve as clinical training sites in: (a) primary care; (b) preventive dentistry; (c) pediatric dentistry; (d) emergency care and hospital dentistry; (e) alternative dental care delivery, using mobile and portable dental equipment at outreach sites; and (f) practice management training in the offices of private practitioners. Predoctoral dental students receive training (required and elective) at the various sites where they are supervised by full and/or part-time faculty as well as adjunct faculty. Postdoctoral dental students from the various general and specialty residency programs receive training in affiliated hospitals and private practices in Texas. The School of Health Professions (http://www.uthscsa.edu/physprof) maintains clinical affiliation agreements with more than 250 clinical sites throughout San Antonio and Texas, where students receive substantial portions of their professional education.

The School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) is affiliated with more than 300 community facilities that serve as practice sites for graduate and undergraduate students.

Other Affiliated Institutions and Programs

The goal of the South Texas Area Health Education Center (AHEC) (http://uthscsa.edu/cstp/stahec.aspx) is to increase the number of primary care physicians and other health professionals by developing strong “pipeline” programs in the primarily underserved and highly impoverished 38-county region of South Texas. AHEC recruits minority students from disadvantaged backgrounds to participate in mentoring and educational activities designed to prepare and inspire them to enter into the health care field. Programs aim to strengthen science skills and increase the competitive applicant pool of minority students to pursue health professions education. The mission is to improve access to culturally competent and quality primary care through appropriate preparation, composition and distribution of the health professional workforce in South Texas. AHEC is committed to improving the health status and quality of life for residents of South Texas.

The South Texas Environmental Education and Research Center (STEER) (http://steer.uthscsa.edu) offers an elective course in environmental and border health in Laredo for medical students and residents, and students in other health care fields. STEER also is involved in research and community activities such as a study of asthma among schoolchildren, and a project to help residents in border colonies chlorinate their drinking water. The center began in 1996 with funding from the South Texas/Border Region Health Education Initiative.

Academic Calendars

The Health Science Center maintains eight separate academic calendars to accommodate the professional and clinical needs of programs within the five schools. These are created as a result of collaboration between the academic programs, deans’ offices, and Office of the University Registrar.
Current academic calendars are published in this Catalog, and past, current, and future tentative calendars are published on the Office of the University Registrar website (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar/2013/04/academic-calendar).

Programs of Study

The Health Science Center offers degrees in health-related fields across five schools: The School of Dentistry, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, School of Medicine, School of Health Professions, and School of Nursing.

School of Dentistry

Bachelor of Science
- Dental Hygiene

Certificates
- Advanced Education in General Dentistry
- Dental Diagnostic Science
- Dental Public Health
- Endodontics
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Periodontics
- Prosthodontics

Master of Science
- Dental Hygiene

Professional
- Doctor of Dental Surgery
- Doctor of Dental Surgery/Doctor of Philosophy

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Certificate
- Cancer Prevention
- Translational Science

Master of Science
- Biomedical Engineering
- Cellular and Structural Biology
- Clinical Investigation
- Dental Science
- Immunology & Infection
- Microbiology and Immunology
- Radiological Sciences
- Toxicology

Doctor of Philosophy
- Biomedical Engineering
- Integrated Biomedical Sciences
- Radiological Sciences
- Translational Science

Professional
- Doctor of Medical Physics (DMP)

School of Health Professions

Bachelor of Science
- Clinical Laboratory Science
- Emergency Health Sciences
- Respiratory Care

Certificates
- Clinical Laboratory Sciences
- Clinical Laboratory Sciences: Clinical Chemistry
- Clinical Laboratory Sciences: Hematology
- Clinical Laboratory Sciences: Immunohematology
- Clinical Laboratory Sciences: Microbiology
- Emergency Medical Technician-Basic
- Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic

Master's Level
- Occupational Therapy (MOT)
- Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS)
- Respiratory Care (MS)

Professional
- Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

School of Medicine

Professional
- Doctor of Medicine
- Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy
- Doctor of Medicine/Master’s of Public Health

Master of Science
- Deaf Education and Hearing Science

School of Nursing

Bachelor of Science
- Nursing - Accelerated Track
- Nursing - Traditional Track

Post Graduate Certificates
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Nursing Education
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Master of Science in Nursing
- Administration Management
- Clinical Nurse Leader
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
University Admissions Policy

UNIVERSITY DECISION

It is the policy of the Health Science Center to admit applicants who declare their intention to enroll in a school upon satisfactory completion of all admission requirements set forth by the institution and schools. Schools admit qualified applicants into the term for which they applied at their discretion, based on admission requirements and other standards they deem appropriate.

Each school’s admission policy and its formal application process may be found at each school’s website and through its Office of the Dean. General information about university processes can be obtained through the Office of the University Registrar at the Health Science Center.

Revisions to admission policies are reflected in the “Admissions Criteria Report,” submitted annually to The University of Texas System Board of Regents in accordance with Texas Education Code 51.352 (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.51.htm) which requires the governing board to “set campus admission standards consistent with the role and mission of the institution,” and with Texas Education Code, 51.808 (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.51.htm), which requires each institution to adopt written admission policies. The Health Science Center admission policies are consistent with the requirements of these laws, other applicable federal and state laws, and The University of Texas System Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rules.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

The Office of the University Registrar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar) has the responsibility for ensuring that the institutional admission requirements for each student’s admission are satisfied as a condition for students to be eligible to register. Please note that for applicants without a Bachelor’s degree awarded from a regionally accredited institution, Texas Core courses must be fulfilled before the first day of class or earlier. Please refer to the Credit Hours Policy for more detailed information. The respective Admissions Office within each school has the responsibility for ensuring that the schools’ admission requirements and standards for each student’s admission are satisfied. The school has the responsibility of reviewing admission requirements on an annual basis to ensure that they are compatible with the role and mission of the Health Science Center. Each school’s and program’s admissions requirements are located under the school’s section of this Catalog.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Academic Texas Core Curriculum

As defined by the Texas Education Code 61.821 (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.61.htm), it is “the curriculum in liberal arts, humanities, and sciences and political, social and cultural history that all undergraduate students of an institution of higher education are required to complete before receiving an academic undergraduate degree.”

Degree-Seeking Student

Students enrolled in courses for credit who are recognized by the institution as seeking a degree or formal award.

Exceptional Admission Student

Students admitted who do not meet the requirement for admission as Regular Students, but can present sufficient evidence indicating their capability to do university level work.

Non-Degree Seeking Student

A student enrolled in courses for credit who is not recognized by the institution as seeking a degree or formal award.

Matriculated

A student who has been accepted into and has enrolled in a degree-granting program.

Regular student

A person who is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an institution for the purpose of obtaining a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential offered by that institution.

Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

TSI is a state-legislated program designed to improve student success in college. It consists of two components: an assessment to diagnose basic reading, writing, math skills and developmental instruction to strengthen academic skills needing improvement.

ADMISSIONS CATEGORIES

Prospective applicants may be admitted to any Health Science Center school as regular students under the following conditions:

1. High School Graduate – Graduation from a high school accredited by a state department of education and/or recognized regional accrediting association.
2. GED – Successful completion of the General Education Development test (GED) as certified by a state education agency
3. College/University Transfer – Prior attendance at a regionally accredited college or university. Under this condition, applicants will not be accepted if they are ineligible to enroll at their previous institutions.

ADMISSIONS/MATRICULATION PROCEDURES

FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS

Prior to enrollment at the Health Science Center, prospective students must complete the following Admission Enrollment Procedures. All
applications and supporting documents submitted become the property of the Health Science Center and are not returned to the student.

1. Applicant must submit the official admission application through the designated application service. Those may include the following:
   • American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) (https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas)
     • Effective Fall 2012, for the entering class of Fall 2013, this service (https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas) is utilized by applicants to the M.D./Ph.D. program.
   • Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS)
     • Non-Texas residents applying to Dental School may apply through AADSAS (https://portal.aadsasweb.org), although they may also apply to TMDSAS (https://www.utsystem.edu/tmdsas) if they prefer.
   • Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA)
     • CASPA (https://portal.caspaonline.org) is an online application used to apply for the Physician Assistant Program at the Health Science Center.
     • All prospective applicants for this program must apply online using this application service.
   • EMBARK
     • Embark (https://apply.embark.com/Grad/UTHSCSA/26) is an online application for all applicants for the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences for the exception of the M.D./Ph.D. program.
     • The joint degree program available to Medical students uses the American Medical College Application Service (https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas) (AMCAS) to apply for this program. Please refer to the website listed above for AMCAS.
   • Nursing Centralized Application Service (NCAS)
     • Applicants for the baccalaureate, Master's & DNP program for Nursing School should apply use the online application provided by NCAS (http://www.nursingcas.org).
     • Any Ph.D. applicants for nursing should apply online using Embark (See above.)
   • The Centralized Application Service for Occupational Therapy (OTCAS)
     • Effective Fall 2015, for the entering class of Summer 2016, this service (https://portal.otcas.org) is utilized by applicants to the M OCCT program.
   • Apply Texas
     • An undergraduate applicant may file, and each institution of higher education shall accept, an application for admission as an entering freshman or undergraduate transfer student that uses the appropriate form adopted under the Texas Education Code 51.762 and 51.763 (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.51.htm). The form used to apply to a general academic teaching institution may be filed in either electronic or printed format. An institution of higher education is not prohibited from requiring an applicant to submit additional information within a reasonable time after the institution has received an application using a form adopted under this section.
     • A common application form for undergraduate and graduate applicants to particular programs is available electronically through Apply Texas (http://www.applytexas.org).
   • In addition to other information considered appropriate by the board, the board by rule shall require each institution to collect information regarding gender, ethnicity, and date of birth as part of the application process and report this information to the board.
   • Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS)
     • Effective Fall 2015, for the entering class of Fall 2016, this service (http://www.ptcas.org/home.aspx) is utilized by applicants to the DPT program.
   • Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service (TMDSAS)
     • This service is utilized by applicants to medical and dental schools in Texas. All applicants to the School of Medicine must apply through TMDSAS (https://www.utsystem.edu/tmdsas), (Applicants to the M.D./Ph.D. program must apply through AMCAS (https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas) as well).
     • All applicants to the School of Dentistry who are Texas residents must also apply through TMDSAS. Non-Texas residents interested in applying to the School of Dentistry may apply through AADSAS if they prefer.
   • Institutional Paper Applications. Due to the nature and requirements of some programs, paper applications or electronic applications in the form of Word or PDF documents may be used. Programs that use alternate applications include the following, although it may not be all inclusive:
     • International Dentist Education Program (http://dental.uthscsa.edu/admissions/IDEP.php)
     • Advanced Standing medical students with previously-earned professional degrees at accredited dental schools continuing studies in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
     • Advanced Dental certificate programs
     • Certain non-degree seeking students, including Nursing and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences students
     • Emergency Medical Technicians, either Basic or Paramedic level, participating in the program through the City of San Antonio

2. Schools may require a supplemental application with application fee which will include Texas Core, Residency Questions, requests for social security numbers, and other identifying information.

3. Applicant must submit official copies of transcripts from all previously attended institutions of higher education to include Technical and Vocational Schools and Community Colleges.
   a. Credit will be considered and may be awarded for courses deemed by the Office of the University Registrar to be equivalent in course content and learning outcomes to other similar bona fide college level courses.
   b. If a previous degree was awarded, the degree must be posted on the Official Transcript.
   c. If transcripts are obtained from international institutions of higher education, they must be evaluated by an approved Foreign Credentialing Agency. Acceptable agencies include current members of National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (http://www.naces.org) (NACES).

4. Students entering college for the first time, also referred to as first-time-in-college, must submit official transcripts from the last high school attended with date of completion or GED.

5. Applicants are required to provide authorization for a security background and sanction check for evaluation by their respective
6. All students must possess continuous comprehensive health insurance while enrolled at the Health Science Center, including international students.

7. Excess Hours: Texas Education Code and rules of The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board dictate the maximum number of hours students may complete in pursuit of certain degrees. Undergraduate students may not exceed specific totals of combined semester credit hours based on their degree program, as well as their first year of admission to a college or university, in pursuit of their first baccalaureate degree. Graduate students may not exceed 130.0 semester credit hours in pursuit of a Ph.D. In both cases, the penalty for exceeding the maximum number of hours is assessment of non-Texas resident tuition without options for tuition waivers. See the Excess Hours Policy (p. 19) in this Catalog for details.

8. All accepted applicants intending to enroll are required to have completed immunizations requirements. Each student must submit written and signed documentation by a licensed healthcare provider (RN, NP, PA, or M.D.) verifying their vaccination status. These are assessed and verified by the Student Health Clinic.

9. All applicants will have holds placed on their records prohibiting registration. These holds exist to ensure the institution's receipt of critical documentation, including, but not limited to, updated immunization records, final and official transcripts from previous institutions attended, criminal background checks, and proof of citizenship. Holds may only be removed by designated officials in the various offices ultimately responsible for tracking and verifying the documentation sought. Documentation may need to be updated and/or resubmitted following breaks in attendance or delays in matriculation due to deferrals.

**DEFERRED ADMISSION**

Applicants who are offered admission may be granted deferred admission to the subsequent term by the admissions office under the school to which they applied. Under deferred admission, applicants must re-apply to the new term using the same application service and method, re-pay any application fees, and submit updated supporting documentation. Under no circumstances will applications be transferred electronically from one term to the next, nor will new, added or increased application fees be waived. Applicants under deferred admission who fail to re-apply using the same application service and re-pay application fees will not be matriculated into the new term.

**DECLINED ADMISSION**

Applicants who are offered admission but decline the offer must re-apply to any subsequent term using the same application service and method, re-pay any application fees, and submit updated supporting documentation. This applies regardless of whether the applicant applies to the same program, or a different one. Under no circumstances will applications be transferred electronically from one term to the next, nor will new, added or increased application fees be waived. Applicants who decline an initial offer of admission must re-apply using the appropriate application service and re-pay any application fees in order to be matriculated into the new term, provided an offer of admission is extended under the new application.

**ERRONEOUS APPLICATIONS**

Applicants who apply to a program and/or particular term in error must re-apply to the intended program and/or term at their expense and in accordance with specified deadlines. Under no circumstances will applications be transferred electronically from one term to the next, nor will new, added or increased application fees be waived. Supporting documentation must be resubmitted with the new application. Deadlines will not be extended to accommodate the corrected application. In cases where deadlines cannot be met or have passed, applicants must apply to the next available term.

**RE-ADMISSION**

It is the student’s responsibility to re-apply for admission to the Health Science Center after an interruption of enrollment of more than one year prior to enrolling for classes. Interruption may occur as a result of inactivity and/or failure to register, administrative or voluntary leaves of absence, withdrawal, or dismissal.

In general, an application for readmission by a student who has previously withdrawn or has been dismissed is subject to the same requirements, procedures, and acceptance considerations that apply to first-time applicants. Students will be asked to submit a current, updated criminal background check to their designated student affairs dean or other designated official at their own cost. Students may also be asked to submit new official transcripts from any colleges or universities attended since the time of the previous enrollment as well as provide other recent documents required by the schools. Individuals who have completed the first year of a program may be readmitted, at the discretion of the faculty, on a space-available basis.

If the student does not return until one year has elapsed regardless of the reason, he or she will have to re-apply for admission with the burden of proof for eligibility resting on the student. He or she will be competing for admission against students who have formally applied and been granted a bona fide leave of absence by the respective school prior to their absence; and/or all new applicants for admission.

Re-Admission Appeal: Should a student be denied re-admission under this policy, the student may appeal her/his denial of re-admission following the written re-admit appeal policy established by the affected school.

When students interrupt their enrollment at the Health Science Center and return later to complete their plan of study, major curriculum changes may have occurred, affecting the student’s ability to graduate with requisite competencies/knowledge currently implied by the degree or certificate sought.

1. If there have been no curricular changes in the program during the non-enrollment period, the student may remain under the student’s original degree plan. School of Medicine and School of Dentistry only recognize official Leave of Absence as interruptions to enrollment. Dismissals and withdraws, requested or required, would be treated under re-admission. Students that are re-admitted must start the curriculum with the class they are entering with, not the class they were in previously. The School of Medicine or School of Dentistry will determine the conditions under which a student may return to school from an official Leave of Absence.

2. When a student re-enrolls after an interruption of enrollment of more than one year (4 consecutive terms) but less than six years, a conference shall be held between the student and the student’s Program Faculty Advisor or other designated official to determine
Scores on TOEFL and IELTS tests taken more than two years prior to the date of application are not acceptable.

- Countries exempted from the TOEFL and/or IELTS requirement:
  American Samoa, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada (except Quebec), Cayman Islands, Dominica, Federated States of Micronesia, Grenada, Guam, Guyana, Jamaica, Liberia, New Zealand, United Kingdom (all), Trinidad-Tobago, and Virgin Islands.

Transcripts from all previous educational experiences (from secondary schools through any post-secondary educational institutions) that are published in a language other than English language must be accompanied with an attachment which translates verbatim the wording on each document into the English language. Transcripts must be evaluated by an approved current NACES member (http://www.naces.org/members.htm) or AACRAO.

JOINT ADMISSIONS

Joint Admission is a special alliance between a community college/university and the Health Science Center. This partnership is developed to make the student’s transition to the university as smooth as possible. As a community college/university student, joint admission participants can access many of the resources available to university students and receive some university perks before the student actually enrolls at that university.

The benefits to establishing joint admission process are to:

- Often reduce or have no university application fee
- Academic advising from both campuses to ensure the most effective and efficient path to graduation
- Often a university ID; this card will also give the student access to the university library
- Often a free university email account that can be used anywhere
- Easy transferability of courses between the two schools enabling the student to be awarded a degree after leaving the community college/university.

Students must complete an Intent To Enroll Form when they are ready to transfer from the community college/university and provide official transcripts from the community college/university to the Office of the University Registrar.

NON-DEGREE SEEKING ADMISSIONS

An individual who wishes to enroll in courses offered by the School without entering a certificate or degree program must apply for admission as a non-degree student. In general, a non-degree seeking student will have an academic background similar to those ordinarily admitted to the School as a first time student; course prerequisites and minimum grade point averages (GPA) are generally consistent with the published admissions criteria for each School. Permission to enroll as a non-degree seeking student may be granted by the Dean, Associate Dean, or Department Chair and will be enrolled only if space is available. Currently enrolled students have priority for courses.

Students seeking non-degree student status must:

- Communicate their desire to enroll as a non-degree seeking student to the school.
- Students must receive approval by the school.
- A student may register as a non-degree student for a maximum of four semesters. Exceptions to this rule will be decided by the school.
Students who seek future enrollment a Certificate or Degree Program may enroll for a maximum of 12 semester credit hours.

- Non-degree seeking students who seek future enrollment in a school's program may transfer course hours taken as a non-degree student with the approval of the appropriate Director.
- Non-degree seeking students who wish to transfer courses to degree-seeking programs at a later date must do so within five years of completing the non-degree coursework.
- It is the student's responsibility to determine if the course is transferable to her or his school.

Students must go through the appropriate non-degree seeking student admissions process, please communicate directly with the school. Students do not have to register consecutively for classes each semester but may skip a semester without penalty.

Course grading policies and standards for non-degree status students are the same as those for regular students. All grades received as a non-degree status student will be included on the student's transcript and used for computing the cumulative GPA if the student is subsequently admitted to a certificate or degree program.

ADMISSIONS – CHILDREN OF PUBLIC SERVANTS

An applicant for undergraduate admission is entitled to automatic admission if the applicant meets any minimum admissions requirements established by this institution and is a child of certain public servants who were killed or sustained a fatal injury in the line of duty.

ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS CONSIDERATIONS

Student admissions committees throughout the university may consider several elements or personal characteristics in the selection of students. The specific elements to be used and the weight applied to each element in the selection of an applicant are the prerogative of the admissions committee of each school or program. It has been clearly documented and widely understood that admissions processes emphasizing performance of applicants on standardized test scores and grade point averages alone do not necessarily result in the admission of a diverse student body. Whenever desired by the schools, candidates will be interviewed prior to making admissions decisions. Elements that may be included in consideration of applicants are:

- Applicant’s goals for future (written personal statement or at interview)
- Awards and honors for academic achievement
- Awards and honors of distinction for humanitarian service
- Awards and honors for public speaking and communication skills
- Race and ethnicity
- Bilingual language ability
- Commitment/desire to serve in a medically underserved region of the state following graduation (written personal statement or at interview)
- Educational attainment of the applicant’s family
- Employment history, especially as it occurred simultaneously with undergraduate academic preparation
- Extracurricular activities
- GPA and standard test scores
- Hometown or county of residence is from medically underserved and/or health professional shortage areas, with particular emphasis on South Texas
- Leadership potential
- Personal interview
- Prior experience in providing health care related services
- Prior military service with training and experience in health-care-related area
- Public/community service volunteer activities
- Reference letters or recommendations
- Research accomplishments
- Socioeconomic history (educationally and/or economically disadvantaged)
- Standardized entrance exams (e.g. Graduate Record Examination [GRE]; Medical College Admissions Test [MCAT]; Dental Admissions Test [DAT])
- Successful experience in overcoming adverse personal, family, or life conditions/experiences
- Successful graduation from another nationally accredited health-care-related curriculum. (For example, a respiratory therapist might apply for admission to medical school; or a dental hygienist for admission to dental school, or a surgical technician might apply for admission to nursing school; an Emergency Medical Technician may potentially apply to Physician’s Assistant program, medical school, nursing school, etc.)
- Texas residency status, including permanent residency status in some programs
- Volunteer activities in healthcare-related areas and/or the community

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Admission to and participation in the educational programs and activities of the Health Science Center shall be open to all qualified individuals regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability. Preference should be given to Texas residents over non-residents.

RACE AND ETHNICITY IN ADMISSION

As authorized by The University of Texas System Board of Regents, race and ethnicity have been added to the pool of non-cognitive factors considered for admissions decision to Health Science Center academic programs. As state law requires one-year notification of changes to admissions criteria prior to their use in admission decision, the addition was effective beginning with academic year 2006-2007.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

The Health Science Center's educational programs are designed to meet the health work force needs of Texas. Health Science Center admissions criteria are aligned to foster the graduation of health professionals who will be responsive to the needs of the increasingly diverse population of the state. The Health Science Center is committed to the importance of diversity in the recruitment and education of future health professionals and holds that diversity enhances the delivery of care and service to communities across a broad range of racial and ethnic groups, and promotes efforts to reduce health disparities among these groups. A diverse student body raises the cultural competence of all health professional students. Diversity is not solely limited to race and ethnicity, but it also encompasses talents, life skills and special attributes. This commitment to diversity is expressed through the identification, recruitment, selection, matriculation and graduation of qualified health
professions students from different racial, ethnic and/or disadvantaged backgrounds. Our goals are for the Health Science Center student body to mirror the growing diversity of the Texas population and the promotion of understanding, among our students and graduates, of the multiple and varied needs of the individuals and communities that comprise the population of Texas.

ACADEMIC TEXAS CORE CURRICULUM

In compliance with Texas Education Code 61.821 - 61.83 (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.61.htm), all undergraduate degree programs at the Health Science Center (i.e., health professions, dental hygiene and nursing) require completion of the Health Science Center Core Curriculum.

For detailed information about the Academic Core Curriculum please reference the Academic Texas Core Curriculum Policy in this Catalog.

STANDARDIZED TESTS

An applicant’s performance on a standardized test may not be used in the admissions or competitive scholarship process for a graduate or professional program as the sole criterion for consideration of the applicant or as the primary criterion to end consideration of the applicant. If an applicant’s performance on a standardized test is used in the admissions or competitive scholarship process, the applicant’s performance must also be used to compare the applicant’s test score with those of other applicants from similar socioeconomic backgrounds to the extent that those backgrounds can be properly determined and identified based on information provided in the institution’s admissions or competitive scholarship process. This does not apply to a standardized test used to measure the English language proficiency of a student who is a graduate of a foreign institution of higher education.

The university may not assign a specific weight to any one factor being considered in the admissions or competitive scholarship process for a graduate or professional program.

In addition to current university requirements for admission, Schools may require that applicants have either:

1. Successfully completed the curriculum requirements for the recommended or advanced high school program or its equivalent
2. Satisfied ACT’s College Readiness Benchmarks on the ACT assessment applicable to the applicant or earned on the SAT assessment a score of at least 1,500 out of 2,400 or the equivalent.

The above requirement may be satisfied if the applicant’s official high school transcript or diploma states that the applicant completed the portion of the recommended or advanced curriculum or its equivalent that was available to the applicant, but was unable to complete the remainder of the curriculum solely because courses necessary to complete the remainder were unavailable to the applicant at the appropriate times in the applicant’s high school career as a result of course scheduling, lack of enrollment capacity, or another cause not within the applicant’s control.

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE

The Texas Success Initiative (http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=233A17D9-F3D3-BFAD-D5A76CD88AADD1E3) (TSI) was instituted to ensure that students enrolled in Texas public colleges and universities possess the necessary academic skills to perform effectively in college. As a transfer student, applicants to the undergraduate programs must submit qualifying scores on tests acceptable to the THECB if they were so required when entering their undergraduate institutions. Established cutoff scores on the SAT, ACT or TAKS tests qualify students for exemption. Proof of these scores must be submitted in place of scores on qualifying tests mentioned earlier. Alternative test scores accepted by the THECB may be provided as proof of compliance with academic skills regulations. Applicants from out-of-state colleges or private colleges who have never been required to take a qualifying test must take the test prior to acceptance for admission. Additional criteria exist to fulfill the TSI requirement. Non-resident students should contact the college for additional information. Request that test scores be sent to the Office of the University Registrar at the Health Science Center directly from the testing agency.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

Transfer credit will be determined by the staff of the Health Science Center at the Office of the University Registrar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar) in conjunction with the schools, on a course-by-course basis from official transcripts submitted in the competitive admissions process. Course content will be determined by catalog course description or course syllabus. Course acceptability is guided by these criteria:

1. Courses given by regionally accredited institutions are considered for transfer if:
   a. They are acceptable as credit for a bachelor’s degree at a regionally accredited institution.
   b. Course content is at or above the level of courses specified in the Health Science Center requirements for admission.
2. Courses intended for use in a vocational, technical or occupational program normally do not transfer; general courses within this type of program may transfer.
3. Credit on the transcript must appear in semester hours or credits that may be converted to semester hours.
4. Credit by examination courses will not be transferred.
5. Equivalency of course work is determined by content found in catalog course descriptions or syllabi of courses. In case of doubt, departmental faculty will determine equivalency. The final determination is left to the director of the Department.
6. As a general policy, course work with a passing grade may be transferred, but the applicant must keep in mind that admission to the program is on a competitive basis and grades of “F” are calculated into the grade point average.
7. Course hours will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis, but will be transferred as a block of hours and the grades do not calculate into the GPA for the program.
8. Credit will be given for UT System online consortium correspondence courses on a select basis.

For detailed information about the transfer credit please reference the Credit Hours Policy (p. 41).

EXCESS SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

The State of Texas does not provide funds to the Health Science Center for semester credit hours (SCH) earned by resident Texas students (in-state) that exceed certain limits. To offset this loss, the Health Science Center, as permitted by law, will charge tuition at the higher, nonresident (out-of-state) rate to all Texas resident students that exceed these limits.

For detailed information about Excess Hours please reference the Excess Hours Policy (p. 19).
SIX-DROP RULE

Under Section 51.907 of the Texas Education Code (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.51.htm#51907) and 19 Texas Administrative Code § 4.10 (http://bit.ly/1PmFmSy), “an institution of higher education may not permit a student to drop more than six courses, including any course a transfer student has dropped at another institution of higher education.” This statute was enacted by the State of Texas in spring 2007 and applies to students who enroll in a public institution of higher education as first-time freshmen in fall 2007 or later. Any course that a student drops is counted toward the six-course limit if:

1. The student was able to drop the course without receiving a grade or incurring an academic penalty.
2. The student’s transcript indicates or will indicate that the student was enrolled in the course.
3. The student is not dropping the course in order to withdraw from the institution.

Some exemptions for good cause could allow a student to drop a course without having it counted toward this limit, but it is the responsibility of the student to establish that good cause. Policies and procedures for implementation of this statute are being developed and will be published as soon as they are available. Contact the Office of the University Registrar for more information before you drop a course.

A Health Science Center undergraduate student affected by this statute that has attended or plans to attend another institution of higher education should become familiar with that institution’s policies on dropping courses.

THREE-PEAT RULE

Undergraduate hours earned in a course taken by a student more than twice (known as the “Three-Peat” rule) exceeds the limits set by state law and may not be reported by the Health Science Center for state funding.

Exceptions to this law include:

2. Courses that may be repeated for credit because they involve different or more advanced content each time they are taken.
3. Independent study courses.
4. Special topics and seminar courses.

ACADEMIC FRESH START

The Texas Education Code, Section 51.931 (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.51.htm), entitled “Academic Fresh Start” allows a person who is a resident of Texas to apply for undergraduate admission without consideration of previous coursework. Specifically, coursework completed 10 or more years prior to the date of anticipated enrollment will not be considered in the admission decision, nor in evaluation of excess hours under Texas Education Code §54.068 and §61.0595. This allows the student to begin a new course of study without consideration of or penalty for previous college coursework.

An applicant who has earned a baccalaureate degree under Academic Fresh Start and applies for admission to a postgraduate or professional program will be evaluated on only the grade point average of the coursework completed for that baccalaureate degree, as well as other criteria stated herein for admission to the postgraduate or professional program.

1. This is an all-or-nothing option. Students are not able to pick and choose which courses to ignore and which courses to count. This option allows for omission of the student’s academic record only. If the student chooses the “Academic Fresh Start” option, the student does not receive any credit for any courses taken 10 or more years prior to re-enrollment. This means that:
   a. Courses taken previously cannot be used to fulfill new prerequisite requirements.
   b. Courses taken previously cannot be counted towards a new degree.
   c. Courses taken previously will not be counted in the student’s GPA calculation.

2. The student must still complete the usual admissions process, including providing information on all colleges or universities previously attended and provide official copies of transcripts from all schools attended.

3. Once the “Right to an Academic Fresh Start” provision has been claimed, and the student has enrolled, the provision cannot be reversed.

4. To request an Academic Fresh Start Form an applicant must submit a complete Admissions Application, a written petition for an Academic Fresh Start and all official transcripts to the Office of the University Registrar.

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

Students who matriculate at The Health Science Center are required to obtain medical health insurance coverage, whether privately or through the institution. Confirmation of health insurance coverage is required at the time of registration each term in Student Administration via The Portal (http://inside.uthscsa.edu). Additional information regarding health insurance coverage can be obtained from the website (http://students.uthscsa.edu/studentlife/2013/03/health-insurance) of the Office of Student Life (http://students.uthscsa.edu/studentlife/2013/03/health-insurance).

IMMUNIZATIONS

The immunizations listed below are required of all students. The Board of Regents may require immunizations against additional diseases for some students. Further immunizations may be required by the Board of Regents in times of emergency or epidemic. The cost of all immunizations will be the responsibility of the student and/or dependent.

Hepatitis B Alone or Hepatitis A&B Combo Vaccine

All students at the Health Science Center must be immunized against Hepatitis B before contact with patients or any and all other potentially contaminated materials, products, or sources. The Health Science Center will accept either the standard Hepatitis B (3 injections) or the expedited Hepatitis A&B combo vaccine series (3 injections). The Hepatitis B series can take between 4 to 6 months to complete.

Laboratory report of post-vaccine positive immune serum antibody titer for Hepatitis B will also be accepted.

Bacterial Meningitis

Pursuant to SB 1107 enacted by the State of Texas, all new students enrolling in the Health Science Center must provide proof that the meningitis vaccination was administered at least 10 days prior to the first day of the term. Bacterial Meningitis Vaccinations must have been received or renewed within the last 5 years. The legislation provides for

Students who qualify for legislative exceptions and wish to exercise those must complete a Meningitis Exemption Form with the Student Health Center. Failure to do so consistent with the noted time frame will preclude registration.

**Tuberculosis**
All students must submit one of the following:

- Proof of a TB skin test (PPD) completed within one year of enrollment, or for those persons with a history of a positive skin test:
  1. Proof of a TB evaluation conducted by a licensed healthcare provider within one year prior to enrollment is required AND
  2. Proof of a negative chest x-ray result dated after the initial positive PPD

**Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td) or Diphtheria-Tetanus-Acellular Pertussis (TdaP)**

Proof of booster shot with either the Td or TdaP within the past 10 years is required. Health care workers who have direct patient contact should get one dose of TdaP. A 2-year interval since the last Td is suggested but not required.

**Polio**

All students under the age of 18 are required to show proof of polio vaccination.

**Measles-Mumps-Rubella**

All students must submit one of the following:

1. Proof of vaccination with:
   a. Measles - 2 vaccines required AND
   b. Mumps & Rubella - 1 vaccine each, OR
2. MMR combo vaccine - 2 doses
3. Laboratory report of positive immune serum antibody titer for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.

**Varicella (Chicken Pox)**

All students must submit one of the following:

1. Documentation of two immunizations administered on or after the first birthday and at least 30 days apart, or
2. Documentation from a health care provider on the date of the previous disease (chicken pox or zoster), or
3. Laboratory report of positive immune serum antibody titer (IgG).

**Meningococcal conjugate vaccine quadrivalent**

All students must provide proof of vaccination against meningitis. Students must have received the vaccine within five years prior to enrollment. Certain exceptions may apply. Please see:

The Board of Regents may require immunizations against additional diseases for some students. Further immunizations may be required by the Board of Regents in times of emergency or epidemic. The cost of all immunizations will be the responsibility of the student and/or dependent.

**Influenza (Flu)**

It is optimal to have immunity throughout the flu season, typically October – March. Please check with your school admissions office to determine if it has a particular timeline/deadline, or if you require an exemption. Documentation of receiving the flu vaccination must be received annually. Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about the flu can be found on the CDC Web site http://www.cdc.gov/flu/

**RESIDENCY CLASSIFICATION FOR TUITION PURPOSES**

Texas law classifies each person who applies for admission to a Texas public college or university as a resident of Texas, a non-resident, or a foreign (international) student. The Office of the University Registrar will classify the student based on the Core Residency Questions. How students are classified is important because it determines whether they pay non-resident tuition rates or in-state rates, which are lower.

Independent students who have resided and established domicile in the state of Texas for 12 consecutive months may be eligible to be considered residents of Texas for tuition purposes. Dependent students may base residency on a parent or court-appointed legal guardian. The parent or court-appointed legal guardian, however, must have resided and established domicile in Texas for 12 consecutive months. In the state of Texas, residency for tuition purposes may not be based on a spouse. When applying for a Residency Reclassification, please submit a completed and signed questionnaire, and required supporting documents as listed on the questionnaire. If you are basing residency on a parent or court-appointed legal guardian, students must submit documents pertaining to the person for which residency is based on. Failure to submit supporting documents will result in a delayed decision.

Individuals who hold eligible visas may also qualify for in-state tuition.

A student who believes the initial classification to be in error, or who believes that residency for tuition purposes has been established subsequent to the initial classification, may request a review by submitting a Residency Questionnaire (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2013/04/ResidencyQuestionnaire.pdf) to the Office of the University Registrar. The decision of the Registrar is final and is communicated to the student in writing as soon as possible following a decision.

**RESIDENCY RECLASSIFICATIONS**

**Reclassification as a Non-resident**

Persons who have been classified as residents of Texas will be reclassified as non-resident students whenever they report, or there is found to exist, circumstances indicating a change in legal residence to another state. If students who have been classified as residents of Texas are found to have been erroneously classified as a result of an omission or falsification, they will be reclassified as non-residents and will be required to pay the difference between resident and non-resident fees for the semesters for which they were erroneously classified.

**Reclassification as a Resident**

Persons classified as non-residents upon first enrollment may request reclassification. In order to have residence status reconsidered, students must complete the Core Residency Questions and submit it with the appropriate documentation regarding residency to the Office of the University Registrar prior to the first day of class of the semester for which the change is sought. After the form and documentation are
reviewed, students are notified in writing by way of an electronic letter of the residence decision.

If students have been erroneously classified as non-residents and subsequently prove to the satisfaction of the University’s residency official that they should have been classified as resident students, they will be reclassified as residents of Texas and will be entitled to a refund of the difference between the resident and non-resident fees for the semesters in which they were erroneously classified.

All students are expected to pay the tuition assessed on or before the payment date for each semester as established by the University. All Residency Questionnaires and forms verifying non-resident tuition exemption status must be submitted prior to the first day of class of the term for which the change is sought. To prevent any delay in enrollment, students are encouraged to submit all forms at least two weeks before registration.

**Non-compliance with Institutional Rules and Regulations.**

If students have obtained residency classification by virtue of deliberate concealment of facts or misrepresentation of facts, they may be required to repay the difference in tuition rates and may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Health Science Center. Each situation will be evaluated by administrators of the Office of the University Registrar as well as The Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs.

**Review of Admissions**

Each school’s admissions committee or equivalent group of officials must regularly review their respective admissions requirements for compliance and good practices within higher education. In accordance with accrediting standards under the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, admissions practices must be consistent and carried out based on best practices. Consistency includes holding all applicants to the same admissions requirements.

**Equal Opportunity**

To the extent provided by applicable law, no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program, or activity sponsored or conducted by The University of Texas System or any of its institutions on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability.

**Excess Credit Hours Policy**

**UNIVERSITY DECISION**

The Texas Education Code §54.068 and §61.0595, as well as Texas Administrative Code Chapter 13, Subchapter F, §13.102 through §13.108, indicates that the State of Texas will not provide funds to state institutions of higher education for excess semester credit hours earned by an undergraduate resident student. The Texas Education Code §54.012 specifies that doctoral students who exceed the critical number of semester credit hours are also not funded by the state. Therefore, it is the University's decision to charge non-resident tuition to any undergraduate or graduate student who has excess credit hours regardless of the student's residency status, appointment, fellowship or any other circumstance that would normally entitle the student to resident tuition rates, including tuition waivers.

**PERTINENT INFORMATION**

**Undergraduate Students**

If a student began undergraduate course work before Fall 1999, the student is exempt from excess hours legislation.

Undergraduate students who enrolled in Fall 2006 or subsequent semesters are considered to be in excess hours if their total attempted semester credit hours exceed more than 30 credit hours beyond the required number of hours for the completion of the degree program in which they are enrolled.

The following courses are exempt from calculation in semester credit hours towards the limit:
- Remedial or developmental courses
- Workforce education courses
- Dual credit courses (as in taken during high school), as well as Advanced Placement credits
- Hours for special topics and seminar courses
- Independent study courses
- Hours for courses that involve different or more advanced content each time they are taken, including but not limited to, individual music lessons, Workforce Education Courses, Manual Special Topics courses (when the topic changes), theater practicum, music performance, ensembles, certain physical education and kinesiology courses, and studio art
- Continuing Education Courses that must be repeated to retain professional certification
- Courses earned as part of a student’s progression towards and completion of a previous bachelor’s degree
- Hours earned by students at private or out-of-state institutions
- Hours earned by examination or similar method by which credit is earned without registering for a course for which tuition is charged

**Graduate Students**

Hours taken at the Health Science Center (other than those taken for the M.D./D.D.S. professional programs) that exceed the 99-hour or 130-hour limits at the doctoral level may not be reported by the Health Science Center for state funding. As such, all doctoral students exceeding this limit will be assessed the non-resident tuition rate regardless of their residency status or any appointment, fellowship, or other circumstance that would normally entitle them to resident tuition rates.

**DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Attempted Credit Hours**

For doctoral students, attempted credit hour calculation includes all enrolled courses at the Health Science Center regardless of grade assignment. For example, if a student takes a course and receives a grade of “incomplete” or “unsatisfactory,” the hours for that course count towards excess hours limits. If a student takes a course and drops it after the Census Date, the hours for that course will also be applied towards excess hours limits. If a student is registering for a dissertation course and gets a grade of “IP” (In Progress) at the end of the term, the hours associated with that course will also be counted towards excess hours limits.
Critical Number

For doctoral students in nursing the number is 99 credit hours; for other basic sciences, the number is 130 credit hours.

Semester Credit Hours

A semester credit hour is defined as nominally one hour of classroom time per week per semester. Thus a class which is held for three hours a week for one semester is a three semester-hour course. However, although most of the courses taken at university are of three semester hours, some may involve more contact time, as in the case of laboratory courses, and some less time, as may be the case in some seminar courses. Such courses carry the three semester-hour weight, but regardless of actual class time, should be considered as comprising one-fifth of the student’s course load.

30-Hour Rule

Undergraduate students initially enrolled as undergraduates in an institution of higher education beginning the 2006 Fall semester and subsequent semesters may not exceed 30 hours more than the minimum number required for the completion of their degree program.

45-Hour Rule

Undergraduate students initially enrolling as undergraduates in an institution of higher education beginning the 1999 Fall semester, but no later than the 2006 Summer semester, may not exceed 45 hours more than the minimum number required for completion of their degree program.

99-Hour Rule

Graduate students enrolled in the Nursing Ph.D. program may not exceed total of 99 attempted hours (including earned) in pursuit of the degree. Hours beyond that critical number are unfunded by the state, and so the Health Science Center assesses non-resident tuition to recuperate the loss of funds and costs associated with educating these unfunded students.

130-Hour Rule

Graduate students enrolled in other Ph.D. programs, including those under The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, may not exceed total of 130 attempted hours (including earned) in pursuit of the degree. This includes dissertation and research hours, among others. Hours beyond that critical number are unfunded by the state, and so the Health Science Center assesses non-resident tuition to recuperate the loss of funds and costs associated with educating these unfunded students.

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURE

Students’ Responsibilities

• Undergraduate students must submit all official transcripts from previously attended institutions as excess hours are not based on Health Science Center data but on statewide data. (Doctoral students must also provide transcripts although inter-institutional hours are not calculated. Rather, this is to meet other rules and regulations. See the Admissions Policy for more information.)
• To avoid being charged nonresident tuition, resident students must be aware of the number of credit hours required for their degree and avoid taking more than the maximum hours above the program requirement.

Financial Aid

FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All students applying for admission to the Health Science Center are eligible to apply for federal financial assistance if they meet the eligibility requirements as determined by the Department of Education. To apply for all forms of federal or state financial aid a student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (https://fafsa.ed.gov) on an annual basis. Students wishing to apply for institutional scholarships...
must also complete an online scholarship application through their Student Portal (after submission of the FAFSA for the new aid year). Students that cannot complete a FAFSA, due to an ineligible citizenship status, may complete the TASFAA (http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/index.cfm?objectid=D465D848-EA0F-C0EA-5209BC8C89262877) application for consideration of scholarships and/or other state aid.

The VSFA web site (http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid) is maintained and updated as needed to provide students with the most current information available and students are strongly encouraged to use it as your first source of information concerning VSFA policy and procedures.

The Health Science Center may require additional information to complete the application based on an evaluation of your FAFSA data. Students are encouraged to take seriously all correspondence requests for information from the Office of Veteran Services & Financial Aid, as all documents are required by federal regulation to process your application. Students should only send documents requested by the Office of Veteran Services & Financial Aid. Once all documents are received, the application is considered complete and is ready for awarding. Awards for financial assistance are not made until mid-April for semesters beginning in the subsequent fall term, and may span the entire award year (fall, spring, and summer) as determined by the student’s expected graduation term.

The Health Science Center awards students ready for packaging favorable aid such as grants/scholarships on a first-come, first-served basis, using the date your FAFSA was electronically signed. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible each aid year and complete all required steps (http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid/2013/02/how-to-apply).

Disbursement of financial aid occurs for students on or around 10 days prior to the first class day if it falls on a business day. Emergency loans will NOT be given in advance of a scheduled disbursement date as this is considered an advance of federal funds and is barred by regulation.

SELECTIVE SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Students subject to selective service registration will be required to provide proof of registration or proof the student is exempt from selective service registration in order to be eligible to apply for federal or state financial aid and/or to receive exemptions and waivers from the State of Texas.

COMPETITIVE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Health Science Center Competitive Scholarships on a school-by-school basis as funds allow. All matriculating students are eligible to apply for competitive scholarships by submitting the online scholarship application (http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid/2013/04/scholarships). Each school will develop specific guidelines and criteria for awarding the scholarships. The Competitive Scholarship must be recommended by the Scholarship Committee of each school, with final approval from the Health Science Center Scholarship and Loan Committee. Applicants should contact the appropriate school within the Health Science Center for information about deadlines.

Non-resident students who are awarded a Competitive Scholarship of at least $1,000 for the academic year are entitled to pay the tuition and fees required of Texas residents for the duration of the scholarship or a period not to exceed one academic year. The total number of students at the Health Science Center paying resident tuition under the Competitive Scholarship criteria must not exceed five percent of the total number of students at the Health Science Center. Students must re-apply each academic year and complete the steps above - funds are not automatically renewable.

AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS PROGRAM

By agreement with the Health Science Center, a student may obtain a commission as an officer in the U.S. Air Force upon completion of a baccalaureate or master’s degree at the Health Science Center and completion of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program at The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) (http://www.utsa.edu). Scholarships are available on a competitive basis from UTSA and these scholarships provide tuition and fee assistance, a book allotment, and monthly subsistence allowance.

In addition to courses, students are required to attend a weekly leadership laboratory and physical training. For more information contact Air Force ROTC at UTSA at 210-458-4624 or e-mail at afrotc@utsa.edu.

FEDERAL COLLEGE WORK-STUDY EMPLOYMENT

The Health Science Center has limited amounts of Federal Work-Study funds. Funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to students who indicate they are “interested in Work-Study” on their FAFSA and have financial need. Students will earn these funds by working no more than 20 hours per week and can find potential employers by reviewing open positions on the VSFA website (http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid/2013/03/federal-work-study).

TUITION REBATE

Resident students entering a baccalaureate degree program on or after September 1, 1997, may be eligible for a tuition rebate of up to $1,000 if the student:

• Is awarded a baccalaureate degree
• Has attempted no more than 3 semester credit hours in excess of the minimum number of semester credit hours required to complete the degree
• Including transfer credits and credit earned by examination
• Excluding course credit that is earned to satisfy requirements for a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program but that is not required to complete the degree program.
• Excluding course credit, other than credit earned exclusively by examination, that is earned before graduating from high school.

Please contact the Office of the Bursar (http://uthscsa.edu/business/bursar4students) for details.

COST OF ATTENDANCE

The Cost of Attendance (COA) is determined by The Office of Veteran Services & Financial Aid (http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid) each year and is based on the estimated costs a student will incur for each semester. Included in the COA are estimates for actual tuition and fee costs, a book allowance, a room and board allowance, transportation, and personal/miscellaneous expenses. Students required to purchase a laptop for entry into their program of choice will receive an allowance for the cost. Students that wish to include the one-time cost of a computer/
Tuition and Fees Policy

UNIVERSITY DECISION

Tuition and fees are collected by an institution of higher education from students attending the university as permitted by the Texas Education Code. However, the determination to increase the fees and charges are made by the University administration and The University of Texas System Board of Regents. Students are assessed tuition and fees based on the location and programs in which they are enrolled and the degrees being pursued. Students enrolled in programs and pursing degrees that are a partnership arrangement with another university may be assessed the tuition and fees approved by the partnership.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

By statutory provision, the Board of Regents has the authority and power to prescribe, regulate and otherwise engage in and control tuition and registration fees as well as non-resident fee exemptions.

No student may attend class, laboratory, or clinic until the student is officially registered with tuition and fees (or an installment payment) paid. Registration is not complete until tuition and fees are paid by the last business day, before first class day.

When and if a student misses the official publicized tuition and fees payment deadline (known as Census Day as defined by the Texas Education Code), the student shall be removed from enrollment by the Office of the University Registrar as approved by the Deans’ Council on 10-20-2009.

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURE

1. At the first Board meeting of the calendar year, a schedule of tuition and fee rates will be presented to the Board of Regents for approval for the upcoming school year.

2. The annual Tuition and Fee schedule, once approved by the Board of Regents will be utilized by the Health Science Center as appropriate when registering students for the new school year.

3. The Tuition and Fee Schedule will remain in effect for the entire school year unless modified and approved by the Board of Regents.

4. Below is a definition and explanation of current existing tuition and fee items in effect at the Health Science Center:

Procedural Charges

Application Fee

The Health Science Center assesses nonrefundable application fee that is required of all applicants. The amount to be charged depends upon the school the student wishes to apply for admission; information is available on the individual school web sites (http://uthscsa.edu).

Auditing Charge

All auditors of courses must submit an Audit Course Form, with appropriate approvals, to the Office of the University Registrar. Students registered at the Health Science Center may with the approval of the instructor and Department Chair of the department in which the course is offered, audit courses by paying an auditing charge of $25 per course if students are not officially enrolled in Health Science Center courses and $5.00 if they are officially enrolled. The audit charge is nonrefundable.

Credit Card Expense Charge

A charge of 2.9% of balances paid is assessed all students electing to use a credit card for payment.

Duplicate Diploma Charge

A charge of $50 will be assessed for each request for a duplicate diploma. If the student requests a rush order a charge of $125 will be assessed.

Returned Check Charge

A fee authorized by Section 54.504 of the Texas Education Code, charged for checks returned due to non-sufficient funds.

Installment Plan Fee

A $15.00 fee, will be charged per semester, to students who elect to pay their tuition and fees on an installment basis.

Tuition and Mandatory Fees

Tuition

Pursuant to Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Texas Education Code (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm), each student who registers at the Health Science Center is required to pay tuition according to the number of semester credit hours for which registration is completed and according to his or her residence classification.

1. Statutory Tuition – A tuition charge authorized under Texas Education Code (TEC) §54.051 in an amount determined by the Texas Legislature for resident or nonresident students. Currently, the university rate is set at $50 per semester credit hour (SCH) for resident students. Higher rates are charged for nonresident students.

2. Designated Tuition – Is established by the local governing board for effective operation of the institution. TEC §54.0513 authorizes institutions other than public community colleges to impose on any graduate or undergraduate, resident or nonresident student, an additional tuition charge that the governing board of the institution considers necessary for the effective operation of the institution. This rate varies by institution.

3. Designated Tuition (Deregulated) – A tuition charge authorized under TEC §54.008 for graduate programs. Institutions can set tuition at rates at least twice that of undergraduate tuition, and can set different rates among programs.

Computer and Technology Fee

Each student who registers at the Health Science Center is required to pay a $10.00 per semester-credit –hour charge. This fee is to defray costs associated with managing, maintaining, upgrading, and general operations of the University’s technology infrastructure, electronic resources and online services.
Library Fee
A charge of $150.00 per semester is assessed to all students enrolled at the Health Science Center to defray costs of providing library services.

Student Assistance Fee
A charge of $75.00 per semester is assessed for School of Health Professions, with the exception of Emergency Health Sciences programs.

Medical Services Fee
A $145.00 a year is assessed to all students for medical services provided at student health services.

Health Insurance Fee
Varies each year. Insurance is currently provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Student Service Fee
A fee authorized by Section 54.503 of the Texas Education Code, charged for the provision of services that directly involve or benefit students. Services may include recreational activities, health and hospital services, medical services, intramural and intercollegiate athletics, artists and lecture series, cultural entertainment series, debating and oratorical activities, student publications, student government, the student fee advisory committee, student transportation services and other student activities and services specifically authorized and approved by the governing board of the institution of higher education. An annual compulsory student services fee of $220.00 is charged to all students.

Lab Fee
A fee authorized by Section 54.501 of the Texas Education Code, the fee varies by course.

Parking Fee
A fee authorized by Section 54.505 of the Texas Education Code, charged for parking of one’s motor vehicle on campus property. This is a varied fee.

Student ID Card Fee
A fee authorized by Section 54.504 of the Texas Education Code, charged a student the first time attending the Health Science Center is registered to defray the cost of preparing student ID cards. An additional fee for the replacement of lost cards will be charged.

Fitness Center Fee
A fee authorized by Section 54.515 of the Texas Education Code, charged to defray expenses associated with Fitness Center operations or this fee helps to defray the cost of operating and maintain a student fitness center. An annual $480.00 is assessed to students.

Liability Insurance Fee
A fee charged to students to cover the cost of malpractice insurance for students who are involved in direct patient care. The fee varies by school.

Installment Late Fee
A $10.00 fee charged for late payment of an installment payment due.

Transcript Fee
A fee charged for transcripts and charges to produce a copy of student’s account.

ADDITIONAL COLLEGE, COURSE FEES AND INCIDENTAL CHARGES

Graduation Fee
A fee authorized by Section 54.504 of the Texas Education Code, charged to defray the expense of preparing student’s diploma and services related to graduation. A $100.00 is assessed for the first degree and an additional $50.00 is assessed for additional degrees earned.

Online Fee
A fee of $250.00 a credit hour for out of state students.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FEE

Implantation Materials Fee
A $500.00 fee assessed for second year School of Dentistry students.

Technology Fee
A $350.00 fee is assessed to School of Dentistry students and $10.00 an hour for School of Health Professions students.

Laptop Fee
Fee varies by School and it is assessed by the Computer Store.

Clinic Usage
A $1,320.00 fee is assessed to School of Dentistry students. Advanced Dental students in Orthodontics are assessed $14,100.00 annually.

Human Material Fee
A $1,246 fee for School of Medicine and $831.00 for the School of Health Professions. The course also requires a $30.00 lab fee.

Microscope Fee
A $48.00 fee is assessed to 1st and 2nd year School of Medicine students and School of Dentistry students.

Equipment Leasing Fee
A $2,400.00 fee is assessed for School of Dentistry students.

Educational Support Fee
A fee assessed to School of Health Professions students to cover the cost of materials, equipment leased, course fees and practicum fees. The fee varies depending on the program. Students enrolled in the Emergency Health Science Program are not assessed this fee.

Educational Software Fee
A fee assessed to School of Medicine students to cover the cost of new software and annual maintenance costs associated with new technology and Ultrasound equipment.

PAYMENT POLICY
It is the policy of the Health Science Center that all expenses, including tuition and fees, are due and are to be paid by each student at the time of registration unless specifically exempted. Student may be registered and attend classes without payment at the time of registration, if:

• The student is sponsored by his/her employer who will make payments directly to the university, and the employer has furnished a letter to the Office of the Bursar accepting unconditional liability for all charges not paid by the student, regardless of whether or not the
student completes the courses or achieves a minimum grade for the course

• The student has a scholarship. Loan or grant covering 100 percent of all costs that will be paid directly to the university by a sponsor who has notified the Office of the Bursar in advance, in writing of the student’s eligibility and acceptance; or

• The student is eligible for a deferred payment of tuition through one of the university’s approved payment plans

Registration is made final only upon satisfaction of all charges.

BILLING
Tuition and fee bills for registration during early registration, regular registration and late registration are available online and are not mailed.

When the student is billed, he/she is given a definite payment date for the amount due. If payment is not received, the student will receive a delinquent payment fee and/or his/her records, transcripts, and registration may be blocked until full payment is received.

REFUNDS
Fee Refund Schedule (Complete Withdrawal)
Both graduate and undergraduate students who withdraw from this institution during a fall or spring semester will receive a refund of a percentage of tuition and refundable fees based on the schedule below. Students receiving assistance through Title IV programs may have this refund returned to the federal government in accordance with the provisions in the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended in 1998.

Medical and dental students who withdraw in the fall of the academic year will receive a 100% refund of tuition and fees for the second half of the year (spring) and a refund for the first half of the year (fall) based upon the schedule below:

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No refunds will be made on the seventh class day or thereafter, or if still enrolled.

Notice of intention to withdraw must be made in writing to the Registrar. The institution terminates student services and privileges at the time of the student’s withdrawal.

Refund for Courses Dropped
100% of tuition and fees will be refunded for courses dropped prior to the census day of the term provided the student remains enrolled in the institution for that term and has remaining eligibility for the funds after the reduced tuition/fee costs have been factored into the student’s Cost of Attendance by the Office of Veteran Services and Financial Aid for Title IV aid recipients. No refunds will be made for courses dropped following the census day of the term unless the student withdraws from the university. If the student withdraws from the university, the Fee Refund Schedule will be used to determine refund eligibility. Students receiving assistance through Title IV programs will have their tuition and fee allowances re-evaluated by the Office of Veteran Services and Financial Aid to determine the impact of the dropped course(s). Students who drop below half-time before census day, after receiving their Title IV program funds, may have to return 100% of the funds received.

The student must follow all university procedures to officially drop a course or withdraw from school.

A student must complete a Student Clearance Form to receive a refund.

The date of receipt of the form in the Office of the University Registrar will be used to determine eligibility for refund and/or final approval of classes dropped.

Once classes begin there will be no refunds for fitness fee, insurance fees, student I.D. cards, installment plan fees, parking or other fees specifically designated as non-refundable.

The refund schedule will vary depending upon the following:

1. Students who are enrolled in semester credit hour courses who drop a class or withdraw from school prior to the first class day will receive a 100% refund.

Students in semester credit hour courses who officially withdraw from school or drop a course after classes begin will have their tuition and fees refunded according to the following schedule, unless the fees are specifically designated as non-refundable:

Regular (Fall or Spring Semester or Summer term of 10 weeks or longer)

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the priority shown below:

Returned in the order specified by the Department of Education, following financial aid. Funds returned due to a Title IV Refund Calculation will be and fee refunds for drops and withdrawals. Student who are granted a withdrew. Refer to the "Fee Refund Schedule" below for details on tuition and fees that a student is responsible for paying regardless of when they tuition and fees to the student. State law describes the amount of tuition required to return the unearned portion of funds received. Funds used

withdrew. This refund policy applies to any financial aid recipient who withdraws from school.

As an institution participating in programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act (http://www.ed.gov/policy/highered/leg/hea98), the Health Science Center is required to return a portion of the Title IV refunds a student received, back to the Title IV program from where the funds were originally disbursed, as a result of the student’s withdrawal from school. The portion returned is referred to as the Title IV Refund (http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid/2013/03/financial-aid-withdrawals-returns-refunds) and is calculated by determining the portion of unearned aid a student has received. The types of Title IV funds included in this calculation are student loans from the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program, Perkins loans, Pell grants, or Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG).

### TITLE IV REFUND

This refund policy applies to any financial aid recipient who withdraws from school.

### RETURN OF FEDERAL FUNDS DUE TO WITHDRAWALS OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Students withdrawing from the Health Science Center prior to completing 60% of the semester, and who have received Federal Title IV aid are required to return the unearned portion of funds received. Funds used to pay tuition and fees are returned by the Health Science Center to the appropriate federal fund as calculated by VSFA. This is NOT a refund of tuition and fees to the student. State law describes the amount of tuition and fees that a student is responsible for paying regardless of when they withdrew. Refer to the “Fee Refund Schedule” below for details on tuition and fee refunds for drops and withdrawals. Student who are granted a leave of absence over 180 days are considered withdrawn as it relates to financial aid. Funds returned due to a Title IV Refund Calculation will be returned in the order specified by the Department of Education, following the priority shown below:

1. Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan
2. Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan

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Class days are defined as calendar days during which classes are normally held and not the days a particular course meets.

A student who concurrently adds and drops the same number of credit hours will neither be charged nor refunded for this add/drop

### INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS

Payment of tuition and fees in installments may be an option for students. A fee of $15 is assessed for handling installment payments of tuition and fees, and a $10 late fee is assessed for each late payment.

### Penalties for failing to make installments on time include:

1. Being barred from class until payment is made;
2. Withholding of credit if payment is not made by the end of the semester, with the university adjusting its records to reflect the student’s failure to have properly enrolled.
3. Bar against readmission and withholding of grades, degree, and official transcript, and/or
4. Other remedies authorized by law.

### Professional Schools

Students in Professional-level programs (School of Dentistry D.D.S. and School of Medicine M.D.) pay tuition and fees based upon the curriculum for the academic year.

The following alternatives are available:

### Medical and Dental Students

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#### Option 2 (for students without Financial Aid only)

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### Graduate and Undergraduate Students

Both Undergraduate and Graduate students (Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, School of Health Professions and School of Nursing)
pay tuition and fees based upon the hours for which they register each semester.

- One-third payment of tuition and fees in advance of the beginning of the semester (registration) and
- One-third payment 30 days after first payment and
- One-third payment 30 days after second payment.

A 60-day tuition loan is available for the full amount. An origination fee of 1.25% of the amount of the loan is assessed to cover the cost related to providing the loan.

**TUITION SET ASIDE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Students are informed of the amount of their tuition set aside for financial assistance as mandated by the Texas Education Code, Section 56.014. The information will be included on their tuition bill available online prominently displaying the notice regarding the specific amount that is required to be set aside by the institution.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE**

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board administers various tuition assistance programs including programs for teachers and vocational nursing students. Further information about these programs may be obtained online at www.collegeforalltexans.com (http://www.collegeforalltexans.com)

**TUITION FOR REPEATED OR EXCESS CREDIT HOURS**

**Undergraduate Students**

Authorized by Section 54.014 of the Texas Education Code, an undergraduate student who pays resident tuition rates will be charged nonresident tuition rates if the student has accumulated the greater of either

1. 170 or more semester credit hours without earning a baccalaureate degree, or
2. More than 30 semester credit hours than is required for completion of the baccalaureate degree. In addition, a higher tuition rate may be charged if a student enrolls again in a course that is the same or substantially identical to a course that the student previously completed.

**Graduate Students**

Authorized by Section 54.012 of the Texas Education Code, a student who has earned 100 or more semester hours of credit at the doctoral level (130 semester credit hours for biomedical sciences) is subject to the nonresident tuition rate, even if the student is a Texas resident or holds an appointment that would normally entitle the holder to pay resident tuition. In addition, a higher tuition rate may be charged if a student enrolls again in a course that is the same or substantively identical to a course that the student previously completed.

More information on excess hours may be found under the Excess Hours Policy.

**TUITION FOR REPEATED COURSES**

A student whose hours may no longer be submitted for formula funding because it is the same or substantially similar to a course that the student previously attempted for two or more times at the Health Science Center may be charged a higher tuition rate per semester credit hour or nonresident tuition rates.

**WAIVER OF NON-RESIDENT TUITION**

Nonresidents who may qualify to pay tuition at the resident rate without regard to the length of residence in Texas include:

1. Military personnel assigned to duty in Texas and their spouse and children.
2. Faculty employed at least one-half time on a regular monthly basis at a state institution of higher learning and their spouse and children.
3. Teaching or research assistants employed at least one-half time in a position which is related to the assistant’s degree program under academic regulations and their spouse and children.
4. A student who holds a competitive academic scholarship for at least $1,000, which was awarded in competition with Texas students by a scholarship committee, recognized by the university and The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The total number of students at an institution paying resident tuition under this provision for a particular semester may not exceed five percent (5%) of the total number of students registered at the institution for the same semester of the preceding year.
5. Veterans eligible for benefits under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (38 U.S.C. Section 3301 et seq.) or any other federal law authorizing educational benefits for veterans.
6. Resident students entering a baccalaureate degree program on or after September 1, 1997 may be eligible for a tuition rebate of up to $1,000 if the student:
   - Is awarded a baccalaureate degree, and
   - Has attempted no more than three hours in excess of the minimum number of semester credit hours required to complete the degree, including transfer credits and course credit earned exclusively by examination.

A non-resident student who believes he/she is qualified for one of the tuition waivers must provide documentation to the Office of Veteran Services & Financial Aid no later than the census date for the term in order for the application of the waiver to be considered for that term. Full details of all applicable Texas waivers can be found at www.collegeforalltexans.com (http://www.collegeforalltexans.com) under “Types of Financial Aid.”

**EXEMPTION FROM TUITION, FEES AND CHARGES**

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board prescribes certain cases in which students can be exempt from tuition and/or certain fees and charges. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate the action of applying for an exemption and providing satisfactory evidence that all conditions required for the exemption have been met. Until such time as the exemption is granted, a student will be required to pay all tuition, fees, and charges from his or her own funds. Students may be required to meet the Health Science Center's Satisfactory Academic Progress
Standards in order to receive an exemption/waiver. Please review the web site for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa.cfm?Kind=W) for a complete list of exemptions/waivers and their requirements.

Students who might be eligible for an exemption must apply for the exemption with the Office of Veteran Services & Financial Aid before the census day of the semester in which they plan to use the exemption provision. Hazlewood recipients must complete all required documents and submit to VSFA before the last class day of the term as published in the Health Science Center Academic calendar. Medical and Dental professional students must complete by the last class day in the fall session.

Adopted Students Formerly in Foster or other Residential Care

Who is Eligible
- Certain adopted students

Requirements
- To be eligible, a student must:
  - have been adopted
  - have been the subject of an adoption assistance agreement under Subchapter D, Chapter 162, Family Code

Tuition, Fees, and Charges
- Exempted

Blind and Deaf Students

Who is Eligible
- Texas residents who are deaf or blind

Requirements
- Certification of deafness/blindness for the Texas Commission for the Deaf & Hearing Impaired/Texas Commission for the Blind. Form must be provided to the Office of Financial Aid.

Tuition, Fees, and Charges
- Exempted

Children of Disabled/Deceased Texas Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officers

Who is Eligible
- Children under 21 of full-paid or volunteer firefighter; full-paid or volunteer municipal, county, or state peace officers including a game warden; or custodial officer of the Department of Criminal Justice who died or became disabled in the line of duty.

Requirements
- Certification from parent’s workplace must be provided to the Office of Financial Aid.

Tuition, Fees, and Charges
- Exempted

Exemption not to exceed 120 undergraduate credit hours or any semester begun after age 26.

Children of Prisoners of War or Persons Missing in Action

Who is Eligible
- Child (under 21) or a dependent (under 25) who receives majority of support from parent

Requirements
- Parent must be a resident of Texas on active duty and be classified by the Department of Defense as a Prisoner of war or Missing in Action at the time of registration, and certification must be provided to the Office of Financial Aid

Tuition, Fees, and Charges
- Exempted

Tuition, fees, and charges

Children of Professional Nursing Program Faculty

Who is Eligible
- A child of a faculty member or teaching assistant in a nursing program in Texas

Requirements
- a resident of Texas age 25 or younger
- not have been granted a baccalaureate degree
- be enrolled at the same institution that employs the parent/faculty member
- has not previously received an exemption under this section for 10 semesters or summer sessions
- If the parent is employed on less than a full-time basis, the value of the exemption is to be prorated in accordance with parent’s employment load. Under no circumstances, however, is the exemption to be for an amount less than 25% of the student’s tuition.

Tuition, Fees, and Charges
- Exempted

Tuition, fees, and charges

Disabled Peace Officers

Who is Eligible
- A permanently disabled peace officer as a result of an injury suffered during the performance of a duty as a peace officer of this state or a political subdivision of this state and is unable to continue employment as a peace officer because of the disability.

Requirements
- To receive an exemption, the student must:
  - be a Texas resident
  - be taking undergraduate work
  - not exceed 12 semesters in the undergraduate program

Tuition, Fees, and Charges
- Exempted

Tuition, but class fees and laboratory fees
Firefighter Enrolled in Fire Science Courses

Who is Eligible

Students employed as a paid firefighter by a political subdivision of the State of Texas or Active member of volunteer fire department who holds an accredited advanced certification (or the equivalent), under the State Firemen’s and Fire Marshal’s Association of Texas volunteer certification program, or a Phase V (Firefighter II) certification (or the equivalent) under the Texas Commission of Fire Protection’s voluntary certification program under Section 419.071, Govt. Code. Enroll in courses offered as part of a Fire Science Curriculum.

Requirements

Submit complete Texas Fireman Exemption Request from the VFSA website (http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid/) on an annual basis.

Tuition, Fees, and Charges

Exempted

Tuition only.

Good Neighbor Scholarship

Who is Eligible

Native-born students from other designated nations of the American hemisphere.

Requirements

To be eligible, a student must:
- show evidence of native citizenship and proof of five years residency in that country
- demonstrate scholastic eligibility
- not be a member of the Communist Party
- be recommended for a scholarship by an eligible institution
- have a valid student visa
- provide other documentation as required (inquire at Scholarship Office).

Applications are available only in January and February for the following Summer, Fall, and Spring semesters.

Applications are reviewed and granted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board semester by semester.

Tuition, Fees, and Charges

Exempted

Tuition only.

Hazlewood Act (Texas ex-servicemen and Children of Texas Veterans) - rules subject to change by the Texas Veterans Commission (http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Hazlewood-Act.aspx) and/or Texas Legislature.

Who is Eligible

A. A veteran may qualify for benefits under the Hazlewood Act if she or he:
- entered the service at a location in this State, declared this State as the person’s home of record in the manner provided by the applicable military or other service, or would have been determined to be a resident of this State at the time of entry into the armed forces of the United States
- was a nurse, member of the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps, member of the Women’s Auxiliary Volunteer Emergency Service, and all honorably discharged members of the armed forces of the United States who served during World War II except those who were discharged from service because they were over the age of 38 or because of a personal request on the part of the person that he or she be discharged from service
- was honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States and who served during the national emergency which began on June 27, 1950, and which is referred to as the Korean War
- was honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States after serving on active military duty, excluding training, for more than 180 days and who served a portion of their active duty during:
  a. the Cold War which began on the date of the termination of the national emergency cited above;
  b. the Vietnam era which began on December 21, 1961, and ended on May 7, 1975;
  c. the Grenada and Lebanon era which began on August 24, 1982, and ended on July 31, 1984;
  d. the Panama era which began on December 20, 1989, and ended on January 21, 1990;
Requirements

A student seeking to use the exemption for the first time must:

- complete an application in the Office of Financial Aid prior to the deadlines posted for each semester (for veterans who have served on or after 09/11/2001) submit a letter from veterans administration attesting to her or his exhaustion of federal veterans educational benefits that may be used only for the payment of tuition and fees, and meet other program requirements as in the past.

A student continuing to use the exemption must:

- sign a release form, and
- meet other program requirements as in the past.
### Tuition, Fees, and Charges Exempted

**Surviving Spouse and Dependent Children of Certain Deceased Public Servants (employees)**

**Who is Eligible**

Surviving spouse or minor child of certain police, security, or emergency personnel killed in the line of duty.

**Requirements**

To be eligible, a student must:

- be the eligible surviving spouse or child of an individual listed in Government Code, Sec. 615.003
- be a full-time student
- have his or her eligibility certified by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**Tuition, Fees, and Charges Exempted**

- Tuition
- Required fees and charges
- Cost of contract for food and housing (if qualified)
- Cost of textbooks

(Exemptions valid until a student receives a bachelor's degree or 200 semester credit hours, whichever occurs first.)

**Students in Foster Care**

**Who is Eligible**

Students who are under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services:

- on the day preceding the student's 18th birthday;
- on or after the day of the student's 14th birthday if the student was also eligible for adoption on or after that day, or
- on the day the student graduated from high school or received equivalent of a high school diploma, or
- on the day preceding the date the student is adopted (if on or after September 1, 2009), or
- on the day preceding the date permanent managing conservatorship of the student is awarded to a person other than the students' parent (if on or after September 1, 2009).

**Tuition, Fees, and Charges Exempted**

- All tuition, fees and charges

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**Nursing Preceptors and Dependents**

**Who is Eligible**

Preceptors to professional nursing education programs and their eligible children.

An individual’s eligibility for the program ends when the person has previously received exemptions under this program for 10 semesters or summer sessions at any institution or institutions of higher education, or received a baccalaureate degree. For the purposes of this program, a summer session that is less than nine weeks in duration is considered one-half of a summer session.

**Requirements**

To receive an exemption, the preceptor must:

- be a resident of Texas
- be a registered nurse
- be serving under a written preceptor agreement with an undergraduate professional nursing program as a clinical preceptor for students enrolled in the program for the semester or other academic term for which the exemption is sought.

To receive an exemption, the child of the preceptor must:

- be a Texas resident
- have a parent who meets the above criteria.

**Tuition, Fees, and Charges Exempted**

- All tuition, up to 500 per semester

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And enrolls as an undergraduate no later than:

- the student’s 25th birthday.

Effective with the Spring 2010 semester:

- applies to all persons under the conservatorship of the Department of Family Protective Services during an academic term in which the student was enrolled in a dual credit course or other course for which a high school student may earn joint high school and college credit
- can be used by eligible students while in high school to avoid the tuition and fee costs of dual enrollment courses.

**Requirements**

Certification from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services must be provided to the Office of Financial Aid.
Valedictorian of an Accredited High School

Who is Eligible
Highest-ranking graduate of an accredited Texas high school.

Requirements
Certification from high school must be provided to the Financial Aid Office

Tuition, Fees, and Charges
Tuition during first two regular (Fall and Spring) semesters immediately following their graduation may be granted for any one of the first four regular semesters immediately following their high school graduation with the permission of the Health Science Center President

General Academic Policies

General Academic Policies are in place to provide students with direction as they navigate their educational careers at the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu). These policies are consistent with federal law, rules and regulations under The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (http://www.thecb.state.tx.us) and University of Texas System (http://www.utsystem.edu), and accreditation standards under the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (http://www.sacsoc.org). General academic policies apply to all applicants and students regardless of program, school, or certificate or degree sought. They also apply to all non-degree students.

Each school and many programs have established policies specific to their students that must be adhered to in addition to general academic policies. Those can be found under each school’s section in this Catalog.

Academic Dishonesty Policy

UNIVERSITY DECISION

As an academic university dedicated to the creation, dissemination, and application of knowledge, the Health Science Center is committed to fostering an intellectual and ethical environment based on the principles of academic integrity. Academic integrity is essential to the success of the University’s educational and research mission and violations of academic integrity constitutes serious offenses against the entire academic community.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

Academic Integrity is based on educational principles and procedures that protect the rights of all participants in the educational process and validate the legitimacy of degrees awarded by the University. In the investigation and resolution of all allegations of student academic dishonesty, the University’s actions are intended be corrective, educationally sound, fundamentally fair, and based on reliable evidence.

The Academic Dishonesty policy is adopted by the University based on authority delegated by the Board of Regents to the President and is implemented and enforced under the direction of the Deans and Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs.

Please note that culpability is not diminished when academic dishonesty occurs in drafts which are not the final version or when the student claims not knowing the policy or procedures.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Academic Dishonesty
This is defined as an act of obtaining or attempting to present academic work through fraudulent or deceptive means in order to obtain credit for this work. Academic dishonesty, also referred to as scholastic dishonesty, includes but is not limited to:

Cheating
Failure to observe the expressed procedures of an academic exercise, including but not limited to:

• Unauthorized use of commercial “research” services such as term papers
• Providing information to others without instructor’s permission or allowing the opportunity for others to obtain information that provides the recipient with an advantage on an exam or assignment
• Unauthorized communicating with fellow students during a quiz or exam
• Copying material from other student’s quiz or exam
• Permitting another student to copy from a quiz or exam
• Permitting another person to take a quiz, exam, or similar evaluation in lieu of the enrolled student
• Using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids (e.g., textbook, notes, data, images, formula list, dictionary, calculator, etc.) in any academic exercise or exam
• Unauthorized collaboration in providing or requesting assistance, such as sharing information on an academic exercise or exam through cell phones and texting
• Unauthorized use of another person’s data in completing a computer or lab exercise
• Using computer and word processing systems to gain access to, alter and/or use unauthorized information
• Altering a graded exam or assignment and requesting that it be re-graded – submission of altered work after grading shall be considered academically dishonest, including but not limited to changing answers after an exam or assignment has been returned or submitting another’s exam as one’s own to gain credit

Fabrication
Falsification or invention of any information in an academic exercise, including but not limited to:

• Fabricating or altering data to support research
• Presenting results from research that was not performed—submitting material for lab assignments, class projects or other assignments which is wholly or partially falsified, invented or otherwise does not represent work accomplished or undertaken by the student
• Crediting source material that was not directly used for research
• Falsification, alteration or misrepresentation of official or unofficial records or documents including but not limited to academic transcripts academic documentation, letters of recommendation, and admissions applications or related documents

Fraud, Misrepresentation, Lying
Intentionally making an untrue statement or deceiving including but not limited to:
• Providing an excuse for an absence, tardiness, late assignment with the intent to deceive the instructor, staff or the school
• Checking into Health Science Center classes, labs, centers or other Health Science Center resources with the intent to deceive the instructor, staff, or the school
• Checking in or checking out of Health Science Center classes, labs, centers or other Health Science Center resource for another student
• Using another student’s Health Science Center identification card for use in a class, lab, center or other Health Science Center resource

Plagiarism
The presentation of another’s words, images or ideas as if they were the student’s own, including but not limited to:
• Stealing the written, oral, artistic, or original works or efforts of others and presenting them as one’s own
• The submission of material, whether in part or whole, authored by another person or source (e.g., the internet, book, journal, etc.), whether that material is paraphrased, translated or copied in verbatim or near-verbatim form without properly acknowledging the source (it is the student’s responsibility to cite all sources)
• The submission of material edited, in part or whole, by another person that results in the loss of the student’s original voice or ideas (i.e. while an editor or tutor may advise a student, the final submitted material must be the work of the student, not that of the editor or tutor)
• Translating all or any part of material from another language and presenting it as if it were the student’s own original work
• Unauthorized transfer and use of another person’s computer file as the student’s own
• Unauthorized use of another person’s data in completing a computer exercise

Multiple Submissions
Resubmission of work that has already received credit with identical or similar content in another course without written consent of the present instructor or submission of work with identical or similar content in concurrent courses without written consent of all instructors involved

Facilitating Academic Dishonesty: assisting another to commit an act of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to:
• Taking a quiz, exam, or similar evaluation in place of another person
• Allowing one student to copy from another
• Attending a course posing as another student who is officially registered for that course
• Providing material or other information (e.g., a solution to homework, a project or other assignments, a copy of an exam, exam key or any test information) to another student with knowledge that such assistance could be used to violate any other sections of this policy
• Distribution or use of notes or recordings based on college classes without the express written permission of the instructor for purposes other than individual or group study; this includes, but is not limited to, providing materials for distribution by services publishing class notes (This restriction on unauthorized use applies to all information distributed or in any way displayed for use in relationship to the class, whether obtained in class, via email, on the internet or via any other media)

Academic Sabotage
Deliberately impeding the academic progress of others:
• Intentionally destroying or obstructing another student’s work
• Stealing or defacing books, journals, or other library or University materials
• Altering computer files that contain data, reports or assignments belonging to another student
• Removing posted or reserve material or otherwise preventing other students’ access to it

Violation of Research or Professional Ethics
Includes both violations of the code of ethics specific to a particular profession and violations of more generally applicable ethical requirements for the acquisition, analysis, and reporting of research data and the preparation and submission of scholarly work for publications:
• Violating a canon of the ethical or professional code of the profession for which a student is preparing
• Using unethical or improper means of acquiring, analyzing or reporting data in a senior thesis project, a master’s or doctoral research project, grant-funded research, or research submitted for publication
• Misuse of grant or institutional funds
• Violating professional ethics in performing one’s duties as Teaching Assistant or Graduate Assistant

Expectations of Professional Conduct
University students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner, not only in interaction with patients, but also with peers, faculty, and staff of the Health Science Center and the community in general. In addition to conventional academic tests and measurement criteria for assessment, students will be evaluated on issues relating to their professional conduct/judgment according to the previously defined standards of the school, program, and profession for which they are in training. The specific professional discipline/school in which the student is enrolled may have additional and more specific codes of conduct. As such, the dean of each school shall have the responsibility for the administration of discipline in cases concerning academic dishonesty and professional misconduct.

Conduct and Discipline
Students are responsible for knowing and observing the university’s procedures and regulations governing Student Conduct and Discipline and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents. As noted in the Expectations of Professional Conduct, standards of professional conduct may be set by each school of the Health Science Center.

Because the educational programs at the Health Science Center have professional integrity and professional competence requirements that are a component of the overall academic framework of the programs, violations of university regulations concerning standards of conduct which compromise professional integrity and/or competence fall under the jurisdiction of the schools.

The chief student affairs officer in the Office of the Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs shall have responsibility for the administration of discipline in areas not directly related to the academic or professional training of the student. Procedures described in the Student Conduct and Discipline of the Health Science Center will be followed.
Conduct matters under the scope of the academic and professional standards of expectations as defined by the educational programs in the schools will be adjudicated by the individual schools in which the educational programs are housed. As such, the dean of each school shall have the responsibility for the administration of discipline in cases concerning academic dishonesty and professional misconduct.

The full text of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents and the university’s Student Conduct and Discipline should be consulted in reference to any questions concerning student conduct and discipline. The processes afforded a student subject to disciplinary sanctions are governed by Series 50101 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System and the Health Science Center’s Student Conduct and Discipline.

**Student Grievance Procedures**

I. **Student Academic Grievance Procedure**

Academic-related grievances are administered and managed in each school. Students should consult their individual school’s academic policies and procedures for specific information about its academic grievance procedure.

The dean of the school in which the student is enrolled has jurisdiction over the student’s program of study, degree requirements, and all other academic matters, including grievances. Depending upon the specific school, there may be some differences in codes of professional conduct and related issues. Appeals reside at the school level. The decision of the dean or the dean’s designee is final.

II. **Student Nonacademic Grievance Procedure**

Any student who has a nonacademic grievance concerning the interpretation, application, or claimed violation of her/his rights as a Health Science Center student or who feels he/she has been discriminated against or harassed on the basis of age, color, disability, family status, gender, national origin, race, religion, veteran status, sexual orientation, or sexual harassment has the opportunity to seek resolution of such grievance.

This policy also may include any official publication of the Health Science Center that may be perceived to be misleading or a misrepresentation of the facts. In cases where the complaint is related to official publications, the complaints may be submitted, in writing, at any time to the chief student affairs officer. If the complaint cannot be resolved at this level, appeals may be made to the President of the Health Science Center.

The student nonacademic grievance procedure may be handled through the mediation of designated officers of the schools or through other grievance procedures specific to various acts or issues.

1. Student program and student activity-related grievances should be submitted in writing to the director or coordinator of the specific Office of Student Services’ division. Appeals must be in writing and may be directed to the chief student affairs officer in the Office of the Vice President, Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs for final disposition.

2. In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the grievance procedures described in this document should be followed for complaints alleging discrimination on the basis of disability. No qualified student shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any academic program or activity at the Health Science Center.

3. Complaints alleging sexual assault and/or sexual harassment should be addressed in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in this Catalog (see General Regulations and Requirements, Sexual Assault Policy).

III. **Procedure for Informal Resolution of a Nonacademic Grievance**

A student who feels that he/she is a victim of harassment or discrimination or who feels that her/his rights as a student have been violated, may attempt to resolve the matter informally; the student may schedule a discussion or conference with the individual accused of the act, omission, or issue over which the student grieves. The informal discussion(s) or conference(s) should be conducted less than 30 calendar days from the date the student knew or should have known of the offensive act or issue —if an informal resolution is not forthcoming, the student has a time limit of 30 calendar days from the date he/she knew or should have known of the offensive act or issue to file a formal written grievance.

IV. **Procedure for Formal Resolution for a Nonacademic Grievance**

This procedure is intended to provide students with an opportunity to formally grieve any perceived act, omission, or issue of a nonacademic nature which adversely affects the grieving student and for which no other grievance or appeals procedure is provided in The University of Texas System or in the policies or procedures of the Health Science Center. Students considering filing a grievance may contact the chief student affairs officer or the appropriate associate dean of student affairs to receive instructions. (See Student Conduct and Discipline).

1. The formal written grievance should be initiated as soon as possible. If the student chooses not to attempt informal resolution of a grievance, he/she must file a formal written grievance not more than 30 calendar days from the date he/she knew or should have known of the offensive act or issue. If the student attempts informal resolution and then chooses to file a formal written grievance, he/she should file the written grievance within five working days from the last informal attempt at resolution. Also, the formal written grievance must be filed not more than 30 calendar days from the date the student knew or should have known of the offensive act or issue.

2. The student may file the written grievance, setting out a complete description of the grievance (and the proposed remedy). If the accused individual is a Health Science Center employee, the employee’s immediate supervisor receives the written grievance. The deans and/or the chief student affairs officer can assist students in identifying the accused individual’s supervisor, so that the written grievance may be filed with the appropriate person. If the accused individual is a student, the written grievance is given to the associate dean of student affairs of the accused student’s school. Where the grievance does not involve an individual, the grievance may be filed with the administrator responsible for the program issue or issues involved. Copies of the grievance will be made available to the grieving student, the associate dean of her/his school, the individual accused of the act or omission grieved, the accused individual’s supervisor, and the administrator to whom the grievance is presented.

3. The administrator hearing the grievance may, at her/his discretion, hold discussions with or without the accused to hear and resolve the grievance. Schedule a meeting between the student and the party accused, and/or involve other parties in facilitating a resolution of the grievance. The administrator has 10 working days from receipt of the written grievance to resolve the grievance, after which time the student, if not satisfied, may appeal to the dean of her/his school. If
the student wishes an alternate hearing officer, her/his request must be submitted, in writing, to the dean of the appropriate school or to the President not more than five calendar days from notification of the hearing.

4. If the decision of the grievance officer is to affirm the grievance, any resulting directive to the accused must be in writing and must be pursuant to a meeting between the accused and the accused’s associate dean or supervisor. Denial of the grievance also must be in writing.

5. Within five working days of the student’s receipt of the decision of the Dean, the student may appeal the Dean’s decision to the President. If no decision is rendered by the Dean within 14 working days from the delivery of the written grievance to the Dean, the written grievance and grievance record may be sent by the student to the President. The President may take whatever action is deemed appropriate.

6. The decision of the President of the Health Science Center is final.

Dismissal

Students may be dismissed, suspended, dropped from the rolls, and refused readmission at any time if circumstances of a legal, moral, health, social, or academic nature are considered to justify such action. In addition to dismissal due to academic deficiencies, questions of scholastic dishonesty and other infractions of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System or the procedures and regulations governing Student Conduct and Discipline of the Health Science Center may be grounds for dismissal. Taking a leave of absence without permission, failing to return at the appointed time from a leave of absence, and failure to pay tuition and fees may lead to a student’s termination. (See General Regulations and Requirements).

STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

1. Standards of Conduct.

All students are expected and required to obey federal, State, and local laws, to comply with the Regents’ Rules and Regulations, with The University of Texas System and institutional rules and regulations, with directives issued by an administrative official of the UT System or the Health Science Center in the course of his or her authorized duties, and to observe standards of conduct appropriate for an academic institution.

2. Applicability.

Each student is responsible for the notice of and compliance with the provisions of the Regents’ Rules and Regulations and the rules of the institution.

2.1 Who is Subject to Discipline.

Any student who engages in conduct that violates the Regents’ Rules and Regulations, the UT System or institutional rules and regulations, specific instructions issued by an administrative official of the institution or the UT System acting in the course of his or her authorized duties, or federal, State, or local laws is subject to discipline. A student is subject to discipline for prohibited conduct that occurs on or off campus, including but not limited to institution or UT System sponsored off-campus activities such as field trips, internships, rotations or clinical assignments, regardless of whether civil or criminal penalties are also imposed for such conduct.

2.2 Prohibited Conduct.

(a.) Scholastic Dishonesty.

Any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

(b.) Drugs.

Any student who is found responsible for the illegal use, possession and/or sale of a drug or narcotic is subject to discipline. If a student is found responsible for the illegal use, possession, and/or sale of a drug or narcotic on campus, the minimum sanction assessed shall be suspension from the institution for a specified period of time and/or suspension of rights and privileges.

(c.) Health or Safety.

Any student who engages in conduct that endangers the health or safety of any person may be subject to discipline.

(d.) Disruptions.

Any student who, acting singly or in concert with others, obstructs, disrupts, or interferes with any teaching, educational, research, administrative, disciplinary, public service, or other activity or public performance authorized to be held or conducted on campus or on property or in a building or facility owned or controlled by the UT System or institution is subject to discipline. Obstruction or disruption includes but is not limited to any act that interrupts, modifies, or damages utility service or equipment, communication service or equipment, university computers, computer programs, computer records or computer networks accessible through the university’s computer resources.

(e.) Inciting Lawless Action.

Any student who engages in speech, either orally or in writing, which is directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action and is likely to incite or produce such action is subject to discipline;

(f.) Unauthorized Use of Property.

Any student who engages in the unauthorized use of property, equipment, supplies, buildings, or facilities owned or controlled by the UT System or institution is subject to discipline.

(g.) Hazing.

Any student who, acting singly or in concert with others, engages in hazing is subject to discipline. Hazing in State educational institutions is prohibited by State law (Texas Education Code Section 51.936 and Sections 37.151-37.157). Hazing with or without the consent of a student whether on or off campus is prohibited, and a violation of that prohibition renders both the person inflicting the hazing and the person submitting to the hazing subject to discipline. Knowingly failing to report hazing can subject one to discipline. Initiations or activities of organizations may include no feature that is dangerous, harmful, or degrading to the student, and a violation of this prohibition renders both the organization and participating individuals subject to discipline.

(h.) Altering of Official Documents.

A student who alters or assists in the altering of any official record of the UT System or institution or who submits false information or omits requested information that is required for or related to an application
for admission, the award of a degree, or any official record of the
UT System or institution is subject to discipline. A former student
who engages in such conduct is subject to bar against readmission,
revocation of degree, and withdrawal of diploma.

(i.) Vandalism.

Any student who defaces, mutilates, destroys, or takes unauthorized
possession of any property, equipment, supplies, buildings, or facilities
owned or controlled by an institution or the UT System is subject to
discipline.

(j.) Use of Explosives, Weapons or Hazardous Chemicals.

Unless authorized by federal, State, or local laws, a student who
possesses or uses any type of explosive, firearm, imitation firearm,
ammunition, hazardous chemical, or weapon as defined by State or
federal law, while on campus or on any property or in any building or
facility owned or controlled by the UT System or institution, is subject
to discipline.

(k.) Prohibited Conduct During Suspension.

A student who receives a period of suspension as a disciplinary
sanction is subject to further disciplinary action for prohibited conduct
that takes place during the period of suspension.

3. Bar from Campus.

A former student who has been suspended or expelled for disciplinary
reasons is prohibited from being on the campus of any UT System
institution during the period of such suspension or expulsion without
prior written approval of the chief student affairs officer of the UT
System institution at which the suspended or expelled student wishes
to be present. In a request for such approval, the former student is
required to disclose in writing each institution from which the individual
has been suspended or expelled and the conduct leading to the
disciplinary action.


The Dean will conduct an investigation, determine whether to proceed
with the charges, and if so, propose the appropriate sanction. The
Dean may proceed with the disciplinary process even if the student is
subject to concurred criminal or civil proceedings. Students will have
the opportunity to appeal disciplinary action.

If there is a more specific policy that specifies the procedures for
investigation, such as the Sexual Harassment/Sexual Misconduct
policy, that policy will govern; however, all the powers provided herein
to the Dean for investigations involving student witnesses, including
summons, interim disciplinary action, and withholding transcripts,
grades and degrees are delegated to the investigator designated in
that policy.

4.1 Investigation.

Allegations of misconduct will be investigated by the Dean or the
Dean’s designee. The Dean may contact a student for a meeting for
purposes of the investigation and/or to discuss the allegations. The
Dean may also issue a summons for these purposes. A summons
shall be in writing, specify a place for the meeting and a time at least
three weekdays after the date of the written request if the request
is sent regular mail, or at least two weekdays after the date of the
request if the request is sent by email or hand delivered. The written
request may be mailed to the address appearing in the records of the
registrar, emailed to the student at the e-mail address on record with
the UT System institution, or may be hand delivered to the student.
If a student fails to appear without good cause, as determined by
the Dean, the Dean may bar or cancel the student’s enrollment or
otherwise alter the status of the student until the student complies
with the summons. If the student failing to appear as directed in a
summons is the student against whom charges are being reviewed,
in addition to the above, the Dean may proceed with disciplinary
action based upon other information available using the disciplinary
procedures below. The refusal of a student to accept delivery of the
notice, the failure to maintain a current address with the registrar, or
failure to read mail or e-mail shall not be good cause for the failure to
respond to a summons.

4.2 Reviewing the Evidence and Determining the Sanction.

The Dean will review the evidence, determine whether to proceed with
charges, and, if so, determine the sanction appropriate to the charges.
Before proceeding with disciplinary action, the Dean will offer
the student the opportunity to meet to provide a response to the charges
and, upon request, to review the available evidence supporting the
charges.

4.3 Interim Disciplinary Action.

Pending a hearing or other disposition of the allegations against a
student, the Dean may take such immediate interim disciplinary action
as is appropriate to the circumstances when such action is in the
best interest of the institution. This includes but is not limited to a
suspension and bar from the campus when it reasonably appears to
the Dean from the circumstances that the continuing presence of the
student poses a potential danger to persons or property or a potential
threat for disrupting any activity authorized by the institution. In the
event interim disciplinary action is taken, an expedited hearing will be
offered in accordance with Section 5 below.

4.4 Withholding Transcripts, Grades, Degrees.

The Dean may also withhold the issuance of an official transcript,
grade, diploma, certificate, or degree to a student alleged to have
violated a rule or regulation of the UT System or the institutions that
would reasonably allow the imposition of such sanction. The Dean
may take such action pending a hearing, resolution by administrative
disposition, and/or exhaustion of appellate rights if the Dean has
provided the student an opportunity to provide a preliminary response
to the allegations and in the opinion of the Dean, the best interests of
the UT System or the institution would be served by this action.

4.5 Uncontested Cases with Agreed Sanctions.

In any case, except in a case finding a violation of the Sexual
Harassment/Sexual Misconduct Policy, where the accused student
elects not to dispute the facts upon which the charges are based and
agrees to the sanctions the Dean assesses, the student may execute
a written waiver of the hearing procedures and waiver of any appeals
under the policy. This administrative disposition shall be final and there
shall be no subsequent proceedings regarding the charges.

In any case finding a violation of the Sexual Harassment/Sexual
Misconduct Policy, the case will proceed under 4.6 of this Policy
unless both the accused and the accuser agree to the terms of the
administrative disposition and thus waive the hearing and appeals.
4.6 Challenging the Disciplinary Action.

(a) Cases in which Proposed Sanction involves Suspension, Academic Sanctions or Expulsion. In those cases in which the Dean proposes suspension, including suspension of rights and privileges, academic sanctions, or expulsion as a sanction, the charges shall be heard and determined by a fair and impartial Hearing Officer in accordance with Section 5 below. However, a student not found in violation of the Sexual Harassment/Sexual Misconduct Policy may elect to sign an administrative disposition waiving the right to the hearing under Section 5, but reserving the right to appeal only the sanction. Such an appeal regarding the sanction will be to the president of an institution or his/her designee as determined by institutional procedures in accordance with Section 7 below. In cases where a student is found in violation of the Sexual Harassment/Sexual Misconduct Policy, the case will proceed before a Hearing Officer unless both the accused and the accuser agree to the waiver of the hearing procedures.

(b) Cases in Which Neither Suspension, an Academic Sanction, or Expulsion is Proposed as a Sanction. In those cases not subject to 4.6(a), institutional rules may provide for a hearing process, other than that provided for in Section 5, that at a minimum provides that the Dean inform the student in writing of the charges, evidence, findings, and the sanction(s); allows the student an opportunity to meet with the Dean to provide evidence on his/her behalf; provides an appeal process to a designated appeals officer that includes a reasonable time to submit the student’s position as to why the facts do not support the charges and/or why the sanction is inappropriate and provides for a designated appeals officer who will review and consider the file pertaining to the case.

In any case involving a violation of the Sexual Harassment/Sexual Misconduct Policy, the accuser will be provided an equal opportunity to participate in the process.

(c) Burden of Proof. Upon a hearing of the charges, the Dean or other institutional representative has the burden of going forward with the evidence and has the burden of proving the charges by the greater weight of the credible evidence.


In those cases in which the accused student disputes the facts upon which the charges are based, such charges shall be heard and determined by a fair and impartial Hearing Officer.

In any case involving a violation of the Sexual Harassment/Sexual Misconduct Policy, the accuser will be provided the same rights and responsibilities outlined in this section as the accused including the right to have notice of the hearing.

5.1 Interim Disciplinary Action Accelerated Hearing.

When interim disciplinary action has been taken by the Dean under Section 4.3 above, the student will be given the opportunity to have a hearing of the charges in accordance with the procedures specified in Section 5.5 below within 10 days after the interim disciplinary action was taken; however, if the Dean determines that there is good cause, the 10-day period may be extended for a reasonable period.

5.2 Notice of Hearing.

Except in those cases where immediate interim disciplinary action has been taken, the accused student shall be given at least 10 days written notice of the date, time, and place for such hearing and the name of the Hearing Officer. The notice shall include a statement of the charge(s) and a summary statement of the evidence supporting such charge(s). The notice shall be delivered in person to the student or mailed to the student at the address appearing in the registrar’s records. A notice sent by mail will be considered to have been received on the third day after the date of mailing, excluding any intervening Sunday. The date for a hearing may be postponed by the Hearing Officer for good cause or by agreement of the student and Dean.

5.3 Impartiality of the Hearing Officer(s).

The accused student may challenge the impartiality of a Hearing Officer(s). The challenge must be in writing, state the reasons for the challenge, and be submitted to the Hearing Officer(s) through the Office of the Dean at least three days prior to the hearing. The Hearing Officer(s) shall be the sole judge of whether he or she can serve with fairness and objectivity. In the event a Hearing Officer(s) disqualifies himself or herself, a substitute will be chosen in accordance with procedures of the institution.

5.4 Duties of Hearing Officer(s).

The Hearing Officer(s) is responsible for conducting the hearing in an orderly manner and controlling the conduct of the witnesses and participants in the hearing. The Hearing Officer(s) shall rule on all procedural matters and on objections regarding exhibits and testimony of witnesses, may question witnesses, and is entitled to have the advice and assistance of legal counsel from the Office of General Counsel of the UT System. The Hearing Officer(s) shall render and send to the Dean and the accused student a written decision that contains findings of fact and a conclusion as to whether the accused student is responsible for the violations as charged. Upon a finding of responsibility the Hearing Officer(s) shall assess a sanction or sanctions specified in Section 6 below. When an accused student is found responsible for the illegal use, possession, or sale of a drug or narcotic on campus, the assessment of a minimum sanction provided in Section 2.3 above is required.

5.5 Procedures.

The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with procedures adopted by the institution that are consistent with the following:

(a) Each party shall provide the other party a list of witnesses, a brief summary of the testimony to be given by each, and a copy of documents to be introduced at the hearing at least five days prior to the hearing.

(b) Each party shall have the right to appear, present testimony of witnesses and documentary evidence, cross-examine witnesses (as permitted by the hearing officer), and be assisted by an advisor of choice. The advisor may be an attorney. If the accused student’s advisor is an attorney, the Dean’s advisor may be an attorney from the Office of General Counsel of the UT System. An advisor may confer with and advise the Dean or accused student, but shall not be permitted to question witnesses, introduce evidence, make objections or present argument to the Hearing Officer(s). In sexual harassment/sexual assault cases, the alleged victim shall have the right to be present throughout the hearing, to have an advisor present during the hearing, to have irrelevant past sexual history with third parties excluded from the evidence; and to have a closed hearing.
(c) The Dean may recommend a sanction to be assessed by the Hearing Officer(s). The recommendation may be based upon past practice of the institution for violations of a similar nature, the past disciplinary record of the student, or other factors deemed relevant by the Dean. The accused student shall be entitled to respond to the recommendation of the Dean.

(d) The hearing will be recorded. If either party desires to appeal the decision of the Hearing Officer(s) in accordance with Section 7 below, the official record will consist of the recording of the hearing, the documents received in evidence, and the decision of the Hearing Officer(s). At the request of the president of an institution or his/her designee for the appeal, the recording of the hearing will be transcribed and both parties will be furnished a copy of the transcript.


The following sanctions may be assessed by the Dean or by the Hearing Officer(s) as applicable, in accordance with these procedures:

6.1 Disciplinary probation.

6.2 Withholding of grades, official transcript, and/or degree.

6.3 Bar against readmission.

6.4 Restitution or reimbursement for damage to or misappropriation of institutional or UT System property.

6.5 Suspension of rights and privileges, including participation in athletic or extracurricular activities.

6.6 Failing grade or reduction of a grade for an examination, assignment, or for a course.

6.7 Denial of degree.

6.8 Suspension from the institution for a specified period of time or until the student meets specified conditions. Students who are currently enrolled will be administratively withdrawn from all courses and refunds will not be issued. Suspension is noted on the academic transcript. The notation can be removed upon the request of the student when all conditions of the suspension are met.

6.9 Expulsion (permanent separation from the institution) Expulsion creates a permanent notation on the student’s academic transcript.

6.10 Revocation of degree and withdrawal of diploma.

6.11 Other sanction as deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

7. Appeal Procedures.

A student may appeal a disciplinary sanction assessed by the Dean in accordance with Section 4.6(a) above. Either the Dean or the student may appeal the decision of the Hearing Officer(s). In sexual harassment/sexual misconduct cases, the alleged victim may pursue an appeal under the same procedure as the accused student. An appeal shall be in accordance with the following procedures.

7.1 Appeal Procedures.

The appealing party must submit a written appeal stating the specific reasons for the appeal and any argument to the president of the institution or his/her designee (hereafter “Appeal Official”) with a copy to the other party. The appeal must be stamped as received in the office of the Appeal Official no later than 14 days after the appealing party has been notified of the sanction assessed by the Dean or the decision of the Hearing Officer(s). If the notice of sanction assessed by the Dean or the decision of the Hearing Officer(s) is sent by mail, the date the notice or decision is mailed initiates the 14-day period for the appeal. The non-appealing party and in sexual harassment/sexual misconduct cases, the alleged victim, may submit a response to the appeal, which must be received by the Appeal Official no later than five days after receipt of the appeal, with a copy to the other party. An appeal of the sanction assessed by the Dean in accordance with Section 4.6(a) above will be reviewed solely on the basis of the written argument of the student and the Dean. The appeal of the decision of the Hearing Officer(s) will be reviewed solely on the basis of the record from the hearing. The Dean will submit the record from the hearing to the Appeal Official as soon as it is available to the Dean. The Appeal Official, may, at his or her discretion, entertain oral argument in an appeal from the decision of the Hearing Officer(s).

7.2 Appeal Official’s Authority.

The Appeal Official may approve, reject, or modify the decision in question or may require that the original hearing be reopened for the presentation of additional evidence and reconsideration of the decision. It is provided, however, that upon a finding of responsibility in a case involving the illegal use, possession, and/or sale of a drug or narcotic on campus, the sanction may not be reduced below the sanction as prescribed by Section 2.3 above.

7.3 Communication of Decision.

The action of the Appeal Official shall be communicated in writing to the student(s) and the Dean within 30 days after the appeal and related documents have been received. The decision of the Appeal Official is the final appellate review.

8. Disciplinary Record.

The academic transcript of a student suspended or expelled for disciplinary reasons shall be marked accordingly. Each institution shall maintain a permanent written disciplinary record for every student assessed a sanction of suspension, expulsion, denial or revocation of degree, and/or withdrawal of diploma. A record of scholastic dishonesty shall be maintained for at least five years unless the record is permanent in conjunction with the above stated sanctions. A disciplinary record shall reflect the nature of the charge, the disposition of the charge, the sanction assessed, and any other pertinent information. This disciplinary record shall be maintained by the Office of the Dean of Students. It shall be treated as confidential, and shall not be accessible to anyone other than the Dean or university officials with legitimate educational interests, except upon written authorization of the student or in accordance with applicable State or federal laws or court order or subpoena.


Administrative Disposition – A document signed by the student and Dean which includes a statement of the disciplinary charges, the findings, the sanction and a waiver of the hearing procedures and possibly a waiver of appeals under Regents’ Rules and Regulations, Rule 50101, Section 2, and institutional rules regarding student discipline.

Campus – Consists of all real property, buildings, or facilities owned or controlled by the institution.
Chief Student Affairs Officer – The administrative officer primarily responsible for the development and administration of policies relating to students, for the development and implementation of services to students, and for the initial preparation of institutional regulations that will implement the policies and regulations set forth in this rule.

Dean or Dean of Students – Refers to the administrative officer or officers responsible for the administration of the disciplinary process at each institution. The Dean of Students may designate individual(s) to administer disciplinary cases under this policy.

Hearing Officer – An individual or individuals selected in accordance with procedures adopted by the institution pursuant to the recommendation of the Chief Student Affairs Officer to hear disciplinary charges, make findings of fact, and, upon a finding of responsibility, impose an appropriate sanction(s).

Student – The following persons shall be considered students for purposes of these policies and regulations:

A person currently enrolled at an institution of the UT System.
A person accepted for admission or readmission to an institution of the UT System.
A person who has been enrolled at an institution of the UT System in a prior semester or summer session and is eligible to continue enrollment in the semester or summer session that immediately follows.
A person who engaged in prohibited conduct at a time when he or she met the criteria of 1, 2, or 3 above.

Day – A calendar day, except for any day that is an official holiday of the institution or when regularly scheduled classes are suspended due to emergent situations.

Business Day – Monday through Friday, excluding any day that is an official holiday of the institution or when regularly scheduled classes are suspended due to emergent situations.

10. Authority/Related Policies.


11. Dates Approved or Amended.

April 6, 2015

Academic Probation and Suspension Policy

UNIVERSITY POLICY

It is the policy of the Health Science Center to inform students of their scholastic standing in keeping with the following designations: Good Standing, Scholastic Probation and Scholastic Suspension.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools requires that each institution clearly define and publish its policy regarding suspension and readmission of students for academic reasons.

OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

Good Standing

I. Graduate and Professional Programs

Students in graduate and post-baccalaureate professional programs follow their academic programs’ standards for being in good academic standing. Please refer to the academic policies and standards in each school for more details.

II. Undergraduate Programs

An undergraduate student who maintains minimum 2.00 standards of progress cumulative and term grade point averages will be in good academic standing.

A. Scholastic Probation

An undergraduate student whose standards of progress cumulative or term grade point average is below 2.00 at the end of an enrollment period is placed on scholastic probation. This student may continue on scholastic probation by achieving a minimum standard of progress term grade point average of 2.00 at the end of the enrollment period. This student is removed from scholastic probation when the standards of progress cumulative and term grade point averages are 2.00 or above.

Scholastic probation is a serious warning that the quality of the student’s work must improve in order for the student to continue enrollment at the university. Students on scholastic probation are required to meet with their advisor prior to registration and may be required to enroll in special programs or courses in order to improve grade point average. After advisement, the student may be permitted to enroll while on scholastic probation.

B. Scholastic Suspension

Scholastic suspension occurs when an undergraduate student on scholastic probation fails to maintain minimum academic standards. A student on scholastic probation who fails to achieve a standard of progress term grade point average of 2.00 or higher will be suspended for one calendar year. A suspended student may appeal for a waiver of a suspension to the school dean or dean’s designee. Any student who is scholastically suspended will be permitted to reapply for admission one calendar year from the scholastic suspension term. A student who re-enters the university after having been suspended will be placed on scholastic probation status and will be subject to the minimum requirements governing scholastic probation.

Students should consult directly with their respective dean’s offices for additional information regarding scholastic and academic standing.

Policy on Auditing Courses

UNIVERSITY POLICY

It is the policy of the Health Science Center to permit a student to audit a course when:

1. Classroom and laboratory space is available
2. Classroom instructor approves the audit
3. Approval is given from the instructor to the Office of the University Registrar
4. Applicable registration fees are paid

A Permit to Audit may be cancelled if the space is necessary to admit a student desiring to enroll in the class for course credit.

PERTINENT INFORMATION
The UT System Board of Regents approves all fees. See the Schedule of Tuition and Fees (p. 22) for the most current fees in addition to regular course tuition.

Students auditing courses are subject to rules and standards of other offices, such as the Office of the University Registrar and the Office of Veteran Services and Financial Aid.

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURE
Students auditing a course will:

1. Comply with Texas State Legislation that mandates those who have not been continuously enrolled at the Health Science Center must have received the bacterial meningitis vaccine within the past five years.

2. Obtain permission from the instructor of record on a “Course Audit Request” form available from the Office of the University Registrar.

3. If permission is approved, complete the following admission procedures at the Office of the University Registrar by the first day of class:
   a. Register using the Add/Drop Form procedures;
   b. Pay necessary fees;

4. Students auditing courses:
   a. Have the full rights and privileges in the class which are afforded all other students of the course, such as use of laboratory facilities, test taking, check out materials, etc.;
   b. Are subject to the same responsibilities of classroom policies as all other students in the course;
   c. Must take and pass all safety tests associated with the course in order to retain laboratory privileges;
   d. Receive a grade of “AU” unless withdrawn from the course. The grade will be reported on the grade report and transcript. The audited course will not be used to determine “good standing” or satisfactory progress. Auditing consists of the privilege of hearing and observing only, with no active participation, such as submitting papers, taking part in class discussions or receiving a grade or credit for the course. Audited courses do not appear on an academic transcript.
   e. May take a course for credit after auditing the course if approved by their school’s designated dean;
   f. Cannot receive credit by examination for a course audited;
   g. Cannot use an audited course as a substitution for credit for any other course.

Registration for Audit
Students may be required to audit previously attempted courses as a requirement of remediation. Standards of performance are set by course instructors, academic or clinical coordinators, department committee, or the department chair. Permission to audit one or more courses is granted according to schools’ discretion. Auditing conveys only the privilege of observing and excludes handing in papers or taking part in a class discussion, laboratory exercises, or fieldwork. No grade is given and no credit is reported.

Auditing Courses in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
Graduate students must obtain permission to register to audit a course from the course director and the COGS chair of the program in which they are enrolled. Others who wish to register to audit a graduate course must apply to the Associate Dean of the Graduate School for admission as a Non-Degree Student.

Auditing Courses in the Dental Hygiene Program of the School of Dentistry
Students who have transferred courses from other accredited institutions for credit in Dental Hygiene (http://www.uthscsa.edu/shp/dh) programs or those who successfully pass course challenge examinations may elect to audit these same courses while enrolled in the curriculum in order to assure retention of those concepts/skills. Students who elect to or who are required to audit any course are expected to be present and participate in all lectures/class sessions, laboratories, and/or clinics specified by the course director. Students may take examinations or evaluations while auditing a didactic course with the approval of the course director. Students auditing a course with laboratory or psychomotor skills may be required to demonstrate competency in the psychomotor aspects of the course. Professionalism standards apply to students auditing any dental hygiene course.

Auditing Courses in the School of Nursing
Students may not attend class without proof of registration, either as a matriculated or an auditing student. Anyone may audit a non-clinical course in the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) with the approval of the appropriate Graduate Program Director, and based on space available. A student auditing a course is not permitted to participate in any clinical activity of the course. The appropriate Graduate Program Director seeks the consent of the course instructor. Students pay an audit fee. It is the instructor’s prerogative to stipulate expectations of attendance or assignments for auditors. Audited courses will be recorded on the transcript as audited (AU). No audited course may be taken subsequently for credit.

Change of Personal Information
Students may change their personal biographical information by visiting the Office of the University Registrar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar), or by logging in to The Portal (http://inside.uthscsa.edu) and accessing Student Administration. Changes made in person are processed within 48 business hours, while changes made by students online are instantaneous. Students should note that name changes can only be made in person at the Office of the University Registrar so that staff may verify supporting documentation for the name change.

Name changes must be requested in person at the Office of the University Registrar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar), and copies of supporting documentation for the legal name change must be provided as well. For more information on the process, contact the office at registrars@uthscsa.edu, or access the website (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar).
Policy on Classification of Students

Classification by School and Program

Students are classified according to school and program, as well as attendance statuses that include full-time, half-time, or less-than-half-time.

Students are also classified according to their schools and programs. This is also known as the institution’s academic structure. Students are associated with one of the institution’s five schools, as well as his or her academic program under that school and, if applicable, a track under that academic program. These designations may be found on students’ enrollment verifications and official transcripts.

Classification by Attendance and Number of Hours Enrolled

A graduate student is considered full-time if he or she is registered for a minimum of:

- 9 semester credit hours during a fall or spring semester; or
- 6 semester credit hours in a summer semester.

A graduate student is considered half-time if he or she is registered for a minimum of:

- 5 semester credit hours during a fall or spring semester; or
- 3 semester credit hours in a summer semester.

Any hours less than those enumerated above for graduate students prompt classification as less-than-half-time.

An undergraduate student is considered full-time if he or she is registered for a minimum of:

- 12 semester credit hours during a fall or spring semester; or
- 12 semester credit hours in a summer semester.

An undergraduate student is considered half-time if he or she is registered for a minimum of:

- 6 semester credit hours during a fall or spring semester;
- 6 semester credit hours in a summer semester.

Any hours less than those enumerated above for undergraduate students prompt classification as less-than-half-time.

Schools may impose additional semester credit hour requirements for students holding assistantships or fellowships which exceed the minimum stated above. Exceptions to the above criteria are rare, but include students enrolled in academic programs where the combination of hours of academic course work, work, research, or special studies is sufficient to warrant a classification of full-time. These exceptions are specified elsewhere in the catalog in the applicable program description(s).

It is also imperative that international students contact The Office of International Services to verify the minimum number of hours required to maintain specific visa statuses and types.

Concurrent Enrollment Policy

UNIVERSITY DECISION

It is decision of the Health Science Center to establish agreements between specified universities to facilitate the admission and registration process. Students must be currently enrolled at their home institution in order to participate. Admission to the Health Science Center is not necessarily guaranteed under such agreements.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

The Texas Education Code 54.011 (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.54.htm) states that when students register at more than one public institution of higher education at the same time, their tuition charges shall be determined in the following manner:

- The student shall pay the full tuition charge to the first institution at which the student registered; and in any event the student shall pay an amount at least equal to the minimum tuition specified in this code.
- If the minimum tuition specified in this code for the first institution at which the student is registered is equal to or greater than the minimum tuition specified in this code for the second institution at which the student is registered concurrently, the student shall not be required to pay the specified minimum tuition charge to the second institution in addition to the tuition charge paid to the first institution, but shall pay only the hourly rates, as provided in this code, to the second institution.
- If the minimum tuition specified in this code for the first institution at which the student is registered is less than the minimum tuition charge at the second institution (that is, if the second institution has a higher minimum tuition charge specified in this code), then the student shall first register at the institution having the lower minimum tuition and shall pay to the second institution only the amount equal to the difference between the total tuition charge at the second institution and the total tuition charge at the first institution, but in no case shall the student pay to the second institution less than the hourly rates as provided in this code.
- If a student is considered to be a Texas resident and therefore qualified to pay Texas resident tuition rates by one institution at which she or he is registered, that student shall be considered a Texas resident at each of the institutions at which she or he is concurrently registered for the purposes of determining the proper tuition charges. Nothing in this subdivision shall be so construed as to allow a nonresident to pay resident tuition except at institutions covered by Section 54.060 of this code.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Concurrent enrollment refers to taking courses at another university, a community college, or UT’s University Extension program (online, web-based, or traditional classroom) while also enrolled in classes at the Health Science Center. Students may count classes taken concurrently at another institution if the following criteria are met:

- They have met with their academic programs and obtained permission
- They are not in their first semester of enrollment at the Health Science Center
• They possess a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5

Joint Admission refers to the process established by formally approved agreements between two institutions, typically with another institution identifying qualified program participants and applicants as eligible for admission to the Health Science Center. In some cases admission may be guaranteed. More information is available under each school’s admissions policies in this Catalog.

Home Institution refers to the institution that a concurrently enrolled student identifies as his or her primary institution, where at a majority of classes are expected to be taken, and from which the published diploma will be awarded. Only the institution awarding the degree will report the classes to the awarding of financial aid and other forms of assistance.

PROCEDURE

Students Responsibilities

• Students must discuss their degree plans with their departments before requesting concurrent enrollment.

• Students are responsible for determining whether their course(s) will satisfy any outstanding degree requirements at the home institution.

• A minimum of 24 of the last 30 hours taken towards the degree must be in academic residence (taken at the degree-granting institution). Courses taken via UT Extension and/or at another institution do not count toward this requirement.

• Particular courses may transfer to the Health Science Center and may count toward degree requirements; however, the course may not give the foundation necessary for future coursework in that field at the Health Science Center.

• UT Extension coursework (web-based, classroom, or correspondence) will count toward students’ GPAs at the Health Science Center; transfer courses from other educational institutions will not count towards their GPAs at the Health Science Center.

• Students who take a course concurrently at another educational institution must arrange for that institution to send an official transcript to The Office of the University Registrar at the Health Science Center. Only courses with grades of “C-” or better will transfer and, if concurrent enrollment has been approved, will be counted toward a degree at the Health Science Center; P/F (pass/fail) grades will only count toward electives.

• Students must complete coursework by the last class day published on official academic calendars (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar/2013/04/academic-calendar) at the Health Science Center for the semester in which they petition for concurrent enrollment.

• Approval for Concurrent Enrollment must be obtained through students’ respective academic programs each semester, with approval reaching The Office of Veteran Services and Financial Aid (http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid) as well.

• Students are required to visit with The Office of Veteran Services and Financial Aid (http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid) prior to registration at a secondary institution in order to plan for any changes to the awarding of financial aid and other forms of assistance.

Curriculum and Credit Hours Policy

PERTINENT INFORMATION

As part of the continued accreditation of the institution, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) performs reviews of the institution’s assignment of credit hours. Academic credit has stipulated the basis for measuring the amount of engaged learning time expected of a student enrolled not only in the traditional classroom settings but also laboratories, clinics, seminars, practicums, internships and other experiential learning, and distance and correspondence education. The common use of academic credit amongst all institutions ensures the transfer of coursework from one institution to another. The federal government also relies on the academic credit to assess student academic engagement as a basis of awarding financial aid. The amount of credit awarded for undergraduate and graduate courses is based on the unit of the semester credit hour, in accordance with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) rules (Title 19 Texas Administrative Code, 4.6).

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Semester Credit Hour

34 CFR § 600.2 defines the amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement within one semester (fall, spring or summer) that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates:

1. Not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours out of class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or ten to twelve weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time, or

2. At least an equivalent amount of work as required outlined in item 1 above for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, practicums, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours. (See 34 CFR 668.8(k) and (l).)

“Credit hour” may be used interchangeably at the Health Science Center with “semester credit hour” or “unit.”

Contact Hour

A measure of the amount of contact, whether face-to-face or virtual, that a student has with an instructor or instructional assistant such as a research assistant or preceptor. The total number of contact hours across all components of a course help determine the number of semester credit hours awarded for successful completion of the course.

Credit Hour

Credit hours are calculated based on the number of contact hours associated with each component of a course, and based on the school or program in which it is offered. A credit hour is a unit of measure representing 50 minutes of instruction per class over a 15-week period in a semester system or a 10-week period in a quarter system. It is applied toward the total number of hours needed for completing the requirements of a degree, diploma, certificate or other formal award.
A credit hour is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates some minimum amount of student work reflective of the amount of work expected in a Carnegie unit: key phrases being “institutionally established,” “equivalency,” “reasonably approximates,” and “minimum amount.”

Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Program Length and Academic Credit

Defined as term of instruction, rather than semester hours and it requires a minimum of 130 weeks of instruction for education programs leading to the Doctor of Medicine degree.

Component

This describes the learning environment(s) in which student learning takes place. For the calculation of semester credit hours, the Health Science Center recognizes the following components:

- Clinical
- Conference
- Laboratory
- Lecture
- Practicum
- Pre-clinical
- Seminar

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURE

COURSE DEVELOPMENT

Course developers are to ensure that the quantity of student learning required per credit hour is the equivalent of 15 hours (=1 semester for the final) of coursework for the semester through activities that:

1. Address and demonstrate student competency in the defined learning outcomes; and

2. Draw upon recommended instructional practices identified by the Health Science Center’s Office of the University Registrar (see contact to credit hour ratio).

Student learning outcome equivalencies are to be based on documented qualitative and quantitative expectation for:

1. Time required of students to complete assigned learning activities, taking into account expectations based on degree level, discipline, and weight in students’ final course grade;

2. Time required of students to read and understand content developed by course faculty, excluding time required to read assignments in a course syllabus;

3. Time required of course faculty to respond to student questions received via e-mail, posted in the online classroom, and/or discussed in the online class chat room; and

4. Time required of course faculty and students to participate in online conference activities.

Student learning outcome equivalencies reflect differences in delivery methods, quality of instruction and interaction, degree of supervision, measurements of student work, academic disciplines, academic calendars, and degree levels.

Each School is responsible for demonstrating to SACS that these requirements are met for both courses composed of seat-time and other alternative delivery methods.

CREDIT HOUR BY COURSE

The Office of the University Registrar is responsible for calculating the number of semester credit hours associated with courses given the definitions above. The Office of the University Registrar strongly advises against courses that carry variable credit hours, that is, courses whose credit hours vary by student or by semester. This is because consistency and fairness are expected procedurally and with respect to the content of a course and the amount of instruction a student receives from an instructor.

AMOUNT AND LEVEL OF CREDIT

The amount and level of credit awarded for courses for each program by the School is determined by each school’s Dean’s Office, in conjunction with the Office of the University Registrar. The Office of the University Registrar uses established practices for awarding credit as specified by the THECB (Title 19 Texas Administrative Code, Section 4.6).

Each School is responsible for establishing a formal faculty review process to ensure that the amount and level of credit awarded for the undergraduate and graduate courses is compatible with the sound academic practice in the given field. As part of the review process, faculty ensure that all distance education courses have learning outcomes that are equivalent to the outcomes for the same or similar courses delivered through traditional formats.

The THECB requires that every student pursuing a baccalaureate degree program complete a core curriculum consisting of 42 credit hours that includes content found in Texas Administrative Code, Section 4.28 (http://bit.ly/1ED9B7r). The Health Science Center curriculum assures that all undergraduate programs provide an appropriate breadth of knowledge in these required areas. If the student has already completed a core curriculum from another Texas public institution in a previous degree program, they are not required to complete the Health Science Center core curriculum.

CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE

Each program requires a designated minimum number of hours to graduate. No student shall graduate without meeting this minimum as documented on the official transcript. For this reason, any credit gained through course substitutions, waivers, or by challenge exams must be appropriately documented on designated forms in The Office of the University Registrar.

EXCESS CREDIT HOURS

Undergraduate students and graduate students seeking doctoral degrees are subject to rules in the Texas Education Code that limit the number of hours they may take before receiving the intended degree. For undergraduate students, these hours are based on a cumulative total across all institutions of higher education they attended, including technical and community colleges. Some exceptions are allowed. For graduate students, these hours are based only on hours taken at the Health Science Center. See the Excess Hours Policy in this Catalog for details.
Contact to Credit Hour Ratio: = 1 hour of credit

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Suggestions for meeting hours of student work per week outside of instruction time:

- Online and hybrid courses must meet the same credit hour requirements as face-to-face courses.
- Faculty teaching online and hybrid courses must account for 48 hours of instructional time for every 3 credit hours.
- Logging on constitutes neither active faculty teaching nor active student learning. Faculty must demonstrate active faculty engagement in online teaching/instructing students. Methods such as discussion boards, chats, etc. can serve as instructional time.
- Other methods may include instructional how-to videos, small group activities, virtual labs, required participation in live or online discussion (e.g., review sessions, Blackboard chat, case discussions, or other instructor-driven self-guided activity delivered live or by electronic media).
- Faculty may also consider field experiences, cultural events, group projects, increased course content, research and information literacy, service learning and civic engagement, individual or group conferences, oral presentations, or other methodology that should contain some rationale for SACS.
- Activities that are counted for credit by be required and structured. Examples of activities that do not count toward instructional time: readings, homework and other intrinsic preparation or activities (e.g., practicing calculations).
- This is meant to be a living policy which evolves with the integration of innovative methodologies and new instructional technologies into the curriculum.

Final Credit Hours Policy

UNIVERSITY DECISION

It is the decision of the Health Science Center to offer graduate level students seeking Master’s or doctoral degrees to claim “final hours” in order to qualify for full-time status despite being registered for fewer hours than necessary to achieve that classification.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

A student in her/his final semester or summer session registering only for thesis or dissertation may register for “final hours.” When a student declares “final hours” for a semester, the student shall be considered enrolled in a full-time course load for that semester. The student pays tuition based upon the number of credit hours for which he/she registers.

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURE

A Ph.D. student must register for a minimum of 3 semester credit hours; and an M.S. student must register for a minimum of 1 semester credit hour. The Request for Designation of Final Hours Form is available online through The Portal (http://inside.uthscsa.edu) under the “Students” tab. It must be completed along with required signatures and submitted to The Office of the University Registrar by the first official class day according to
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All schools of the Health Science Center shall have an opportunity to
Health Science Center Commitment
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The school-specific administration is responsible for the administration
consistency between traditional classroom instruction and distance
The Health Science Center's commitment to academic excellence includes
no additional core curriculum requirements will be imposed. An Associate
College Level Examination Program (CLEP) credit may be accepted for
The Texas Common Course Numbers (TCCN) are provided for guidance.
information is available in the Policy on Awarding Academic Credit,
Transfers and Substitutions in this Catalog.
Academic Texas Core Curriculum
Students who will be receiving their first baccalaureate degrees from
the Health Science Center must successfully complete the Texas Core
requirements. See the General Education Core Curriculum Policy (p. 77) 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.
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and applicable to students matriculating in the fall of 2014.
The Health Science Center will accept academic credits from another Texas public college or
institution prior to entering the Health Science Center, the Health Science
in Applied Science degree does not deem a student core complete. If
College Level Examination Program (CLEP) 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 in this Catalog.
Distance Education Policy
The Health Science Center's commitment to academic excellence includes
consistency between traditional classroom instruction and distance
The purpose of this operating policy is to provide a framework
for the development, implementation, and maintenance of formal degree
and certificate programs and courses offered via distance education for
academic credit.
Administration
The school-specific administration is responsible for the administration
doctoral degree, metacausality, and distance education programs and course delivery. The school-specific
department chairs report to the President.
Health Science Center Commitment
All schools of the Health Science Center shall have an opportunity to
participate in providing distance education courses and/or programs and
shall be encouraged to provide distance education as appropriate. The
Health Science Center shall ensure that all academic programs, including
those delivered through distance education, are afforded an adequate

Definition
Distance education is defined as a formal educational process in which the majority (more than 50%) of the interaction between
students and instructors and among students in a course occurs when
the student and instructor are not in the same place. Instruction may be
synchronous or asynchronous. A distance education course may employ
correspondence study, or video, audio or computer technologies.
Policy Statements
• The Health Science Center policy mandates that programs offered via
distance education shall be consistent with the institution's role, scope,
and mission. Development of new online programs and courses will
follow the same development and approval procedures as traditional
programs and courses.
• The Health Science Center distance education programs have student
learning outcomes appropriate for the rigor and breadth of the degree
awarded. As a component of the overall assessment, documented
assessment of student achievement is conducted in each course and
at the completion of the program, by comparing student performance
to the intended student learning outcomes.
• The Health Science Center evaluation of electronically delivered
programs takes place in the context of the regular evaluation of all
academic programs.
• Selection of programs to be offered via distance education is the
purview of the school-specific leadership. The school-specific
administrators and faculty shall provide oversight of a distance
education program in the same manner as traditionally delivered face-
to-face. Academically qualified persons participate in the decisions
concerning program curricula and program oversight.
• School-specific leadership have primary responsibility for developing
and implementing effective distance policy, procedure, assessment,
and evaluation for all distance education courses and academic
programs.
• Courses delivered through distance education (whether or not they are
credit or non-credit) are academic department courses approved
through the normal curriculum process and must be recorded with the
Office of the University Registrar.
• Distance education students shall have reasonable and adequate
access to the range of student services appropriate to support their
successful completion of coursework.
• Faculty who teach through distance education technologies are
responsible for acquiring sufficient technical skills to present their
subject matter and related material effectively.
• The Health Science Center provides to those responsible for program
development orientation and training to help them become proficient in
the uses of the program’s technologies, including potential changes in
course design and management.
Distance education students are accountable to the admission standards and enrollment processes as appropriate for the degree program.

The Health Science Center shall ensure academic integrity for all distance education exams. School level procedures are in place that includes firm student identification.

The Health Science Center employs a secure log-in authentication to access course materials and educational resources.

Each distance education course or degree program shall be evaluated by student in the same manner as on-campus course offerings. School-specific leadership will review the student evaluation results with faculty and support staff to facilitate the continuous refinement of distance education courses. Consistent with the policies governing on-campus course evaluation, documentation of distance education course evaluations and of the proactive use of the results shall be maintained in the school-specific departments.

The technology (example Blackboard or Canvas) used to deliver education instruction must be approved by Academic Technology Services.

Footnote

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recognizes two categories of distance education (http://bit.ly/1hMRe5R) courses: fully distance education courses and hybrid/blended courses. A fully distance education course is defined as “A course which may have mandatory face-to-face sessions totaling no more than 15 percent of the instructional time. Examples of face-to-face sessions include orientation, laboratory, exam review or an in-person test.” A hybrid/blended course is defined as “A course in which a majority (more than 50 percent but less than 85 percent), of the planned instruction occurs when the students and instructor(s) are not in the same places.”

General Grading Policy

UNIVERSITY DECISION

It is the policy of the Health Science Center to maintain a grading system in conjunction with the five schools, calculate GPAs based on those grades, and to delineate methods by which a grade change on a student’s permanent academic record may be accomplished.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

The Health Science Center must ensure the privacy and integrity of student grade records and at the same time, provide students an orderly and a logical process to appeal final course grade decisions. The student’s official transcript reflects actual grades from the time they were assigned and should not be changed or removed without specific justification and approval.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Audit

This is a method of class attendance that allows for student observation in a class environment. The grading basis for an audited course is simply “audit,” and carries no GPA weight. Audited courses do not satisfy degree requirements. (For more information, see the Policy on Auditing Courses (p. 38) in this Catalog.)

Remediation by exam

A student may be afforded the opportunity to remediate a failing grade by successfully completing an exam determined appropriate by the academic department. The exam is often a nationally-distributed, standardized exam. Upon successful remediation, the failing grade remains on the transcript but the grade is excluded from GPA calculation.

Remediation by repetition

A student may be afforded the opportunity to remediate a failing grade by repeating a course in its entirety. Upon successful remediation, the failing grade remains on the transcript but the grade is excluded from GPA calculation.

Incomplete Grades

The assignment of an “I” grade indicates that the student failed to complete requirements for the course due to unexpected and extenuating circumstances, such as illness, family emergency, or other non-academic and urgent matters. A grade of Incomplete (I) is not acceptable as a temporizing measure in situations of substandard academic performance. The outstanding work must be completed by the designated date issued by the faculty but no later than one year of the issuance of the I grade. When the course is completed the qualitative grade issued by the instructor will be submitted to the Office of the University Registrar using a Change of Grade Form. If the course work is not satisfactorily completed within the designated time, the “I” grade will be changed to an “F” grade. Incomplete grades should not be confused with failing grades of “F,” in which a student failed to complete requirements without proper notice to the instructor.

In Progress Grades

The assignment of an “IP” grade indicates that the course is in progress, and may for logistical reasons span two or more grading periods, whether contained within one semester or spanning two or more semesters. These grades are replaced with iterations of the final grade once it is earned.

Letter Grades

These are awarded as “H” (for Honors ), “A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” or “F,” although not all schools use all these letters. Grading details are also detailed on the back of the university’s official transcript paper.

Withdrawal Grades

A student who has been withdrawn, granted a leave of absence or been dismissed will receive a grade of WP or WF, or W, according to the school’s grading system and as deemed appropriate by the department. Students returning from a leave of absence to the same courses must re-register for the course and pay tuition associated with the hours, along with any course fees.

Academic Year

This is marked by the start and end of the year for a given program. In some cases, the academic year may commence with a summer semester, and in other cases it may commence with the fall semester. In the case of the School of Dentistry and School of Medicine, the academic year begins in the summer months but is not formally or officially marked by any semesters within it.
Calendar Year
This is marked by the months January through December.

GPA
A grade point average is calculated by assigning the following numerical weight to each letter grade:

- A = 4
- B = 3
- C = 2
- D = 1
- F = 0

When courses are repeated for credit, previous grades for the same courses are excluded from GPA calculations, whether or not they were failing, and whether or not they were better than the grade ultimately earned.

Term GPA
This is the grade point average calculated for one semester or, as is the case for the School of Dentistry and School of Medicine, for one academic year.

Cumulative GPA
This is the grade point average calculated across a student's education within an academic career.

Academic Career
At the Health Science Center, this refers to a student's general course of study, including one of the following:

- Dental School Graduate
- Dental School Post-Professional
- Dental School Professional
- Dental School Undergraduate
- Graduate School Graduate
- Health Professions Graduate
- Health Professions Undergraduate
- Medical School Graduate
- Medical School Professional
- Nursing School Graduate
- Nursing School Undergraduate

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURE
Strict procedures must be followed by all schools when grading students, including accurate and timely entry of such grades for student review and access, the recording and transmission of student grade changes to minimize the possibility of error, omission or authorized change.

Grade Changes
When an instructor discovers that an erroneous grade was reported for a student, he/she shall immediately submit the corrected grade for processing.

1. The currently adopted Change of Grade Form must be used for the purpose of correcting grades on a student's transcript record.

2. The reason for changing a grade recorded in a student's permanent academic record must be provided in writing on the Change of Grade Form and must be signed by the instructor and the Associate Dean. If the instructor of record is no longer employed by the university, the Associate Dean may sign the change of grade.

3. When a grade is changed on a student's permanent academic record, the student shall be notified in writing.

4. A copy of the Change of Grade Form submitted shall be placed in the student's academic record at the Office of the University Registrar for audit purposes.

5. Any grade change must be made within one year of the issuance of the grade. No exceptions will be considered thereafter.

Grading Practices
1. A close relationship exists between student evaluation and graduation requirements.
   a. Evaluation and grade reporting should reflect the skills, knowledge and/or competencies which can be directly associated with validated task inventories or competency lists. Thus, a close correlation between the evaluation, course objectives and task inventories should be present in the curriculum and instructional materials.
      i. Performance levels are defined by the instructional program and may include a variety of learning activities and learning outcomes, which will determine students' level of achievement in the specific skills, knowledge and competencies associated with each course.
      ii. Learning activities may include but are not limited to:
          1. Individual and group projects
          2. Reports or presentations
          3. Hands-on demonstrations
          4. Participation in class discussions
          5. Exercise or lab assignments
          6. Homework assignments
          7. Quizzes and tests
   b. The minimal performance level accepted at the Health Science Center in a student's major courses should relate closely to the minimal or basic requirements associated with the respective school's accreditation requirements. This level of performance varies by school, but may be a D, C, or P.
      i. It specifies that the student has demonstrated the acquisition of skills and knowledge or competencies that particularly support the field for which the program is designed.

2. The grading followed by instructors must be appropriate for each student's situation, particularly in the cases of withdrawals, dismissals, and voluntary or administrative leaves of absence. Such situations may include the following:
a. **Leaves of Absence:** Students approved or mandated to take a leave of absence after the official first day of class and before the administration of final exams will receive grades of "W," "WP" or "WF" in all classes for which they registered but did not already receive a final grade via the student information system. Not all schools use WP or WF.
   - i. Students must re-register for any dropped courses required for attainment of the degree sought in the next possible semester following return to the university.
   - ii. Tuition and fees are calculated based on those and any other courses registered for, and must be paid by the Census Date. Students will not receive any monetary credit for classes dropped in previous semesters and outside the Refund Schedule followed by the Bursar's Office for each term.

b. **Withdrawals:** Students who voluntarily withdraw from the Health Science Center after the official first day of class and before the administration of final exams will receive grades of "W," "WP" or "WF" in all classes for which they registered but did not already receive a final grade via the student information system.

c. **Dismissals:** Students who are dismissed from the Health Science Center after the official first day of class and before the administration of final exams will receive grades of "W" in all classes for which they registered but did not already receive a final grade via the student information system. Dismissed students seeking to register for subsequent semesters must reapply for the program of interest and satisfy all requirements anew, including application fees. Admission to dismissed students or any other former students is not guaranteed.

d. **Incomplete Grades:** When an "I" grade is assigned, a student must complete the coursework by a data specified by the course instructor.
   - i. The date cannot exceed one year from the end of the term for which the "I" grade was issued.
   - ii. Upon completion, the instructor should submit a Change of Grade Form to the Office of the University Registrar.
   - iii. If coursework is not satisfactorily completed, the "I" grade will be changed to an "F" one year following the end of the term in which the "I" was recorded. This is an administrative change in grade that occurs by way of an electronic process managed by The Office of the University Registrar.

3. The criteria, standards and performance grade must be specified for each course by the instructional program.
   a. These may likely include cognitive, psychomotor and affective domains, but should reflect proportionately what is found in the educational practice.
   b. Faculty members may consider student participation in specific learning activities when determining final grades, provided students are informed of the required activities at the beginning of the course.
   c. Regular class participation is necessary for satisfactory achievement. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the student to participate in lecture and laboratory sessions in accordance with requirements of the course as established and communicated by the faculty member.

4. Faculty members cannot drop or award grades of "W" for students based on non-participation. Students who fail to meet performance requirements for the course within the allotted time frame will receive a grade of "F."
   a. Student performance will be regularly monitored and students will be notified when they fail to meet performance levels.
   b. Students will be advised of options for improving performance or withdrawing from the course(s).
   c. Students opting to withdraw from the course must follow established procedures.
   d. Students should remain aware of the penalties that dropped courses may have on their academic studies and financial aid, including, but not limited to, assessment of non-Texas resident tuition. See the Excess Hours Policy in this Catalog for more information.

5. Student grades are reported upon course completion and are available at times other than at end of term.
   a. Each student shall be evaluated and a grade reported in the student information system for each course according to the established grading deadlines.
   b. A current status of grades and course completion shall be obtained by students in Student Administration via The Portal (http://inside.uthscsa.edu).

**GRADES and GRADE APPEALS**

Grading standards, symbols, grade point scales, and other considerations regarding the quality of work of students are the prerogative of the faculty of the programs, as are issues of promotion and advancement. More details regarding school-specific grading symbols and scales can be found under their respective sections. The student requesting a change of grade bears the burden of proof in establishing the appropriateness of any grade change requested. Thus, the responsibility of providing sufficient input to justify the change of grade requested by the student is to be borne by the student. Processes for grade appeals are also located under each school's Catalog section.

**General Grade Point Average (GPA) Policy**

**UNIVERSITY POLICY**

It is the policy of the Health Science Center to use a standard method for calculating student grade point averages.

**PERTINENT INFORMATION**

There is no method externally imposed on the Health Science Center for calculation of grade point averages, however the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools specified that an institution “must publish its grading policies and its grading practices must be consistent with policy.”

“GPA” is the abbreviation used to designate “Grade Point Average.”
DEFINITION OF TERMS

Credit Hours
This number is listed in both the schedule of classes and the catalog and represents the hours assigned to a course for credit towards a certificate or degree. Typically the number ranges from 1.0 to 9.0.

Grade Value
The numerical value assigned to a grade: A = 4 points, B = 3 points, C = 2 points, D = 1 point, F = 0 points.

Grade Points
Credit hours for a course times the grade value.

Attempted Hours
Credit hours associated with a course a student was registered for as of the first official day of class, regardless of final outcome or grade.

Earned Hours
Credit hours for a class that is successfully completed (see individual schools’ grading systems).

Repeat
When the course in which the student received a substandard grade is repeated and the last grade earned, whether higher or lower than the original grade, is calculated in the student GPA.

Remediation
This is the process by which a student corrects a failing grade in a class either by taking a national board exam or other standardized exam specific to the program, or repeating the class in the subsequent term to resolve the substandard grade.

Audit
All students must gain approval to audit classes. Auditing generally includes attendance at scheduled lectures or seminars of a class without access to supplemental instruction including labs and discussions. Supplemental instructional materials such as syllabi, online reading and podcasts may not be available. Formal grades are not awarded, although registered students will have the class notated on their transcripts with a grade of “AU.” For additional information, see the Policy on Auditing Courses in this Catalog.

Grade Point Average (GPA)
A grade point average is calculated by assigning the following numerical weight to each letter grade:

- A = 4
- B = 3
- C = 2
- D = 1
- F = 0

When courses are repeated for credit, previous grades for the same courses are excluded from GPA calculations, whether or not they were failing, and whether or not they were better than the grade ultimately earned.

Term GPA
This is the GPA calculated for coursework taken within one semester or, as is the case for the School of Dentistry (students seeking a D.D.S.) and School of Medicine (students seeking an M.D.), within one academic year.

Cumulative GPA
This is the overall GPA calculated across a student’s education within a career (e.g. certificate, undergraduate, Master’s doctoral or professional career).

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES

1. The grade and credit earned for any course taken by a student at Health Science Center will become part of the student’s permanent record and will be used in the computation of the University grade point average (GPA).
   a. Program GPA will be reflected on the transcript as part of the program completion information
   b. Cumulative Grade Point Average is used for graduation certification
   c. Degrees cannot be conferred with any incomplete grade of “I”, “IP”, “X” or no grade on the student’s records. Incomplete grades or In progress grades are not included in the cumulative GPA until the correct grade has been entered.
   d. When a course is repeated, the last grade earned will be counted for grade point average calculations unless the course is designated as repeatable for credit.

2. Term Grade Point Average (TGPA) is derived by multiplying the credit hours of each attempted course by the quality-point value of the grade earned for that course, adding those amounts, then dividing by the total number of credit hours attempted for each term. All grade point averages are carried to two decimal points and rounded to the nearest one hundredth of a point. The grade point average may range from 0.00 to 4.00.

Example Student Transcript

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10 Total Credit Hours Attempted  21 Total Grade Points

To calculate the example student’s GPA, the total grade points (21) are divided by the total credit hours attempted (10) = 2.10.

GPAs
Student GPAs appear on unofficial and official transcripts and advisement reports. A transcript shows separate GPAs for each “career” a student was or is enrolled in. These careers include the following:

- Advanced Dental Education Post-professional
- Dental School Graduate
• Dental School Professional
• Dental School Undergraduate
• Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Graduate
• Health Professions Graduate
• Health Professions Undergraduate
• School of Medicine Graduate
• School of Medicine Professional
• School of Nursing Graduate
• School of Nursing Undergraduate

The cumulative University GPA for an undergraduate includes all work undertaken at the University for which a letter grade is recorded, provided letter grades were appropriate and designated. Courses in which grades associated with other than A, B, C, D, and F are recorded are not included in GPA calculation. Any credit hours transferred from another institution are included only for nursing school students. Credit earned by examination, correspondence, or extension is not included in calculation of a student's GPA.

Both Term and Cumulative GPAs appear in designated areas on students’ transcripts. Students and/or alumni can obtain GPAs in one of two ways:

1. Current students may obtain GPAs by accessing their unofficial transcripts through The Portal (http://inside.uthscsa.edu) online.
2. Current students and alumni may request official transcripts to review this information. A $10 fee is assessed per transcript.

Requests for current and former students grades and term or cumulative GPAs will not be honored over the phone, nor by email. Students must access these through the Student Center (http://inside.uthscsa.edu) and the unofficial transcripts available there.

Ranks

Ranks are generated yearly and following remediation of failed grades for the following schools only:

1. School of Dentistry
2. School of Medicine

Ranks are utilized for the purpose of applying to post-doctoral residency programs and, in some cases, receiving honors and scholarships. Please see the specific school sections in this Catalog for more information.

Requests for ranks will not be honored over the phone. Former and current students must submit a written request with the name on record at the Health Science Center, last term attended and month and day of birth date by letter or email generated from their Livemail email accounts to registrars@uthscsa.edu. Requests will be honored within five business days.

Grievances

UNIVERSITY DECISION

The Health Science Center provides the opportunity for students to file a grievance for academic and non-academic type complaints. Both academic and non-academic grievance processes are managed by the Dean of the school in which the student is enrolled.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

The student grievance policy is based on authority delegated by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Grievance policies for academic and non-academic matters are administered by each school. The student appeal process for academic and non-academic matters resides in the school of student enrollment. The Dean of the school in which the student is enrolled has the responsibility to hear final appeals and to make the final decision.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this policy the terms Complaint and Grievance may be used synonymously.

The Executive Director, Academic, Faculty, and Student Ombudsperson and ADA Compliance is the designated ombudsperson and can provide unofficial, confidential consultation about a student’s rights, responsibilities, and options.

The Assistant or Associate Dean is the position that oversees student affairs in each school.

An Informal Grievance allows a student to pursue a resolution on an unofficial basis with the guidance of his/her Assistant or Associate Dean.

The Formal Grievance procedure is intended to provide a student with an opportunity to formally grieve any perceived act, omission, or issue of a nonacademic nature which adversely affects a student.

An Academic Grievance is a complaint regarding an academic decision or action that affects a student’s academic record.

A student may file a Non-Academic Grievance against another student, faculty or staff of the Health Science Center concerning the interpretation, application, or claimed violation of his/her rights.

POLICY

Nonacademic Grievances for Distance Education Students

The Health Science Center desires to resolve student grievances, complaints and concerns in an expeditious, fair and amicable manner. Students enrolled in the Health Science Center who desire to resolve a grievance should follow Health Science Center’s Student Grievance Procedure as stated in our catalog. However, if an issue cannot be resolved internally, a complaint may be filed with the appropriate state regulatory agency where the instruction is provided and/or the accrediting agency for Health Science Center. Students attending Health Science Center in face-to-face classes should file complaints with the appropriate state of Texas agency and not with the regulatory agency of their state of residency.

The University of Texas System provides to its students and prospective students contact information for filing complaints with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, its accrediting agency, and with the appropriate state agency for handling complaints in the student’s instruction and/or residence state. Student Grievance Contact Information for individual States including phone numbers, emails and/or links to state regulatory agencies can be found by clicking here (http://www.utcoursesonline.org/complaints.html).
Student Academic Grievance Procedures

Each school at the Health Science Center has a defined academic and non-academic grievance policy to meet the needs of its students. Please refer to the school specific section information:

- School of Nursing: nursing.uthscsa.edu
- School of Medicine: som.uthscsa.edu
- School of Health Professions: uthscsa.edu/shp
- School of Dentistry: uthscsa.edu/academics/dental
- Graduate School Biomedical Sciences: gsbs.uthscsa.edu

Student Nonacademic Grievance Procedure

A student filing a nonacademic grievance should provide the following information: relevant names, locations, dates, witnesses and description of the incident(s) that occurred. If the accused individual is a Health Science Center employee, the employee’s immediate supervisor receives the written grievance.

Procedure for Nonacademic Grievance

- A grievance, formal or informal, must be filed with the school of enrollment, within 10 business days of the alleged incident.
- If an informal grievance is not resolved, the student has an additional five business days to file a formal written grievance.
- In both a formal and informal grievance process, the pertinent school’s assistant or associate dean has 30 days to investigate, research, and attempt to resolve the issue.
- If the student is not satisfied with the results of the investigation, an appeal to the dean of her/his school within five business days after official notice is given.
- The Dean has an additional seven business days to make a decision. The decision of the Dean is final for the institution.
- The Vice President of Academic, Faculty, and Student Affairs will only hear appeals based on procedural violations.
- In certain circumstances, The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) will investigate student complaints. Please see the THECB section below for more information.

Americans with Disabilities Act

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (http://www.ada.gov/ada_intro.htm) (ADA), the grievance procedures described in this document should be followed for complaints alleging discrimination on the basis of disability. No qualified student shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any academic program or activity at the Health Science Center. If a student feels he/she has been subject to discrimination a complaint should be filed with the Executive Director, Academic, Faculty, and Student Ombudsperson and ADA Compliance.

Sexual Misconduct and Civil Rights Violations

Complaints alleging sexual assault and/or sexual harassment should be addressed in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in the Handbook of Operating Procedures Section 4.2.2. For all other Title VII complaints refer to the Handbook of Operating Procedures Section 4.2.1: “Nondiscrimination Policy and Complaint Procedure (http://www.uthscsa.edu/hop2000/4.2.2.pdf).”

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

If a student exhausts the Health Science Center grievance process, a complaint may be filed to The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. More information on the types of complaints it investigates, processes, and the complaint form can be accessed on its website (http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=051F93F5-03D4-9CCE-40FA9F46F2CD3C9D).

Scholastic Honors Policy

UNIVERSITY POLICY

It is the policy of the Health Science Center to recognize the academic achievement of students with scholastic honors and distinctions awarded at the end of each term and at graduation.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

The Health Science Center is committed to higher education in the State of Texas and recognizes the academic achievement of students each term and at that time of graduation by designating honors and distinctions based on their GPAs, coursework, or programs. To be eligible to graduate with any University honors or distinctions, students must have completed at least 30 semester credit hours at the Health Science Center.

Graduation with University honors is based on the average of all grades earned in courses taken in residence at the Health Science Center, whether the courses were passed, failed, or repeated. All courses regardless of grading basis are counted in the 30 hour minimum, but only letter-graded courses are used to determine the grade point average. Certificate and non-degree seeking students are not eligible for graduation scholastic honors.

Graduation with distinction is based on the successful completion of specified coursework, often with minimum grades, as determined by the school offering such distinctions. To qualify for consideration, students must have completed at least 30 semester credit hours, or two full academic years, at the Health Science Center.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Dean’s List

The School of Dentistry, School of Health Professions and School of Nursing recognize students who meet a minimum GPA as qualifying for the Dean’s List each semester, including the term of graduation. Qualifying GPAs can be found under each school’s respective Catalog section.

Distinction

Some schools recognize students’ commitment to and excellence in a specific area of study within their program by recommending they graduate with distinction in a given area.

GPA

An acronym for grade point average, it represents an average of the numerical weight assigned to letter grades earned in credit-bearing
Student Absences

UNIVERSITY DECISION

It is the policy of the Health Science Center to grant an excused absence from class attendance to a student for the observance of a religious holy day when all procedures for making the request for an excused absence have been met by the student. Failure to comply with all assignments scheduled during the time of absence shall be subject to rules for grading of the program, course and instructor. The grading policy (p. 45) in this Catalog provides additional information.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

The implementation of this policy and procedure is in compliance with Senate Bill 738, codified in Section 51.911 of the Texas Education Code, which states, "...a student who is excused under this section may not be penalized for the absence, but the instructor may appropriately respond if the student fails to satisfactorily complete the assignment or examination."

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Religious Holy Day

This is a day observed by a religion whose place of worship is exempt from property taxation.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Absences for Religious Holidays

Absences for religious holidays must be formally approved by the appropriate course instructor(s) in advance of the actual holiday. The form is included on the website of The Office of the University Registrar. Schools may prescribe specific deadlines available under their school policies in this Catalog.

Military Absences and Leaves of Absence

Under certain circumstances, a student who is required to participate in active military services is excused from scheduled classes or other required activities and will be allowed to complete an assignment or exam within a reasonable time after the absence. The excused absence is permitted only if the student will not miss more than 25% of the total number of class meetings or the contact hour equivalent (not including the final examination period) for the specific course or courses in which the student is enrolled at the beginning of the period of active military service.

Students expected to be absent from classes for active duty must obtain approval from their respective associate dean in order to take a Leave of Absence. All related procedures, including completion of a Student Clearance Form, must be followed. More information is available under the Leave of Absence Policy (p. 59) in this Catalog.

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES

Absences for Religious Holidays

1. Students may take an examination or complete an assignment missed during the observance of a religious holy day(s) if they give notification of the planned absence to the instructor(s).
2. The student shall request the excused absence immediately following registration/enrollment or within the first fifteen days of the term.
Policy on Awarding Academic Credit, Transfers and Substitutions

UNIVERSITY DECISION

The University will accept transfer coursework from regionally accredited institutions; however, students may request a review of all transfer work regardless of regional accreditation status. Other transfer coursework such as life experience, extra-institutional learning, ACT test scores, CLEP test scores, GED test scores, technical training, vocational training and military schools may be evaluated on a case by case basis, however under customary circumstances credit will not be awarded.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

The intention of this policy is to maintain best practices in applying transfer credits and to ensure the academic integrity of Health Science Center academic programs.

Senate Bill 111 from the 79th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature (TEC 51.968) requires all Texas public colleges and universities adopt a policy regarding the awarding of academic credit to entering students who have completed a “post secondary level program” while still in high school. Those programs include Advanced Placement (AP) courses, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD). House Bills 133 and 1170 (TEC 51.3041) require all institutions of higher education to award course credit toward a degree for students' completion of certain military training.

In the “Principles and Philosophy of Accreditation,” under the Standards for All Educational Programs, The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) requires that the institution has a defined and published policy for evaluating, awarding, and accepting credit for transfer, experiential learning, advanced placement, and professional certificates. . .

The SACS standards also include a requirement that “the institution awards academic credit for course work taken on a noncredit basis only when there is documentation that the noncredit course work is attested to a designated credit experience.” This SACS standard is addressed in the “Credit Award for Non-Traditional Assessments and Training" section of the accreditation guidelines.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Residence for Academic Credit

Before earning credit without sitting for courses at the Health Science Center, students must establish residency for academic credit. Establishment of academic residency for credit is done by registering for and completing 25% of all baccalaureate coursework at the institution that will award the certificate or degree. Credits previously taken under another program at the Health Science Center may be applied to the academic residency requirement.

Substitutions

Students may request to substitute course requirements with another credit course that is equivalent in content and semester credit units/hours. A substituted course must be another credit course at the Health Science Center, or it can be transferred in from another regionally accredited academic institution.

Transfer Credit

Students may request transfer in credit from another institution regardless of its regional accreditation status. Such requests are submitted in writing for evaluation by the Office of the University Registrar. Students should be prepared to obtain and provide supporting documentation for previous coursework, including course descriptions and syllabi. Students should further note that there are limits to the number of semester credit hours that may be transferred in according to academic residence requirements set forth by SACS.

Waivers

Students who possess a license or credential in a particular subject area or professional field may request to have a professional certificate course
requirement waived. When a course is waived, the semester units/hours of the waived course must be made up by taking another credit course equivalent to the same number of credit hours waived. When requesting a course waiver, students must provide the department with all requested documentation from their relevant credential(s) or license.

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURE

In addition to sitting for official classes, regardless of method of instruction, students may earn academic credit through the following:

- Transfer of credit
- Course substitutions
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP) subject exams
- Advanced Placement (AP) exams
- Credit for military training
- International Baccalaureate Degree
- Experiential learning

For all degrees awarded, and in accordance with accreditation guidelines under the Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS), students must take a minimum of 25% of their baccalaureate coursework at the Health Science Center to receive a degree from the institution. The minimum applies to all baccalaureate coursework including courses taken the first two years of college. For example, a degree that requires a total of 120 semester credit hours calls for 30 semester credit hours to be earned via official coursework at the Health Science Center, versus alternate methods of earning credit at the Health Science Center including those listed above.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Official transcripts will be evaluated only after all necessary evaluation documents are on file at the Office of the University Registrar.

2. All official documents submitted to the Office of the University Registrar become property of the University and will not be returned or copied for the applicant.

3. Any accepted applicant seeking credit at the University through any means must have met all admissions requirements including, but not limited to, assessment scores, minimum GPAs, submission of previous transcripts, pre-requisites, and the Texas Core curriculum.

4. The total number of semester credit hours awarded for credit may vary depending upon the student’s program of study; however, the total credit awarded (including transfer credits) cannot exceed 75% of the total credits required for the student’s declared program of study. At least 25% of the total credits in a student’s degree plan must be earned through regular semester credit hour (SCH) instruction at Health Science Center.

5. While credit may be awarded by the Health Science Center for external exams and training, this credit may not satisfy requirements for a specific program of study. Students should check with their department to determine if accepted credit will meet program requirements.

6. Credit granted will be reflected on the student’s official transcript either in bulk or associated with a specific course number from the Health Science Center.

7. A grade of CR (credit) will be assigned for any course in which Credit is received. This grade is not computed in the grade point average, and the credit does not count toward calculation of student statistics for that term, including GPA.

8. The student is responsible for obtaining documentation of external exam scores and/or other training and submitting it to the Department or the Office of the University Registrar at Health Science Center. Scores for the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and Advanced Placement (AP) examinations, as well as other transfer, substitution and waiver documentation, should be received prior to enrollment.

9. Students must complete the Course Substitution Request Form for Health Science Center courses with appropriate documentation to initiate the consideration of their request at the department level. This form must be signed by the appropriate Associate Dean. Credit based on exam or test scores require the Credit by Exam form with no additional approval other than the Department and the Registrar certifying that the score reports have been received and validated. The Transfer Credit Form will need to be completed for credit awarded from an external institution or internal transfer credit.

10. Students are notified in a timely manner by their academic department and/or dean’s office of the disposition of their requests for course waiver/substitutions.

11. Students who are denied Credit may appeal to the appropriate university administrator through the university’s published appeal process. Also see the section below on “Transfer of Credit” for more information on the resolution of transfer credit disputes for lower-division courses.

12. Credit by local examination satisfies degree requirements in the same way as credit earned by passing a course. Credit earned by examination does not jeopardize eligibility for scholarships that require a certain class standing (e.g. Junior class).

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

Transfer students must submit official transcripts from all previously attended institutions, regardless of whether or not transfer credit is assigned or desired as a condition of admission;

1. The student's transfer course work is identified as a bona fide college-level course and must have been earned at an institution that can ascertain the course content and learning outcomes, correspond with current Health Science Center courses required in the student's program of study, and have been assigned a grade of "C" or better from the originating institution. In accordance with SACS accreditation requirements, no more than seventy-five percent of the total credit hours of the required course work may be applied from transfer credit.

2. Transfer of Courses from Texas Institutions: When possible, the Office of the University Registrar will use the Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) to perform transfer of credit for courses offered by regionally accredited state institutions.

3. Transfer of Courses from Non-Texas Institutions: Degree or Certificate-seeking students will request transfer of credit from any out-of-state regionally accredited institutions by providing their department official transcript(s) containing the courses to be evaluated.

   a. Transfer credit will be awarded on a semester credit hour scale in all instances, including courses transferred in on quarter-hour scales. Credit transferred in on quarter-hour scales will be converted to semester credit hours proportionately.
b. Adequate documentation must be provided for consideration of the request. This may include syllabi, catalog course descriptions, or any other documentation deemed appropriate by the department and/or Registrar.

c. Transfer and/or substitution course work is reviewed and submitted for processing before the end of the student's first term of enrollment (or the first semester after an eligible transfer course has been completed).

d. Although no specific limit is placed upon the number of transfer/ substitution credits that may be accepted, all transfer students must complete the required minimum of 30 semester hours, or 25 percent of total hours, whichever is greater. The transfer process must be completed before students may receive substitution credit for course work completed at another institution.

e. Academic courses may substitute only for academic courses.

4. All transferred courses will be posted on the student's official transcript with grades of “TR” but will not be calculated in the student's grade point average.

5. Disputes over transfer credit for lower-division courses are handled according to 19 Texas Administrative Code § 4.27(a) (http://blt.ly/1h05iSN) and Texas Education Code Section 61.826 (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.61.htm).

a. If an institution of higher education does not accept course credit earned by a student at another institution of higher education, the receiving institution shall give written notice to the student and to the sending institution that transfer of the course credit is denied, and shall include in that notice the reasons for denying the credit. Attached to the written notice shall be the procedures for resolution of transfer disputes for lower-division courses as outlined in this section, accompanied by clear instructions outlining the procedure for appealing the decision to the Commissioner of Higher Education.

b. A student who receives notice as specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection may dispute the denial of credit by contacting a designated official at either the sending or the receiving institution.

c. The two institutions and the student shall attempt to resolve the transfer of the course credit in accordance with Board rules and guidelines.

d. If the transfer dispute is not resolved to the satisfaction of the student or the sending institution within 45 days after the date the student received written notice of denial, the sending institution may notify the Commissioner in writing of the request for transfer dispute resolution, and the institution that denies the course credit for transfer shall notify the Commissioner in writing of its denial and the reasons for the denial.

WAIVERS/ SUBSTITUTION

1. Student’s requesting course waivers or course substitutions will submit a Course Waiver/Substitution Request Form to the appropriate department.

2. After evaluating the Request for a Waiver or Course Substitution, the student's department will submit the completed Course Waiver/ Substitution Request form to the Office of the University Registrar for processing.

3. Upon receipt of the Course Waiver/Substitution Request Form from the department, The Office of the University Registrar determines that the student has an official transcript containing the respective substitution course(s) on file and enters the course(s) and grade(s) for credit of “CR” into the degree audit system and student’s official transcript.

4. Waived courses and/or Course Substitutions will appear on the student's degree audit report. Course waivers and/or Course Substitutions are not counted in cumulative credits and are not used in the calculation of student's GPA.

5. Waivers: Students who possess a license or credential in a particular subject area or professional field may request to have a professional certificate course requirement waived. When a course is waived, the semester units/hours of the waived course must be made up by taking another credit course. When requesting a course waiver, students must provide the program director with documentation of their relevant credential or license, and any other documentation deemed appropriate.

6. Course Substitution: Students may request to substitute a course requirement in a program at the Health Science Center with another credit course that is equivalent in content and credit semester units/ hours. A substituted course must be another credit course at the Health Science Center, or the outside course credit can be transferred in from another regionally accredited academic institution (see Transfer Credit below).

CLEP SUBJECT EXAMS

The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) is a series of tests offered by The College Board. The tests cover a variety of subject areas including business, science and mathematics, history and social sciences, foreign languages, and composition and literature. CLEP exams are offered on most college and university campuses; however the Health Science Center does not offer it. The Health Science Center awards course credit for CLEP Subject Exams provided the minimum score has been obtained on the specific test and the department has approved it. CLEP Scores are valid for ten (10) years from the test date.

Students who wish to earn Health Science Center course credit for a CLEP Subject Examination must comply with the following requirements in addition to the policy under General Rules and Regulations for Credit Awards:

1. Student must submit official CLEP test scores to The Office of the University Registrar prior to enrollment for use in academic advising and degree auditing, and no later than the last class day of the first term of enrollment at the Health Science Center. Official scores include scores sent directly by The College Board as well as official score reports received by the student.

2. CLEP credit will not be awarded for courses previously attempted, regardless of grade originally earned.

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement (AP) exams are offered by the College Board to students who complete AP courses while enrolled in high school. The exams cover a variety of subject areas including business, science and mathematics, history and social sciences, foreign languages, and composition and literature. The Health Science Center awards course credit for AP Exams providing the minimum score has been obtained on the specific test and it has been approved by the program. AP scores are valid ten years from the test date.

Students who wish to earn Health Science Center course credit for an Advanced Placement Examination must comply with the following requirement in addition to the General Rules and regulations for Credit Awards:

1. Submit official AP test scores to the Office of the University Registrar, preferably prior to enrollment for use in academic advising and degree auditing.

CREDIT FOR MILITARY TRAINING

The Health Science Center employs the American Council on Education's Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services (http://www2.acenet.edu/militaryguide/CourseSearch.cfm) to assess potential transferability of Military Occupational Specialties (MOS). Specific degree applicability is at the discretion of the Dean's Office over the student's program.

Transfer credit is not awarded for the following:

- "Lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category" ACE recommendations.
- "Vocational certificate category" ACE recommendations.
- Basic military training. Some institutions recognize basic training, usually in fulfillment of physical education requirements, but the Health Science Center does not offer physical education.
Transfer credit is awarded for courses under the “upper-division baccalaureate category” in the ACE Guide.

Acceptable forms of documentation include the following:

- AARTS (https://jst.doded.mil/smart/welcome.do) Transcript (Army ACE Registry Transcript)
- SMART (https://jst.doded.mil/smart/welcome.do) Transcript (Sailor/Marine ACE Registry Transcript)
- Form DD-214 (Report of Separation)
- Form DD-295 (Application for the Evaluation of Learning Experience During Military Service)

To be considered official, any of the credentials above (except form DD-214) must be sent to the Health Science Center directly from the issuing agency. Students/applicants may submit an original DD-214; a certified copy will be made for office use and the original returned.

Students should be advised that, unlike college or high school transcripts, submission of military credentials for potential transfer credit is optional and is neither required for undergraduate admission nor subject to admission deadlines. However, any credit awarded may be applied during the student’s first semester of coursework; therefore official documents should be provided as early as possible.

DANTES Minimum Score Requirements

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1 Minimum scores are based on American Council on Education (ACE) (http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/ACE-Credit-Recommendations.aspx) recommendations.
2 Three semester credit hours per DANTES (http://www.dantes.doded.mil) examination may be awarded.
3 Many DANTES examinations may satisfy credits for electives. Each program that includes electives in program prerequisites will designate which DANTES examinations may or may not be used for elective credit and maximum number of semester credit hours that may be awarded. Minimum scores for awarding elective credit will be determined by the application of ACE (http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Transfer-Guide-Understanding-Your-Military-Transcript-and-ACE-Credit-Recommendations.aspx) recommendations.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM (IBD)

The International Baccalaureate Program is a rigorous pre-university course of study leading to examinations. It is designed for highly motivated secondary school students and incorporates the best elements of national systems without being based on any one alone. The IB exam has received extensive world-wide recognition for the quality and rigor of its programs. IB credits are evaluated a bit differently upon request and with
considerations as described here. Only scores achieved for the Higher Level examinations are eligible for transfer credit. Students who achieve a 5, 6, or 7, on an IB exam will receive transfer credit. Scores of 5 or 6 receive 1.0 unit of transfer credit. A student may be awarded 2.0 units for a score of 7 at the discretion of the department. Students must check with the appropriate department as well as the Dean’s Office to determine whether 2.0 units is the appropriate evaluation for an IB score of 7. The maximum allowable amount of transfer credit is 3 hours.

Note: Scores will not appear on the transcript for International Baccalaureate credit. Only the department, course title, and units transferred are identified.

**Course Equivalencies for the Various Exams**

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**CREDIT FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

Experiential learning allows students to receive college/university credit for equivalent educational experiences acquired through earlier schooling situations, work/on-the-job training or life experiences. Upon approval of the appropriate department chair and/or director, a student may develop a petition for a course or courses offered by the Health Science Center to gain college-level credit. Petitions are reviewed by the appropriate department chair and/or director and submitted to the Dean’s Office for approval. A petition for semester credit for experiential learning is a document that demonstrates learning and knowledge gained through work and life experiences. The petition must specifically state the skills and knowledge gained that is equivalent to those taught in the course(s). The petition can include knowledge and skills gained from a wide variety of sources including, but not limited to: Full or part-time jobs, independent reading and study, training program or in-service courses, volunteer work, cultural and artistic pursuits, military service and travel study.

The approval process for awarding semester credit for experiential learning will include the following steps in addition to the General Rules and Regulations for Credit Awards:

1. The student submits the Credit by Exam Form along with a formal written petition for credit for experiential learning and supporting documentation to the department. Based on the documentation and evaluation of the credentials, experience and skills listed on the petition for semester credit for experiential learning, the department chair/director may:
   a. Recommend approval of equivalent SCH course credit to the Dean’s Office
   b. Close the request with no recommendation for approval.

   The department chair/director will notify the student promptly when the request for SCH equivalent course credit is closed with no recommendation for approval. If approved, the department chair/director forwards the Credit by Exam Form and documentation to the Dean's Office.

1. The Dean’s Office may:
   a. Recommend approval of equivalent SCH course credit to the Office of the University Registrar
   b. Close the request with no recommendation for approval.

   The Dean’s Office will notify the student promptly when the request for SCH equivalent course credit is closed with no recommendation for approval. If approved, the Credit Award form and supporting documentation is forwarded to the Office of the University Registrar.

1. The Office of the University Registrar receives the recommendation form with related documentation for processing.

**Registration Policy on Adding/Dropping Courses**

**UNIVERSITY DECISION**

Students may add and drop courses via The Portal (http://inside.uthscsa.edu) using Student Administration during official Web Registration days as designated by The Office of the University Registrar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar) in the official academic calendar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar/2013/04/academic-calendar) for each term. Under no circumstances are students permitted to add classes
to their schedules after the Census Date, unless otherwise dictated by the school's profession-specific accreditation body. Check the official Academic Calendar for published Census Dates.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

A full or partial refund may be possible for dropped courses contingent on the date of a drop and the official start of the term. See the Refund Schedule (p. 24) in this Catalog for more detailed information.

Students may drop courses at any time during the semester, but before administration of final exams or final lab exercises, if approved by their program director, associate dean, or other designated official. Withdrawal grades may consist of W (Withdrawal), WP (Withdrawed Passing) or WF (Withdrawed Failing). Students should check the Catalog section specific to their respective schools for applicable grades.

Students should also note that dropped courses will count towards the “attempted credit hours” for the purpose of calculating excess hours under Texas Education Code Texas Education Code §54.068 and §61.0595 for undergraduate students, and Texas Education Code §54.012 for doctoral students in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, including Nursing Ph.D. students. See the Excess Hours Policy (p. 19) in this Catalog for more detailed information.

Additional Applicable Legislation:

The Six-Course Drop Limit stems from legislation applicable to all Texas public colleges and universities. This legislation was passed by the Texas Senate (SB 1231) and applies to all students entering into any Texas public institution of higher education as a first-time freshman and thereafter.

A first-time enrolled student with undergraduate status in a Health Science Center undergraduate program is precluded from dropping any course if, at the time of enrollment, such undergraduate student has an official transcript(s) indicating that such student has accumulated six documented drops. A documented drop occurs when a) the student was enrolled in a course, b) the student dropped the course without receiving a grade or penalty, and c) the student was not withdrawing completely from the institution. At many institutions, these are referred to as “Q drops,” where “Q” denotes the assigned grade.

Notwithstanding the above, the Health Science Center may permit drop(s) in excess of the six drops for the following reasons:

1. A severe illness or other debilitating condition that affects the student’s ability to satisfactorily complete a course.
2. The student’s responsibility for the care of a sick, injured, or needy person if the provision of care affects the student’s ability to satisfactorily complete a course.
3. The death of a person who:
   - Is considered to be a member of the student’s family; or
   - Is otherwise considered to have a sufficiently close relationship that demonstrates good cause.
4. The active duty service of the student or person considered to be a member of the student’s family and considered a sufficiently close relationship that demonstrates good cause.
5. The change of a student’s work schedule or financial support situation that seriously affects the student’s ability to satisfactorily complete the course.
6. Other good cause as determined by the Health Science Center.

A refund or adjustment of tuition and mandatory fees for dropped courses and student withdrawals shall be governed by Section 54.006 of the Texas Education Code as they relate to Section 51.907 (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.51.htm#51907) of the Texas Education Code. The change in law made by Section 54.006, as it applies to Section 51.907, applies to tuition and mandatory fees charged with the beginning of Fall 2007.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Adding

This refers to the process by which students enroll in one or more courses at the Health Science Center, including non-credit courses, courses bearing zero semester credit hours, and enrolling in absentia.

Census Date

The Census Date is determined in accordance with rules set forth by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, including the length of the term in weeks. It is the date by which all registration must be finalized, and tuition and fees paid.

Class

This references a specific instance of a course within a particular term. For example, a course entitled “Introduction to Sciences” may be offered for fifteen weeks in the fall term. This is the class associated with that course.

Course

This refers to a set of meeting components (lectures, labs, clinics, or a combination of several components) that together make up a unit that can be taught during a specified term.

Dropping

This refers to the procedure by which students remove themselves from one or more of the courses in which they are enrolled while continuing in the remainder of their courses. A student who is enrolled in only one course and intends to drop that course must either withdraw from the university or apply for a leave of absence if the student intends to drop the course.

Holds

They are managed by various departments for various restrictions. The owner of the hold may be the only department to release a hold. Certain holds restrict registration which prevent enrollment transactions including but not limited to adding courses.

Term

This refers to the time frame in which a class is taught, and is specific to the school in which it is taught. Terms at the Health Science Center include fall, spring, summer, and academic years (as in, 2010-2011). Schools operate either under traditional semesters (long fall, long spring, short summer) or super semesters (long fall and long spring; no summer term).

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURE

Adding and Dropping

Students have the ability to add or drop courses online using Student Administration via The Portal (http://inside.uthscsa.edu) during the official
web registration time period identified in the academic calendar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar/2013/04/academic-calendar).

Any adds or drops approved for processing outside web registration dates must be documented on the Add/Drop Form. All necessary signatures must be obtained in order for the form to be processed in The Office of the University Registrar. Under most circumstances, forms are processed within two business days. Once processed, a copy of the form will be scanned into the student’s academic record. It is the student’s responsibility to inquire with the Bursar's Office regarding any expected refunds, as well as additional tuition owed. Outstanding balances may prohibit additional registration and/or receipt of the diploma.

Under no circumstances may a student ask another individual to register her or him on her or his behalf. This includes peers, faculty, and other support staff. Only students may register for courses; outside designated web registration dates, personnel from The Office of the University Registrar may do so.

**Census Date and Failure to Pay Tuition and Fees**

Absolutely no changes to enrollment will be made after the Census Date. Furthermore, a student who fails to pay tuition and fees by the Census Date or make sufficient payment arrangements with the Bursar’s Office will be permanently dropped from all their courses that semester. Students who are administratively withdrawn from all classes as a result of failure to pay or make suitable payment arrangements with the Bursar’s Office by Census Date will not have any transcriptable record of enrollment for that term.

The student’s tuition and fees will then be recalculated to reflect a balance of zero. During that term, the student does not carry any registration, but may register along with other students for the subsequent semester. The student should meet with an academic advisor or designated associate dean to determine how the curriculum might be rearranged to acquire the number of semester credit hours and specific courses required to attain the degree sought.

Dropping one or more classes (but not all classes) after Census Date result in a grade(s) of W. However, dropping all classes after the first class day result in grades of W for all courses.

**Leave of Absence Policy**

**UNIVERSITY DECISION**

The Health Science Center recognizes that students may find it necessary to request a leave of absence. On the recommendation of the programs, the Dean’s Office may grant up to a year leave of absence at any one time to students in good academic standing.

A Leave of Absence essentially creates a university placeholder which allows the student’s matriculation record to remain active. It will not, however, afford an individual the status of an officially enrolled student. The breaks in enrollment which are formally recognized as leaves of absence fall into one of these categories:

- Leave of absence while in good standing;
- Involuntary Leave of Absence
- In Absentia

Students who decide not to return to the university must formally withdraw from the institution. To do so, students should contact their respective Dean’s Office prior to the end of the first week of the semester the withdrawal is to begin. At the time of withdrawal, students are advised of the conditions under which they might resume their studies in the university should they change their minds at a future date.

**PERTINENT INFORMATION**

In absence status provides an opportunity for graduate students to engage in approved study in a location away from the University campus during the academic year while continuing to work under the guidance of the University.

Graduate students whose research or study requires them to remain outside the university for the duration of a full semester can take advantage of in absence registration. The research or study must be directly related to the student’s degree program and of a nature that makes it necessary to be completed outside of the university. This includes students holding a fellowship, internship, or having a graduate student researcher appointment.

**DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Leave of Absence**

Students who must interrupt the regular academic program may be granted a one-year leave of absence. The leave of absence is approved by the Dean’s Office. While the student is on leave of absence, the student will not have student status which may affect student loan deferment and access to campus facilities and services.

- **In Absentia**
  - **Graduate and Professional students:** In absence status is a type of registration that allows the students to maintain student status at the university while completing research elsewhere. In Absentia may also allow students who have completed all requirements for graduation to enroll for purposes of a degree conferral. Registration In Absentia is designated as a zero credit hour and the student is assessed a fee.
  - **Undergraduates:** In absence is not available as an option for undergraduate students.

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**Leave of Absence While in Good Academic Standing**

Students in good academic standing will normally receive permission to take a Leave of Absence for up to one academic year.

**Involuntary Leave of Absence**

A student who fails to register for two or more consecutive semesters and does not elect to take a leave of absence or to enroll In Absentia will be considered for dismissal from the program.

Students may be dismissed, suspended, dropped from the academic rosters, and refused readmission at any time if circumstances of a legal, moral, health, social, or academic nature are considered to justify such action.

In addition to dismissal due to academic deficiencies, questions of scholastic dishonesty and other infractions of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System or the procedures
and regulations governing Student Conduct and Discipline of the Health Science Center may be grounds for dismissal. Taking a leave of absence without permission, failing to return at the appointed time from a leave of absence, and failure to pay tuition and fees may lead to a student’s termination.

**Eligibility Criteria for Enrollment In Absentia**

The Graduate Dean is responsible for determining that following criteria has been met:

1. Research or coursework must be directly related to the student’s degree program as evidenced by faculty approval.
2. Research or coursework must be of a nature that makes it necessary to be completed outside of the university for the full academic semester.
3. Doctoral students must be advanced to candidacy by the time the in absentia status would begin.
4. Master’s and graduate professional students must have completed at least one year of coursework by the time the in absentia status would begin.

**Applying for Readmission**

Students who have exceeded the one year approved leave will be involuntarily withdrawn. Students who have been withdrawn from the university are required to re-apply for admission with the burden of proof for eligibility resting on the student. He or she will be competing for admission against:

1. Students who have formally applied and been granted a bona fide leave of absence by the respective school prior to their absence; and/or
2. All new applicants for admission.

**Terms and Conditions of In Absentia Registration**

- **Financial Support**: Students enrolled in absentia are not eligible for university fellowship support, university research grants, and financial aid.
- **Academic Appointments and Employment at Health Science Center**: While enrolled in absentia, students are not eligible to hold apprentice or other student appointment titles.
- **Graduate Student Researcher Employment**: While enrolled in absentia, students are not eligible to hold a Graduate Student Researcher appointment.
- **Health Insurance**: While enrolled in absentia, students are not covered by student health insurance through the institution.
- **Library Privileges**: Students enrolled in absentia maintain borrowing privileges at the Library.
- **International Students**: International students are required to secure OIS approval to enroll in absentia.

**Transcript Requirements Policy**

**UNIVERSITY DECISION**

Applicants and students are required to submit official transcripts from all previous colleges and universities attended in accordance with accreditation standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (http://www.sacscoe.org) (SACS). Any separation from the university that led a student to take coursework at another institution must be documented on an official transcript where coursework was taken. Students who take coursework concurrently at another institution must also provide official transcripts as courses are being completed. Students bear the responsibility for providing these transcripts.

**PERTINENT INFORMATION**

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) calls for all institutions to assume responsibility for the academic quality of any coursework considered or transferred as part of the admissions process, especially as it pertains to credit for transfer coursework, experiential learning, and advanced placement, among other functions. This is done by evaluating all transcripts from institutions previously attended and maintaining a complete academic record. See SACS Principle of Accreditation 3.4.4 for additional information. Official transcripts from previous institutions are also required to comply with Texas legislation including the Six-Drop Limit (Under Section 51.907 of the Texas Education Code) and Excess Hours limits (under Texas Education Code §54.068 and §61.0595, as well as Texas Administrative Code Chapter 13, Subchapter F, §§13.102 through §13.108). Also see the Excess Hours Policy (p. 19) for more information.

**DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Applicant**

For the purposes of this policy, an applicant is an individual seeking admission to a program at the Health Science Center who has not been admitted.

**Census Date**

The Census Date is determined in accordance with rules set forth by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, including the length of the term in weeks. It is the date by which all registration must be finalized, and tuition and fees paid.

**Holds**

These are placed on students’ electronic academic records in the student information system. They prohibit enrollment transactions including but not limited to adding courses. Holds are managed by various departments for purposes of collecting critical information at the time of matriculation. Designated personnel in the department responsible for the hold may be the only ones to release a hold.

**Matriculation**

This is the process by which applicants offered admission to a program become students. It includes processes from the point of accepting an offer of admission, to providing documentation required by various institution offices, to official registration and verification of enrollment after Census Date.

**Official Transcript**

This is a transcript that reaches The Office of the University Registrar in a sealed envelope from the issuing institution, and the enclosed transcript
must be printed on the institution’s official transcript paper and bear the institution’s seal and signature from the registrar or another authorized individual designated by the institution’s executive leadership.

Final Transcript
A final transcript reflects all coursework taken at an institution with all courses graded. If a degree was awarded at that institution, the degree is posted.

Student
For the purposes of this policy, a student is an individual who has been admitted to a program at Health Science Center facing matriculation requirements including submission of final, official transcripts.

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURE

Transcripts from United States Institutions
- An official transcript is one that has been officially issued by an institution and received at the Health Science Center in an envelope sealed by the issuing institution. The transcript will contain the official school seal or stamp and the signature of the Registrar.
- Students are required to submit official transcripts from each college or university previously attended or currently attending, regardless of degree sought. Transfer credits indicated on another school’s transcript are not accepted in lieu of submitting the original institution record for that coursework. Copies or other versions available through third-party records or websites are also unacceptable.
- If the issuing institution will not release an official transcript to the student, the student should request that it be sent directly to each proposed department at the Health Science Center to which admission is being sought or offered.

Transcripts from Institutions Outside the United States
An international educational record will be considered complete and official if:
- Each document is an original or a copy that is issued and certified by the university or college. It must contain the original stamp or seal of the institution and the original signature of the appropriate school authority.
- It is a comprehensive record of all study completed, detailing courses studied and the grades (marks) received, in the form of a transcript or yearly grade (mark) sheets.
- It includes all degree/diploma certificates conferred. If the degree is not posted on the transcripts, a separate degree certificate must indicate the type of degree awarded and the date of award. Verification of graduation is required.
- Each document must be submitted in the original language and must be accompanied by a NACES Members (http://www.naces.org/members.htm) evaluation agency English translation.
- Copies of original documents must be certified by the appropriate authority of the issuing university or college. Each page of the copy must contain the original signature and title of the school authority, the date of issuance, and the institutions original stamp or seal.
- Individuals whose foreign university issues only one set of official documents must consult with their respective academic departments directly for alternate methods of submission.

Please be advised that all materials submitted in support of an application become the property of the Health Science Center and will not be returned to the applicant or forwarded to other schools or agencies. Additionally, transcripts will not be copied for applicants or students. For “one of a kind” and difficult to replace documents, we suggest that applicants have the issuing institution(s) certify copies for submission for the application process. This will allow applicants in particular to keep original documents. However, official transcripts will still be required in the event of admission for those incoming students who submitted certified copies of transcripts as part of the application process.

Applicants and students with coursework from foreign institutions where original documents cannot be produced or reproduced must contact the Office of the University Registrar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar) directly. The Office of the University Registrar will verify transcript issuing constraints at those institutions in those countries in order to offer alternatives to this requirement, including acceptance of notarized copies in lieu of official transcripts. Only applicants and students making formal arrangements with the Office of the University Registrar may exercise this option.

Graduation Policy

POLICY
It is the policy of the Health Science Center that students who satisfy all Health Science Center eligibility criteria and requirements for graduation shall be designated as “graduates.”

PERTINENT INFORMATION
The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) has set a standard that at least 25 percent of credit hours applicable to a degree must be earned through instruction offered by the university granting the degree.

Students who satisfy all eligibility criteria and requirements from the Health Science Center may or may not participate in a university sponsored graduation ceremony/reception at their option; nevertheless, their status in the official record of the university is recorded as a “graduate.”

Degrees are conferred and certificates awarded only on official dates publicly announced by the Office of the University Registrar. Exceptions are made on a case by case basis, and will only be awarded on the last day of the month in which the requirements are completed.

The certificate or degree is awarded by the Board of Regents following the student’s satisfaction of all academic requirements for graduation.

DEFINITION OF TERMS
Regular Instructional Program
Educational program of instruction defined by a curriculum approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for which term and/or semester hour credits as well as Certificate and/or a degree is awarded.
Curriculum
A list of courses, credits, and other requirements associated with completion of a regular instructional program.

Confer
The presentation of a degree or certificate to a graduate.

Graduate (noun)
Means a person who has qualified for one of the University’s awards and has received the degree or certificate for that award.

Graduate (verb)
Means to attend a graduation ceremony and receive a degree or certificate.

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURE
Application for Graduation
Degrees are not normally awarded automatically upon completion of scholastic requirements. To be considered as candidates for degrees, students must submit a complete Application for Graduation form to the Office of the University Registrar by the appropriate deadline. Graduation application deadlines are:

- May 30 for fall conferral
- November 30 for spring conferral
- February 15 for summer conferral

These dates may vary from term to term; updated deadlines will be communicated by the university by university website and/or via students’ campus e-mail accounts. Students should obtain an official degree audit one semester prior to their expected graduation date to avoid graduation conflicts and delays. Students who graduate with their first bachelor's degree may be eligible for a tuition rebate, particularly under the Texas B-On Time Loan Program. Contact the Office of Veteran Services and Financial Aid (http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid) for additional information.

Operating Requirements
Catalog of Graduation for Degree Programs
Students have three years from their term of original registration to complete a bachelor’s degree program and 6 years to complete a graduate or professional program under the catalog in effect when they initially registered. Students may choose a subsequent catalog under which to complete graduation requirements, provided they have completed at least one course during the academic year the selected catalog was in effect with a letter grade other than W or F and the appropriate dean has approved the amended degree plan. Students must complete all degree requirements under that selected catalog. Choosing a new catalog begins a new three-year or six-year time limit. Students who graduate under one catalog and begin a second degree must begin the new degree under the catalog in effect at that time. Students must have an approved degree plan at the time an application for graduation is filed.

Catalog of Graduation for Courses
Students must meet the course requirements in effect when a course is taken. This prevents students from retaking courses to meet new requirements, yet allows students the opportunity to benefit from new course requirements intended to promote student success. For example, if a student has declared a program of study for the current academic year but has taken courses previously, this student would be held to the course requirements in effect at the time the courses were taken, not the year the program of study was declared.

Eligibility Criteria and Requirements for Graduation
1. The student’s cumulative Health Science Center Grade Point Average must be 2.00 or higher.
2. Students must have no pending disciplinary issues as defined in the university’s catalog.
3. A minimum of 25 percent of the total credit hours of the required coursework must be instruction provided by the school granting the award.
4. Transfer credits accepted by Health Science Center and applied to a Health Science Center degree plan shall be approved by the Office of the University Registrar and the program to which the credit would apply. Please refer to the Policy on Awarding Academic Credit (p. 52) in this Catalog.

Graduation Ceremony Policy
The University conducts a commencement ceremony at the end of the spring semester. Candidates for graduation are not required to attend the graduation ceremony to be considered “graduates.” This is the only sanctioned graduation ceremony by Health Science Center. The faculty marshals chosen by the graduating class and approved by the school administration may hood the candidates at the graduation ceremony. No other individuals will be allowed to hood the candidates for graduation. However, current Health Science Center faculty members may petition the Dean of the School to allow them to present the diploma to their daughter/son during the ceremony. Photos and videos are available for purchase through an outside vendor which coordinated by the Office of Student Life.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES
A candidate for the degree must:

- Satisfy all academic requirements for graduation
- Satisfy all indebtedness to the university, including loaned or rental property
- Make formal application for his/her degree to the Office of the University Registrar by the specified deadline for that term of graduation
- Be recommended to receive the degree by the faculty, and the certification by the dean of the school and the president of the Health Science Center
- Not have an “F,” “Incomplete” or outstanding grade in any course in any semester
- Pay the graduation fee

Degrees and certificates are provided after final grades have been recorded on the student’s permanent academic record and the student has been conferred as a graduate.
FACULTY RESPONSIBILITIES
Faculty must submit final grades by published deadlines in their respective school’s academic calendar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar/2013/04/ academic-calendar). Faculty are responsible for notifying their associate deans or program chairs if unable to record grades due to an unexpected absence and must have an alternate to record grades.

OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR RESPONSIBILITIES
The Office of the University Registrar will review the following requirements for graduation:
• Minimum number of Semester Credit Hours have been completed
• Minimum grade point average has been met
• All final official transcripts have been received, along with any foreign transcript evaluations necessary
• All prerequisites have been completed
• Any transfer credits have been posted to the student’s record
• Any previous degrees earned have been posted to the student’s record
• All Health Science Center grades have been posted

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE’S RESPONSIBILITIES
The Office of Student Life (http://students.uthscsa.edu/studentlife) is responsible for securing a venue for the ceremony, coordinating a rehearsal and hosting the ceremony. They are also responsible for contracting outside vendors for the ceremony for videography and photography.

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES
The President is the presiding officer who officiates over graduation ceremonies.

REPLACEMENT OF DIPLOMAS
A lost or destroyed diploma can be replaced upon payment of a duplicate diploma fee and completion of the Request for Duplicate Diploma or Certificate (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2013/08/DuplicateDiploma.pdf) form with the Office of the University Registrar. The graduate must complete a Request for Duplicate Diploma form and a statutory declaration. Any other supporting evidence is to be attached to the request.

REVOCATION OF DEGREES
The University reserves the right to revoke any degree awarded if it is proven through student disciplinary or other action that the student is guilty of cheating, plagiarism, or other academic dishonesty or fraudulent activity and obtained the degree under false pretenses.

Academic Program Review Policy
The academic program review is integral to the assessment and academic planning at the Health Science Center. The program review process is intended to examine, assess, and strengthen academic programs offered at the Health Science Center. Program reviews are a means to ensure advancement of the quality of the Health Science Center’s academic programs. The process enables a comprehensive assessment of goals, infrastructure, operations, and outcomes in relation to the mission and strategic plan of the university. The program review process facilitates dialogue among the president, vice president, dean and faculty program leadership. The process provides an organized and structured opportunity for all to reflect on educational practices and review the role of their program in the context of the programs offered by their school and institution.

The evaluative, directional and planning judgments resulting from program reviews are oriented within the context both of disciplinary/professional norms and department, school, and university missions and goals. The areas in which program quality is evaluated include, but not limited to:
• Student enrollment, retention and graduation.
• Student advisement, engagement and support.
• The quality of educational programs, including assessment of student learning.
• Curricula and curricular contributions to university programs.
• Faculty and department contributions in teaching, research, creative activity, scholarly work and service.
• Diversity and cultural proficiency.
• The quality of outreach activities and service to the institution, the profession and the community.
• The contribution or importance of the program to other campus programs.
• Program governance and administrative support.
• Program operations and resources.
• Facilities, library and other educational resources available to and utilized by the schools.
• Safety and adequacy of physical facilities.
• The sustainability of human and financial resources to maintain a quality program.
• The strengths and weakness of the program.
• Ability to meet accreditation standards.

The Health Science Center has a multi-tiered and multi-dimensional academic review process as a result of its public mission. The review of academic programs includes external organizations such as The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on College (SACS-COC), as well as school and program-specific accrediting organizations. The THECB assesses the level of degree productivity within the schools as well as identifying low completer programs that require institutional
The Health Science Center mandates that all academic programs receive a comprehensive review on a periodic basis. At a minimum, the academic program review will examine, during a six year cycle, all degree granting programs including certificate programs within academic units. The academic program review cycle includes the requirements for school-specific accreditation organizations and the THECB. The Vice President for Academic, Faculty, and Student Affairs (http://www.uthscsa.edu/vpaa) collaborates with respective school deans to establish programmatic review dates.

All Centers and Institutes are also reviewed in collaboration with program reviews. The Vice President for Research collaborates with Center and Institute Directors for their review dates.

**Faculty Leadership or School-Specific Equivalent**

The Health Science Center academic program review process includes multiple internal and external academic review committees that will ensure the process is comprehensive.

Faculty, deans department chairs and duly constituted school committees (including admission, curriculum, promotion) have the primary responsibility for curriculum design, development, management, evaluation and authority to enact curricular change in accordance with school-specific accreditation standards which may include credit hours (or alternative measurement methodology), curriculum objectives, content, integration and linkages across program components, as well as, teaching methodologies, component and overall programmatic evaluations and learning outcomes.

**Current Curriculum and Curriculum Management**

The primary factors that have shaped the current curriculum include:

1. Student-feedback
2. Peer feedback
3. Professional accreditation
4. Research
5. Continuous faculty review of the curriculum
6. Competency based curriculum and assessment of competency
7. National trends

The school specific Curriculum Committee or the equivalent is supported with leadership and supervision from the Vice President for Academic, Faculty, and Student Affairs and the Dean.

**Expertly Blended Review Committee(s) or the Equivalent**

The diverse degree programs offered at the Health Science Center mandate that expertly blended curriculum committees or the equivalent with discipline specific knowledge participate in the academic review process. The school-specific expert blended Curriculum Committee or equivalent is a standing committee as specified in the Health Science Center Handbook on Operating Procedures (http://www.uthscsa.edu/hop2000).

The Expert Blended review Committee or equivalent is charged minimally to:

- Oversee the evaluation, review, and recommendation for curriculum and content.
- Conduct a periodic needs assessment of courses and programs on various criteria including change in learning content from national regional standards, interest of students and future employers in programs, and the number of graduates from programs.
- Ensure each program has student learning outcomes that are appropriate for the program, including assessment measurement, targets, and benchmarks.
- Assess the duplication of course and/or programs within the School.
- Ensure that each program director is appropriately assessing data to determine of modifications and/or changes to the curriculum are needed.
- Ensure the curriculum has adequate hours and courses to meet the student learning outcomes based on other similar programs and/or national standards.
- Initiated a curriculum mapping process to determine course sequencing, breadth, and depth of course content, student learning outcomes and degree requirements.
- Determine program credit hours or equivalent school-specific accreditation standard of measurement are adequate and state requirements.
- Review student course evaluations trends and trends in student concerns and issues to recommend systems level solutions.
- Review student recruitment publications for accuracy in representing the institution’s practices and policies.

**Faculty Council and Faculty Assembly or Equivalent**

In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System each of the University schools has a Faculty Council and Faculty Assembly or the equivalent.

The individual Faculty Council or equivalent (Health Science Center Policy 1.4.2 (http://www.uthscsa.edu/hop2000/1.4.2.pdf)) acknowledges individual Faculty Councils or equivalent of the School of Dentistry, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, the School of Medicine, the School of Health Professions and the School of Nursing shall act as the principal recommending policy-making and recommending governing body on academic matters of each of their respective schools, subject to the Board of Regents Rules and Regulations of the University of Texas System.

The faculty groups or the equivalent, as defined in school-specific bylaws, shall be responsible, within limitations set by the Regents Rules and
Regulations for recommending to the President policies with respect to the following:

- The admission of students and their instruction.
- Approving the curriculum and establishing standards for academic performance, including measures to be taken in case of academic deficiencies.
- The promotion and recommendation to the appropriate dean of candidates to be certified for graduation and the receiving of honors.

The Health Science Center Policy 1.4.3 on Faculty Assembly (http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000/1.4.3.pdf) or equivalent also provides for faculty engagement on other institutional matters. The individual faculty assemblies of the School of Dentistry, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, the School of Medicine, the School of Health Professions, and the School of Nursing shall be subject to the authority of the Board of Regents and the authority vested in various administrative offices and subdivisions of the University of Texas System. The members of the Faculty Assembly or equivalent shall exhibit an active interest in the progress and future of the schools and shall be responsible for active participation in major planning for the schools and the campus as a whole. Faculty shall accept responsibility for performing these functions essential to the maintenance and conduct of programs of excellence in all activities of the school. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, general academic policies and welfare; student life and activities; requirements for admissions and graduation; honors and scholastic performance generally; approval of candidates for degrees; and faculty rules and procedures. In addition, the Faculty Assembly may consult with the Deans on general administrative affairs and on matters pertaining to the development of each school.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

The THECB (http://www.thecb.state.tx.us) has primary responsibility for the review and approval for new degree programs and programs with substantive changes. This process ensures the degree programs are compatible with the institution’s role, scope, and mission.

The University of Texas System/Board of Regents

The University of Texas System policies and procedures and Board of Regents’ Rules and Regulations (http://www.utsystem.edu/bor/rules) for academic program standards also apply to the Health Science Center. Justification for changing, adding and deleting programs requires a review by the University of Texas Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs. The System’s standards used for review and approval of academic programs are derived from three overarching principles that guide decisions about program goals, design and implementation at the University of Texas institutions. These principles are (Rule 40307):

- Mission. Academic degree programs and certificates should be consistent with the higher education goals and mission of the States of Texas, the University of Texas System and the offering institution. This principle has implications not only for which programs should be offered by the UT System institutions, but also how they are designed and delivered so as to be responsive to the needs of students, parents, and the public and private sectors.
- Quality. UT System degree and certificate programs must be of excellent quality. Program design, resources, and implementation plans judged critically in the view of the stated goals for a particular program, should compare favorably with state, national and international standards and competing programs. In general, they should exceed the minimum standards of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or appropriate accrediting bodies.
- Efficient Use of Resources. Academic programs at institutions of the UT System must represent good investments and efficient use of public and private resources. Program choices, design and implementation plans should reflect wise use of institutional or shared resources.

The University of Texas System policy also mandates academic programs provide evidence of meeting the following standards:

- Standards relating to Goal, Need, and Fit
- Standards for Quality of Implementation
- Standards for Costs and Revenues
- Compliance Standards
- Standards for Doctoral Programs

The System policy also acknowledges the role and responsibility for faculty in the evaluation and assessment for degree programs and also acknowledges the level of faculty expertise required to participate in the review and evaluation of degree programs. The expertise is compatible with the criteria often associated with promotion and tenure.

External Review Organizations

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges (http://www.saccccoc.org) conducts an institutional evaluation for reaffirmation of accreditation every ten years and an interim review during the fifth year.

In addition, each school within the Health Science Center has specialized accrediting agencies. These professional and external organizations ensure that the Health Science Center programs are appropriate to the national standards. More information on these accrediting agencies may be found under each school’s section of this Catalog.

Additional Web Resources for Schools’ Accreditation Agencies

http://dental.uthscsa.edu
http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu
http://som.uthscsa.edu
http://nursing.uthscsa.edu
http://www.uthscsa.edu/shp/
http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000/
http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000/1.4.2
http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000/1.4.3
Institutional Policies

Students must abide by all institutional policies, which are administered by pertinent departments and divisions across the Health Science Center. Institutional policies are consistent with those that are also identified in the Health Science Center Handbook of Operating Procedures (http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000).

For more detailed information, select a specific Health Science Center Catalog policy from the list.

Alcohol Policy for Student Organizations

The Regents’ Rules and Regulations, Rule 80102, “Alcoholic Beverages” prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages on property and in buildings and facilities owned or controlled by the Health Science Center. However, the President may waive this prohibition with respect to any event sponsored by the University. An event is considered “sponsored” if a budgeted office or department of the Health Science Center is responsible for organizing the event, inviting attendees, and paying expenses related to the event, including the purchase of food and beverages; meetings or events organized and presented by registered faculty, staff, or student organizations are not events sponsored by the Health Science Center.

State law relating to alcoholic beverages will be strictly enforced at all times on property and buildings and facilities owned or controlled by the Health Science Center.

All non-student requests should be made using the Request for Alcoholic Beverages on Campus. The form must be completed and submitted through the Chair or Director of the requesting sponsoring unit to the appropriate Executive Committee member (Dean or Vice President) at least ten (10) working days prior to the event. The Executive Committee Member will review the form and make a recommendation to the President as to whether or not the request should be approved.

Students must use the form entitled Request for Alcoholic Beverages on Campus for Student Organizations. This form may be obtained from the Office of Student Life.

Please see Section 8.2.3 “Use of Alcoholic Beverages on Campus”, of the Handbook of Operating Procedures for a more detailed explanation of the policy.

Alcohol, Drug and Chemical Abuse Policy

The purpose of this statement is to comply with the federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989 and the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988. The statements provided below represent the Health Science Center policy with regard to the abuse and/or distribution of alcohol, drugs, and controlled substances by faculty and staff.

The unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and on any property under the control of the Health Science Center. A controlled substance is any substance so defined by federal or state statute or regulation.

Please see Section 8.2 “Alcohol, Drug and Chemical Matters” in the Handbook of Operating Procedures (http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000/8-toc.aspx) for a more detailed explanation of the policy.

Bookstore

Textbook and supplemental material information, including the maximum extent practicable the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) and retail price information, is available on the website under “Textbooks (http://uthscsa.bncollege.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/TBWizardView?catalogId=10001&langId=-1&storeId=39552).”

A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Campus Facilities

Access to Campus Facilities

The responsibility of The University of Texas System Board of Regents is to operate and maintain an effective and efficient system of institutions of higher education and requires that the time, place, and manner of assembly, speech, and other activities on the grounds and in the buildings and facilities of the UT System or institutions be regulated.

No person, organization, group, association, or corporation may use property, buildings, or facilities owned or controlled by the Health Science Center for any purpose other than in the course of the regular programs or activities related to the role and mission of the university, unless authorized by the Regents’ Rules and Regulations. Any authorized use must be conducted in compliance with the provisions of the Regents’ Rules and Regulations, the university’s Handbook of Operating Procedures, and applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Health Science Center facilities may be used by outside organizations with the joint sponsorship of a Health Science Center department. The Health Science Center may recommend joint sponsorship of a project or program when the following listed conditions are met: (1) the educational implications are self-evident and directly supplement the educational purposes of the institution and the academic or administrative mission of the department recommending sponsorship; and (2) there will be no private gain for the cooperating individuals, group, or association. The Health Science Center sponsor when entering into a joint sponsorship of any program assumes full responsibility for all details, including cost, as well as approval of subject, contents, and publicity for the event. To the extent that there are charges for Health Science Center services (e.g., printing, housekeeping, parking, security, etc.) for the event, such charges shall be paid by the sponsoring department. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring department to determine an appropriate level of reimbursement, if any, from the outside entity cosponsoring the event and obtain such payments and deposit such payments to the accounts from which charges for the event were made. Regents’ Rules and Regulations apply (from Handbook of Operating Procedures 9.1.4 (http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000/9.1.4.pdf)).

Privacy Rights

Students are entitled to certain privacy rights, especially under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, although any research papers and theses authored by students may be made available to interested members of the public. Students should also bear in mind that any patients
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Acts (FERPA) Policy

PERTINENT INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), sets forth requirements regarding the privacy of student records and affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. FERPA applies to those institutions that require funding from the Department of Education and guarantees students three primary rights: to inspect and review their education records; to seek to amend education records; and to exercise some control over the disclosure of information from those education records.

Students at the Health Science Center have the right of confidentiality under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974. Generally, no one outside the institution shall have access to, nor will the institution disclose any information from students' educational records without the student’s written consent.

The Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu) affords all the rights of 1954, provided a reasonable effort is made to notify the student in advance;
• to an alleged victim of any crime of violence, the results of the alleged perpetrator’s disciplinary proceeding may be released;
• to authorized agents, vendors, or contractors of the university who have agreed to abide by the provisions of FERPA regarding covered student data.

All the exceptions identified above are permitted under the Act.

Within the Health Science Center community, only those members, individually or collectively, acting in the legitimate educational interest of the students are allowed access to student education records. A legitimate educational interest is determined by the appropriate administrator from the Office of the University Registrar in consultation with the Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs and the appropriate school-specific Dean. Release of information to a school official having a legitimate educational interest does not serve as permission to share that information with a third party without the student’s written permission.

A record of requests for disclosure and such disclosure of personally identifiable information from student education records shall be maintained by the Office of the University Registrar for each student and will also be made available for inspection pursuant to this policy.

The law provides students with:

1. The right to inspect and review education records within 45 days of the day the university receives a request for access. A student should submit written requests that identify the record(s) the student wishes to inspect to the Office of the University Registrar or appropriate institutional official. The university will make arrangements for access and notify the requester of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the university official to whom the request was submitted, that official will advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.

2. The right to request the amendment of an education record(s) that a student believes is inaccurate or misleading. The student should write the university official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record for which a change is requested, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the university decides not to amend the record as requested, the university will notify the student of the decision and advise that student of his/her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided when the student is notified of the right to a hearing. The student may want to consult with staff in the Office of the University Registrar regarding his/her appeal rights and/or the hearing procedure associated with an appeal.

3. The right to consent or to withhold consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in a student’s education records, recognizing that FERPA and Health Science Center policy authorize certain disclosures without a student’s prior consent. These exceptions are provided below.

- a. Disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is defined as a person employed by the university in an administrative, supervisory, academic, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit and health staff); a person or company with whom the university has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, authorized agent, vendor or contractor who has agreed to abide by the provisions of FERPA regarding covered data, or collection agent); a person serving on the Texas Board
of Regents or the Board’s staff. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

b. Disclosure to officials of other schools or school systems in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or where a student is enrolled in or receives services.

c. Disclosure to parents of a dependent student of such parents, as defined in Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, provided that such dependent status is required to be affirmed by a student's parents in a manner satisfactory to the university prior to release of the student's records.

d. Disclosure to comply with a judicial order, or lawfully issued subpoena, upon condition that the university makes a reasonable effort to notify the student of the order or subpoena in advance of compliance therewith.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the university to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
US Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

The Vice President for Academic, Faculty, and Student Affairs has been designated by the Health Science Center to coordinate the inspection and review procedures for student education records, which include admissions, personal, academic, financial, and disciplinary records.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Health Science Center designates the personally identifiable information contained in a student’s education records listed below as “directory information” in order that the university may at its discretion, disclose the information without a student’s further prior written consent. Students requesting that all Directory Information be withheld will have only their first and last name, middle initial, school, photograph, and class listed in the Directory.

As such and at its discretion, the Health Science Center may release historical student and directory Information:

- name, address, telephone number, e-mail address;
- photograph;
- date and place of birth;
- major field of study;
- participation in officially recognized activities;
- dates of attendance;
- most recent previous educational institution attended;
- classification, level or year of study;
- degrees and awards received;
- date of graduation; and,
- enrollment status (undergraduate, graduate or professional; full-time or part-time).

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law which protects privacy interests of parents and students in their educational records.

An education record includes those records, files, documents and other material that contain information directly related to a student, and are maintained by an educational agency or institution, or by a person acting for such agency or institution. Records include electronic and paper files. The Office of the University Registrar is designated as the official record holder of student education files.

However, education records do not include:

1. Records of instructional, supervisor and administrative personnel and educational personnel ancillary thereto which are in the sole possession of the maker thereof and which are not accessible or revealed to any other person except a substitute;

2. Records maintained by a law enforcement unit of the educational agency or institution that were created by that law enforcement unit for the purpose of law enforcement;

3. In the case of persons who are employed by an educational agency or institution but who are not in attendance at such agency or institution, records made and maintained in the normal course of business which relate exclusively to such person in that person’s capacity as an employee and are not available for use for any other purpose; or

4. Records on a student who is eighteen years of age or older, or is attending an institution of postsecondary education, which are made or maintained by a nurse practitioner, physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional acting in his professional or paraprofessional capacity, or assisting in that capacity, and which are made, maintained, or used only in connection with the provision of treatment to the student, and are not available to anyone other than persons providing such treatment, except that such records can be personally reviewed by a physician or other appropriate professional of the student’s choice.

Additionally, in accordance with UT System requirements, research papers and theses authored by students will be made available to interested members of the public.

Directory Information is information contained in students’ education records that is generally not considered to be harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed.

Personally Identifiable Information refers to any data element in an education record that, if disclosed alone or together with another data element, would allow a person to reasonably identify the eligible student who is the record’s subject.

School Official is a person employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement until personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the University has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

Legitimate Educational Interest is established if the information is necessary for the requestor to: perform appropriate tasks specified in a position description or by a contract agreement; perform a task related to a student’s education; perform a task related to the discipline of a student; provide a service or benefit to the student such as health care, counseling, job placement, or financial aid; provide educationally related information to the student concerning extra-curricular activities and student organization; or maintain the safety and security of the campus.
A legitimate educational interest is determined by the appropriate administrator from the Office of the University Registrar in consultation with the Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs and the appropriate school-specific Dean. Release of information to a school official having a legitimate educational interest does not serve as permission to share that information with a third party without the student's written permission.

UNIVERSITY PROCEDURE

Required FERPA Training

The Office of the University Registrar requires that all students, staff, and faculty complete FERPA training annually via the Web through the Knowledge Center. Notice of required training reaches students, staff, and faculty through their Health Science Center email accounts, at which time they are prompted to complete online training. Training covers the purpose of FERPA, directory information, and scenarios of potential FERPA violations.

Student requests for inspection of their education records

Students who wish to inspect their records should fill out the Request to Review Education Records Form in the Office of the University Registrar. The form is available on the Office of the University Registrar's web site.

The Registrar or other designated record custodian will make the needed arrangements and advise the student when and where the records will be available. The procedure will be completed as promptly as possible, but in all cases the student will be permitted to inspect the record within seven business days after the custodian receives the student's request with the following limitations:

1. Financial records and statements of their parents or any information contained therein; Confidential letters of recommendation and confidential statements of recommendation which were placed in the education records of the student, respecting admission to an educational institution, an application for employment, or the receipt of an honor or honorary recognition, provided that the student has waived his or her right to inspect and review those letters and statements of recommendation.

2. Any records that contain personally identifiable information about more than one student, a student may inspect only that information which relates to her/him.

If for any valid reason such as work hours, distance from a student's place of residence to a record location, distance between records location sites, or health, a student cannot personally inspect and review her/his education record, the Health Science Center will arrange for the student to obtain copies of the record.

Request for correction of an education record

The Health Science Center encourages students to periodically inspect and review their education records to make certain the records correctly reflect their academic progress and other achievements.

The school-specific Dean assumes the full responsibility for the process, procedure, and final decision for student request to revise educational records. The final decision is conveyed to the student, the Registrar and the Vice President for Academic, Faculty, and Student Affairs.

Challenges to the Content of Records - Hearing-Informal Proceedings

Students shall have an opportunity to a hearing to challenge the content of the student record, to insure that the record is not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy of other rights of students, and to provide an opportunity for the correction or deletion of any such inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate data contained therein and to insert into such records a written explanation of the student respecting the content of such records. Any explanation placed in the education record of the student shall be maintained by the Health Science Center.

The Health Science Center shall attempt to settle any dispute with a student regarding the content of the student's education record through informal meetings and discussions with the student. Upon the request of either the student or the university official responsible for a particular portion of the student record in question, a hearing shall be conducted by the Registrar.

1. Such hearing and decisions shall be made by a panel of university faculty and professional staff who do not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing.

2. The hearing shall be conducted within twenty days following the request for hearing.

3. The student shall be afforded notice of the date, place, and time at least five days in advance of the hearing, and shall be afforded a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issue pertinent to his or her challenge. The student may be assisted or represented by individuals of his or her choice at his or her expense, including an attorney.

4. The decision shall be rendered in writing within twenty days following the conclusion of the hearing, and shall be based solely upon the evidence presented at the hearing and shall include a summary of the evidence and the reasons for the decision.

Request for Directory Information

Custodians of records will refer all requests for directory information about students to the Registrar. Any requests by external agencies for directory information shall also be directed to the Registrar. Costs for preparing the information shall be borne by the requesting parties.

Custodians of Education Records

The Health Science Center reserves the right to refuse to permit a student to inspect and review the following education records:

1. financial records of the student’s parents or guardian;

2. statements and confidential letters of recommendation prepared by university officials or submitted with the student’s application for admission which were placed in the educational records of a student prior to January 1, 1975 or for which the student has waived her/his right of access in writing;

3. records of instructional, administrative, and educational personnel which are kept in the sole possession of the maker and are not accessible or revealed to any other individual except a temporary substitute for the maker;

4. records of law enforcement units;

5. employment records related exclusively to an individual’s employment capacity;

6. medical and psychological records;
Infection Policy (AIDS, HIV, and Hepatitis, etc.)

The University of Texas System provides a Policy and Guidelines on Bloodborne Pathogens including Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV). The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance in complying with statutes concerning bloodborne pathogens including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), Hepatitis B virus (HBV), and Hepatitis C virus (HCV). In addition, the medical, educational, legal, administrative, and ethical issues related to specific situations involving persons with HIV or HBV infections in the following areas are addressed:

- Administrative policies;
- Residence life;
- Health education;
- Testing for HIV, HBV, HCV infection;
- Confidentiality of information related to persons with AIDS, HIV, HBV, or HCV infection; and
- Patient care.

This policy is applicable to students, faculty, and employees of the Health Science Center and shall be made available to students, faculty, and staff members of the University by its inclusion in the student, faculty, and personnel guides if practicable, or by any other method. More detailed information about bloodborne pathogens can be found in The Health Science Center Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP) The Health Science Center Handbook of Operating Procedures (http://www.uthscsa.edu/hop2000/8.1.1.pdf). The policies that follow are published to reflect those policies in The HOP.

7. thesis or research papers; or
8. records that only contain information about an individual after the individual is no longer a student at the institution.

Copies

Students may have copies of their educational records. These copies will be made at the student’s expense at rates authorized in the Texas Public Information Act except for official transcripts.

Deceased Students

Records of deceased students, current or former, will be reviewed within 90 days after death and purged of all documents except the barest essentials such as the transcript.

Access to file

The Health Science Center has placed responsibility for administration of FERPA with the Registrar. This office is responsible for the administration of this policy. Students who have problems or questions related to the policy should contact the Office of the University Registrar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar) for help. Those who wish to file a complaint under FERPA should do so in writing to the following address:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5901

ADMISSION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS STUDENTS WITH AIDS OR HIV INFECTION

The Health Science Center shall not inquire about the HIV status of any applicant for admission to the Health Science Center unless it has been determined that the condition of being infected is grounds for denial of admission. Admission or hiring of an asymptomatic HIV-infected applicant can only be denied on the basis of such infection if the institution concluded, on the basis of sound medical and scientific evidence, that the applicant’s infected status would prevent him or her from completing essential degree requirements and that no reasonable accommodation could be made that would enable the applicant to do so.

SCREENING FOR HIV-1 INFECTION

The Health Science Center will not initiate mandatory HIV screening of students, faculty, staff, or employees unless justified by evidence of significant risk to patients.

Students, Faculty, Staff, and Employees with Positive Antibody to HIV-1 or Clinically Manifest AIDS or AIDS-Related Complex

It is expected that all students, faculty, staff, and employees will be bound to the principle of strict confidentiality in all patient and healthcare related activities.

As stated in Policies 8.1.3 (http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000/8.1.3.pdf) and 8.1.4 (http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000/8.1.4.pdf) of The HOP, “Screening for HIV-1 Infection” and “Students, Faculty, Staff and Employees with Positive Antibody to HIV-1 or Clinically Manifest AIDS or AIDS – Related Complex,” The Health Science Center encourages students, faculty, staff, and employees who believe they are at risk of HIV infection to seek testing and counseling. The Health Science Center shall provide information about the availability of confidential and anonymous testing programs. In addition, the Health Science Center shall provide information and/or access to counseling for students, faculty, staff, employees, and others about the implications of positive or negative testing for career and future health.

Interaction with Patients with Bloodborne Pathogens

Entry into the healthcare professions is a privilege offered to those who are prepared for a lifetime of service to the ill. Students, faculty, and healthcare staff have a fundamental responsibility to provide care to all patients assigned to them, regardless of diagnosis. A failure to accept this responsibility violates a basic tenet of the medical profession: to place the patient’s interests and welfare first.

Individuals who feel that their activities within the Health Science Center pose a special risk to their health because of exposure to bloodborne pathogen-infected patients, working conditions presenting a risk of exposure to bloodborne pathogens, or the presence of a bloodborne
pathogen infection in the individual himself or herself, should seek the assistance of their immediate supervisor.

**Infection Policy and Education Committee**

The Health Science Center has established an Infection Policy and Education Committee that exists as a resource to address issues related to bloodborne pathogen infection on a case-by-case basis in the Health Science Center. The Committee serves as an advisory body to the Executive Committee of the Health Science Center and may arbitrate concerns or provide recommendations for the resolution of these infection-related issues.

**EDUCATION OF STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND EMPLOYEES ABOUT BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS**

This section provides information regarding education on bloodborne pathogens to the University community based on The Health Science Center Handbook of Operating Procedures, Policy 8.1.6 (http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000/8.1.6.pdf).

**Guidance**

As stated in the Health Science Center’s Exposure Control Plan, the Health Science Center adheres to the Universal or Standard Precautions for the Prevention of Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus, Hepatitis B Virus, and Other Bloodborne Pathogens in Health Care Settings published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Consistent with the early education of students, staff, and employees in these and other pertinent data relevant to potential infection, the following approach will be taken.

**Educational Program**

Each School will provide a program on prevention of exposure to infectious organisms in professional and personal situations early in the student’s educational experience and at the beginning of clinical rotations.

Each administrative division of the Health Science Center will provide an educational program for staff and employees to take place early in the employment and to focus upon prevention of exposure to infectious organisms in the workplace as warranted by the occupational risk.

**Content of Program**

The Infection Policy and Education Committee shall advise and review the development of appropriate educational programs. At the conclusion of Health Science Center educational programs/curriculum on bloodborne pathogens, the participant should be able to:

1. Have a basic understanding of HIV, HBV, and HCV as viral disease and its natural history.
2. Recognize how viruses are transmitted and contacts that do not transmit the virus.
3. Recognize the symptoms of bloodborne pathogens and the degrees/stages of these illnesses.
4. Identify precautions one must take in one’s own area of practice or work regarding the bloodborne pathogens.
5. Familiarize oneself with institutional policies about bloodborne pathogens as described in the Health Science Center’s Exposure Control Plan.
6. Recognize one’s own role in alleviation of anxiety and misinformation.


8. Identify legal and ethical issues that may potentially impact patient care.

**Important Information about Bacterial Meningitis**

Pursuant to SB 1107 enacted by the State of Texas and SB 62 thereafter, all new students enrolling in the Health Science Center must provide proof that the meningitis vaccination was administered at least 10 days prior to the first day of the term. Vaccinations must have been received or renewed within the last 5 years. The legislation provides two exceptions:

1. students who are over 21 years of age and
2. students taking 100% of classes online.

Students who qualify for exceptions and wish to exercise the same must use an affidavit issued from the Texas Department of State Health Services (https://corequest.dshs.texas.gov) to claim an exemption based on conscientious or religious objections. Failure to do so consistent with the noted time frame will preclude registration.

Bacterial Meningitis is a serious, contagious, potentially deadly disease that can progress extremely fast, so take utmost caution. It is an inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord. The bacteria that cause meningitis can also infect the blood. This disease strikes about 3,000 Americans each year, including 100–125 on college campuses, leading to 5–15 deaths among college students every year. There is a treatment, but those who survive may develop severe health problems or disabilities. Keeping up to date with recommended immunizations and maintain health habits such as getting plenty of rest and avoiding close contact with sick people, are ways to prevent Meningitis.

**What are the symptoms?**

- High fever
- Severe headache
- Vomiting
- Rash or purple patches on skin
- Stiff neck
- Light sensitivity
- Nausea
- Confusion and sleepiness
- Seizures
- Lethargy

There may be a rash of tiny, red-purple spots caused by bleeding under the skin. These can occur anywhere on the body.

The more symptoms, the higher the risk, so when these symptoms appear seek immediate medical attention. How is bacterial meningitis diagnosed? Diagnosis is made by a medical provider and is usually based on a combination of clinical symptoms and laboratory results from spinal fluid and blood tests.

Early diagnosis and treatment can greatly improve the likelihood of recovery.
How is the disease transmitted?

- The disease is transmitted when people exchange saliva (such as by kissing, or by sharing drinking containers, utensils, cigarettes, toothbrushes, etc.) or come in contact with respiratory or throat secretions.

How do you increase your risk of getting bacterial meningitis?

- Exposure to saliva by sharing cigarettes, water bottles, eating utensils, food, kissing, etc.
- Living in close conditions (such as sharing a room/suite in a dorm or group home).

What are the possible consequences of the disease?

- Death (in 8 to 24 hours from perfectly well)
- Permanent brain damage
- Kidney failure
- Learning disability
- Hearing loss, blindness
- Limb damage (fingers, toes, arms, legs) that requires amputation
- Gangrene
- Coma
- Convulsions

Can the disease be treated?

- Antibiotic treatment, if received early, can save lives and chances of recovery are increased. However, permanent disability or death can still occur.
- Vaccinations are available and should be considered for those living in close quarters and college students 25 years old or younger.
- Vaccinations are effective against 4 of the 5 most common bacterial types that cause 70% of the disease in the U.S. (but does not protect against all types of meningitis).
- Vaccinations take 7–10 days to become effective, with protection lasting 3–5 years.
- The cost of vaccine varies so check with your health care provider.
- Vaccination is very safe – most common side effects are redness and minor pain at injection site for up to two days.

How can I find out more information?

- Contact your own health care provider.
- Contact the Student Health Center at 567-WELL (9355).
- Contact Web sites:
  - http://www.acha.org/Topics/ meningitis.cfm

### Gang-Free Zones Policy

Premises owned, rented or leased by the Health Science Center and areas within 1,000 feet of the premises are "gang-free" zones. Certain criminal offenses, including those involving gang-related crimes, will be enhanced to the next highest category of offense if committed in a gang-free zone by an individual 17 years or older. See Texas Penal Code, Section 71.028 (http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/PE/htm/PE.71.htm).

### Hazing Policy

Hazing in state educational institutions is prohibited by both state law (Sections 51.936 and 37.151, Texas Education Code), and by the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System (Series 50101, Section 2.8). Individuals or organizations engaging in hazing could be subject to fines and charged with criminal offenses. Additionally, the law does not affect or in any way restrict the right of the university to enforce its own rules against hazing.

According to the law, a person commits a hazing offense if the person engages in hazing; solicits, directs, encourages, aids, or attempts to aid another in hazing; intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly allows hazing to occur; or fails to report firsthand knowledge that a hazing incident is planned or has occurred in writing to the chief student affairs officer. The fact that a person consented to or acquiesced in a hazing activity is not a defense to prosecution for hazing under this law.

An organization commits an offense if the organization condones or encourages hazing or if an officer or any combination of members, pledges, or alumni of the organization commits or assists in the commission of hazing.

The law defines hazing as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an organization whose members are or include students at an educational institution.

Hazing includes but is not limited to:

1. any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of harmful substance on the body, or similar activity;
2. any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small place, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student;
3. any activity involving consumption of food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other substance that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or which adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student;
4. any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism; that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame, or humiliation; or that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining registered in an educational institution, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student to leave the organization or the institution rather than submit to acts described in this subsection; and
5. any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the Penal Code. The fact that a person consented to or acquiesced in a hazing activity is not a defense to prosecution.

Any student who engages in conduct that constitutes hazing is subject to disciplinary action regardless of whether he or she is charged with a criminal offense.
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UNIVERSITY DECISION

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Student Travel Policy

UNIVERSITY DECISION

The Health Science Center sponsors numerous off-campus activities

involving students. In order to effectively manage these activities while

minimizing institutional liability risks, this student travel policy must be

followed.

STUDENT TRAVEL

In accordance with Texas Education Code Section 51.950 (http://

www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.51.htm#51950), student

travel is defined as follows:

The trip is undertaken by one or more currently enrolled students to reach

an activity or event that meets all of the following criteria:

1. An activity or event organized and sponsored by the Health Science

   Center. The event shall be planned and funded by the institution and

   approved by a designated administrator.

2. The activity or event is located more than 25 miles from Health

   Science Center campuses.

3. Travel to the activity or event is funded and undertaken using a vehicle

   owned or leased by the Health Science Center, or attendance at the

   activity, or event is required by a registered student organization and

   has prior written approval by the Appropriate Institutional Officer.

DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR (DA)

The designated administrator shall be the respective Associate Dean of

Student Affairs of each school.

APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONAL OFFICER

(AIO)

For purposes of this policy, any Health Science Center employee

overseeing the off campus activity shall be identified as the Appropriate

Institutional Officer (AIO). The AIO is responsible for compliance of this

policy.

UNIVERSITY PROPROCEDURE

Appropriate Institutional Officer (AIO)

At least one AIO must accompany students on any off-campus activity.

AIO is responsible for knowing the University Standard of Conduct

and policies as outlined in this document. AIO must make clear to all

participants the consequences or non-compliance, and the AIO must take

appropriate action when aware that participants are in violation. All AIOs

are trained regarding the sexual harassment policy, and ADA guidelines.

Assessment

AIOs shall assess all health and safety conditions for each activity

and all information shall be provided for prospective participants so

the participants can make informed decisions concerning preparation,

participation and behavior while on the trip.

Trip Participation Forms

Each participant or the participant’s parent/guardian in the case of a

minor must complete, sign and return the Student Travel Information

and Release Form (http://www.uthscsa.edu/hop2000/forms-10/

student_release.pdf) to the AIO prior to the trip. The AIO is responsible

for maintaining these records in a manner that ensures timely access

to the medical information for each participant in case of an accident or

health-related emergency. The AIO shall also complete a Student Travel

Authorization (http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000/forms-10/student_travel.pdf)
Medical Insurance

All enrolled Health Science Center students are required by State Law to have continuous medical insurance coverage, including international students. A copy of the student’s proof of insurance shall be attached to the Student Travel Information and Release Form (http://www.uthscsa.edu/hop2000/forms-10/student_release.pdf).

Weapons, Illegal Substances and Alcohol

Use, possession or transporting of weapons, illegal substances and/or alcohol is forbidden while on a University sponsored trip.

University Owned Vehicles/Rental Vehicles/Commercial Carriers

All operators of University owned or leased vehicles shall be employees of Health Science Center who must be trained as required by law to drive the vehicles and have valid operators’ licenses to drive the vehicle that will be used.

In addition, operators shall have a current “Motor Vehicle Record” on file with the individual department’s personnel administrator. All operators of motor vehicles shall comply with all laws, regulations, and posted signs regarding speed and traffic control and shall not operate the vehicle for a continuous period that is longer than the maximum provided by federal or state law or regulations or guidelines promulgated by the Health Science Center, whichever is lower, without scheduled rest stops or overnight stops. There should be no driving between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. without prior approval of the AIO.

When rental cars are used, the same policy applies and all applicable requirements of the state contracts for rental cars and the University of Texas System Business Procedure Memoranda apply.

All Health Science Center owned or leased motor vehicles must have current proofs of liability insurance coverage and state inspection certification, be equipped with all safety devices or equipment required by federal or state law or regulation, and comply with all other applicable requirements of federal or state law or regulations.

In addition, all Health Science Center owned or leased vehicles must have scheduled periodic service and maintenance by qualified persons and comply with all applicable requirements of the University of Texas System Business Procedure Memoranda.

All occupants or motor vehicles shall use seat belts or other approved safety restraint devices required by law or regulation at all times when the vehicle is in operation.

The total number of passengers in any vehicle at any time it is in operation shall not exceed the manufacturer’s recommended capacity or the number specified in applicable federal or state law or regulations, whichever is lower. In addition, when the luggage load is excessive, it is highly recommended the passenger load be reduced accordingly. The weight of the passengers and luggage should be distributed evenly throughout the vehicle.

When commercial carriers are used, the same policies apply and all participants shall observe the carrier’s safety guidelines.

Emergency Procedures

All AIOs are to follow the predetermined emergency notification procedures while on trips.

Monitoring

When any incident relating to students occurs on the trip, the AIOs are to notify the supervisors as soon as possible, and the supervisors shall notify the respective DA (Associate Dean of Student Affairs). Following the trip a report shall be submitted by the AIO’s to the respective DA (Associate Dean of Student Affairs) documenting the incident so appropriate actions could be taken.

Side Trips/Early and Late Departures

Students traveling on institutionally-approved trips must arrive at and depart the site at the same time as the AIOs unless prior approvals are given by the AIOs for special circumstances. Side trips from the predetermined itineraries are at the discretion of the AIOs.

Solicitation Policy

Solicitation is defined as the sale, lease, rental or offer for sale, lease, rental of any property, product, merchandise, publication, or service, whether for immediate or future delivery; an oral statement or the distribution or display of printed material, merchandise, or products that is designed to encourage the purchase, use, or rental of any property, product, merchandise, publication, or service; the receipt of or request for any gift or contribution; or the request to support or oppose or to vote for or against a candidate, issue, or proposition appearing on the ballot at any election held pursuant to State or Federal law or local ordinances.

No solicitation, as defined above, shall be conducted on any property, street, or sidewalk, or in any building, structure, or facility owned or controlled by The University of Texas System or any of its institutions unless permitted by the Regents’ Rules and Regulations, Series 80103, shall be conducted on the campus of the Health Science Center with the following exceptions as defined in the Health Science Center Handbook of Operating Procedures, Policy 9.1.7 (http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000/9.1.7.pdf):

1. Registered student organizations may collect membership fees and admission for events and similar activities only if prior approval is obtained from the Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs and the required accounting for such activities is made to the Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs.
2. Major focus for fund-raising activities on the campus of the Health Science Center should be to generate funds for University programs and the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC). Requests by other off-campus, non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations to conduct fund-raising activities must be forwarded to the Vice President and Chief Development Officer for review. Only the Health Science Center Executive Committee may authorize such events.

Student Right-To-Know Act and Campus Security Act

Your Right to Know

The Jeanne Clery Act is the landmark federal law that requires colleges and universities to disclose information about crime on and around their campus. The “Clery Act” is named in memory of a 19-year-old
Lehigh University freshman named Jeanne Ann Clery, who was sexually assaulted and murdered in her residence hall room on April 5, 1986.

The Health Science Center is committed to assisting the Health Science Center community in providing for its own safety and security. Information regarding campus security, personal safety, crime prevention, university police law enforcement authority, crime reporting policies, crime statistics for the most recent three-year period, and disciplinary procedures is available on the Health Science Center police department.

If you would like a paper copy of this information, you may contact the crime prevention office at 210-562-9095.

**Crime Statistics**

The University Police Department compiles statistics of crimes occurring on the campus. Reports of these statistics are forwarded to The Office of the Director of Police of The University of Texas System, to the Texas Department of Public Safety, and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Statistics are provided to meet compliance requirements established in the Clery Act. Persons with questions about the information may contact the Chief of Police at (210) 567-2791. Information is available upon request.

**Crime Reporting**

Numerous efforts are made to advise members of the campus community about campus crime and crime-related problems.

1. Annual Report: A comprehensive annual report of crime-related information is compiled, published, and made available for distribution. This report is available to the media and any member of the campus community or members of their immediate family.
2. Special Crime Alerts: If circumstances warrant, special crime bulletins can be printed and distributed throughout the campus.
3. Emergency Notifications/Timely Warnings: When crimes occur on or near the campus property that pose a continuing threat to the safety or health of the campus community, immediate notifications will be made utilizing the HSC Alert text message notification system.
4. Electronic Mail: In extreme situations, crime bulletins can be prepared and disseminated, utilizing the campus electronic mail system.

**DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Campus**

“(i) any building or property owned or controlled by the institution of higher education within the same reasonable contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or related to its educational purposes; or (ii) any building or property owned or controlled by student organizations recognized by the institution.”

Contained herein, “campus” and/or “The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio” refers to the Health Science Center and the 8403 Floyd Curl Campus, inclusive.

Branch campuses, schools, or divisions that are not within a reasonable contiguous geographic area are considered separate campuses for the reporting requirements.

In most cases, fraternity, sorority, and other organizational housing units will be considered part of the campus regardless of location and ownership. Other areas that may be included are recreation/camp sites, research facilities, teaching hospitals, and foreign campuses.

**Crimes**

While not defined in the law, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Inc. (NASPA) suggests that a crime is “reported” when a campus police officer investigating an incident determines that a crime has occurred or a local police agency notifies a component that it has documented a report of a criminal offense that has occurred “on campus” as defined by this Act.

For the purposes of the Act, the offenses for which statistics must be reported are to be defined in accordance with the FBI’s Uniform Crime Report (UCR) system, as modified by the Hate Crimes Statistics Act.

**Arrest**

“A person is arrested when he/she has actually been placed under restraint or taken into custody by an officer or person executing a warrant of arrest, or by an officer or person arresting without a warrant.” Article 15.22, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (located under “Texas Statutes”).

**Student**

While not defined in the law, all persons who are registered during the current semester, on a leave of absence, or in a break in enrollment may be considered “students.”

**Employees**

Full-time and part-time employees of the component with regularly scheduled hours of employment should be considered “employees.”

**False Alarms and False Reports**

Under House Bill 1284 (http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/tlodocs/83R/billtext/pdf/HB01284F.pdf#navpanes=0), students must be made aware that making a false alarm or report of an emergency involving the Health Science Center is a state jail felony, and students committing such an offense may be penalized accordingly under Section 42.06 of the Penal Code.

**Security Awareness and Crime Prevention/Community Policing Programs**

Preventing crimes from occurring, rather than reacting after the fact, are the philosophy of Health Science Center. A primary vehicle for accomplishing this goal is the University Police Department’s comprehensive crime prevention program. It is based upon the dual concepts of eliminating or minimizing criminal opportunities, whenever possible, and encouraging students and employees to share the responsibility for their own security and that of others around them. Below is a listing of crime prevention programs and projects supported and employed by the Health Science Center.

1. Emergency Intercom System: All emergency telephones and intercoms (interior, exterior, late-entry doors, and elevators) throughout the campuses are directly linked to the University Police Department Communications Center. Once activated they must be deactivated by a University Police officer, Public Safety Officers, or communications officer.
2. Closed-Circuit Television. Surveillance: Numerous closed-circuit television cameras are employed throughout the campuses, including parking lots and public areas, and are monitored by the University Police Department.
3. Electronic Security Alarm Systems: A sophisticated computer-based electronic monitoring system located at the University Police
Department Communications Center monitors a comprehensive network of intrusion detection and duress alarm systems.

4. Crime Prevention Presentations: Numerous crime prevention presentations are made annually to campus faculty, staff, and students.

5. Printed Crime Prevention Materials: Printed crime prevention brochures, posters, and newsletters related to theft prevention, motor vehicle security, bicycle security, personal security, and escort security are widely distributed at crime prevention presentations and made available at the University Police Building.

6. Crime Prevention Publicity: Crime prevention articles and crime statistics are distributed monthly to the campus community through the University Police Newsletter.

7. Operation Identification: The engraving of driver's license numbers or other owner-recognized numbers on items of value and the cataloging of these items is an ongoing program.

8. Sexual Assault Awareness, Education, and Prevention: Programs are presented throughout the year to the campus community. This includes RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) courses.

9. Security Surveys: Comprehensive security surveys or audits are made for a number of campus departments and facilities each year.

10. Facilities Surveys: Comprehensive annual surveys of exterior lighting, doors, and grounds are conducted by the University Police Department's crime prevention specialists.

11. Architectural Design: Crime prevention specialists of the University Police Department make significant input into the design of all new and renovated campus facilities as it relates to physical and electronic security systems.

12. Key Control: The University Police Department is the custodian of all campus building interior and exterior door keys/cardkeys. Cores are not changed and keys are not issued except in those instances that conform to established university policy.

13. Area Crime Analysis: On a quarterly basis, a report is compiled using the information furnished by the San Antonio Police Department and Bexar County Sheriff's Department, which reflect all Part I Crime occurring within a one-mile radius of the main campus as well as satellite locations. This information is available to campus community members upon request.

14. Shuttle Service: The Shuttle Bus Service operates an East and West route between 7703 and 8403 Floyd Curl Drive campuses. The shuttle buses can seat 32 passengers and are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. No off-route or non-scheduled stops will be made. Riders should have their student or employee identification card available to be shown, upon request, to the officer driving the bus. For shuttle schedules, visit the Health Science Center Police website (http://utpolice.uthscsa.edu/divisions/service/shuttles.asp).

HSC Alert and Emergency Information

Important Numbers

Emergencies
911 (from a campus “land line” phone = UT Police)
911 (from a cell phone on campus = San Antonio Police.)
24-hour Message
210-567-7669 (567-SNOW)

956-565-UTEL

Buildings/Utilities
210-567-2885

After Hours
210-567-2947

Computer Systems
210-567-2069

Environmental Health and Safety
210-567-2955

Network/Phones
210-567-2061

Police Non-emergency
Edinburg: 956-316-7151
Harlingen: 956-365-8900
Laredo: 956-523-7414
San Antonio: 210-567-2800

Emergency Information Outlets

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety shows emergency exits in campus buildings, and lists procedures for emergency response.

- Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan (http://research.uthscsa.edu/safety/emergencyresponse.pdf)
- Hurricane Preparedness (http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php)
- The Department of Homeland Security rates the risk of a terrorist attack based on the government's five-color security advisory system. The Homeland Security Advisory System is designed to guide our protective measures when specific information to a particular sector or geographic region is received. It combines threat information with vulnerability assessments and provides communications to public safety officials and the public.
  - National Terrorism Advisory System (http://www.dhs.gov/national-terrorism-advisory-system)
- TxDOT provides roadway and travel information around-the-clock, and reports on road closures in times of emergency.
  - Texas Department of Transportation (http://www.txdot.gov)
- The State of Texas publishes information about homeland security threat levels in Texas and what Texans can do to be prepared and involved.
  - Texas Homeland Security (http://www.texashomelandsecurity.com)

Student Criminal Background Checks

As specified under the University Admissions Policy, certain programs require students to submit to and satisfactorily complete a criminal background check as a condition of admission, re-admission and/or...
participation in education experiences. Accepted applicants and current students are responsible for the costs associated with obtaining criminal background checks. Students who refuse to submit to a background check or who do not pass the background check may be dismissed from the program.

Graduating students seeking professional certification and/or licensure to practice in the state of Texas may be denied employment opportunities based on unsatisfactory criminal background checks as determined by licensing agencies and employers.

Students seeking internships or employment as teachers in the state of Texas should be aware that many Texas school districts require applicants for student teaching or field experiences to undergo a criminal history background check prior to placement in the school district. School districts may deny placement of students with a criminal background. If a school district denies a placement for this reason, the student’s department may attempt to assist the student in obtaining a placement in an alternate district. Students should be aware, however, that if they are unable to obtain a placement they may not meet requirements for a teaching degree or teacher certification. Additionally, The Texas State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) regulates the certification of educators to teach Texas public school children. Before an individual can be certified, SBEC must conduct a criminal background check to ensure an applicant’s suitability to interact with children. Working with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), the agency conducts statewide criminal history background checks on all applicants for educator certification. Students pursuing educator preparation should be aware that some criminal histories may lead to the denial of certification as a teacher. Students may obtain additional information from SBEC.

Student Conduct and Discipline Policy

Each student is responsible for notice of and compliance with the provisions of the Regents’ Rules and Regulations, Rule 50101 and the rules of the Health Science Center.

All students are expected and required to obey federal, State, and local laws, to comply with the Regents’ Rules and Regulations, Rule 50101, with The University of Texas System and institutional rules and regulations, with directives issued by an administrative official of the University of Texas System or the Health Science Center in the course of his or her authorized duties, and to observe standards of conduct appropriate for an academic institution.

University students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner, not only in interaction with patients, but also with peers, faculty, and staff of the Health Science Center and the community in general. In addition to conventional academic tests and measurement criteria for assessment, students will be evaluated on issues relating to their professional conduct/judgment according to the defined standards of the school, program, and profession for which they are in training. The specific professional discipline/school in which the student is enrolled may have additional and more specific codes of conduct. As such, the dean of each school shall have the responsibility for the administration of discipline in cases concerning academic dishonesty and professional misconduct.

Conduct matters under the scope of the academic and professional standards of expectations as defined by the educational programs in the schools will be adjudicated by the individual schools in which the educational programs are housed. As such, the dean of each school shall have the responsibility for the administration of discipline in cases concerning academic dishonesty and professional misconduct.

Please see Section 14.1.1 “Procedures and Regulations Governing Student Conduct and Discipline” of the Handbook of Operating Procedures (http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000/14.1.1.pdf) for a more detailed explanation of the policy.

Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Policy

The Health Science Center is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination based on sex in accordance with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which prohibits sex discrimination in employment; and the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act). Sexual misconduct is a form of sex discrimination and will not be tolerated. As stated in the definition, sexual misconduct includes sexual harassment, sexual violence, sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence and/or dating violence. Individuals who engage in sexual misconduct and other inappropriate sexual conduct will be subject to disciplinary action.

The Health Science Center will take prompt disciplinary action against any individuals or organizations within its control who violate this Policy. The Health Science Center encourages any student, faculty, staff or visitor to promptly report violations of this Policy to an individual identified in Section 3.2.

Please see Section 4.2.2 “Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Policy” of the Handbook of Operating Procedures (http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000/4.2.2.pdf) for a more detailed explanation of the policy.

General Education Core Curriculum Policy

It is the policy of the Health Science Center to evaluate all incoming students for completion of the Texas Core Curriculum who are not otherwise exempt. Pursuant to changes established by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Health Science Center will establish a new Core specific to the academic needs and interests of the Health Science Center community. As of August 12, 2013, the new core was otherwise exempt. Pursuant to changes established by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Health Science Center will establish a new Core specific to the academic needs and interests of the Health Science Center community. As of August 12, 2013, the new core was otherwise exempt. Pursuant to changes established by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Health Science Center will establish a new Core specific to the academic needs and interests of the Health Science Center community. As of August 12, 2013, the new core was otherwise exempt. Pursuant to changes established by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Health Science Center will establish a new Core specific to the academic needs and interests of the Health Science Center community. As of August 12, 2013, the new core was otherwise exempt. Pursuant to changes established by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Health Science Center will establish a new Core specific to the academic needs and interests of the Health Science Center community. As of August 12, 2013, the new core was otherwise exempt. Pursuant to changes established by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Health Science Center will establish a new Core specific to the academic needs and interests of the Health Science Center community. As of August 12, 2013, the new core was otherwise exempt. Pursuant to changes established by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Health Science Center will establish a new Core specific to the academic needs and interests of the Health Science Center community. As of August 12, 2013, the new core was otherwise exempt.

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General Education Core Curriculum Policy

It is the policy of the Health Science Center to evaluate all incoming students for completion of the Texas Core Curriculum who are not otherwise exempt. Pursuant to changes established by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Health Science Center will establish a new Core specific to the academic needs and interests of the Health Science Center community. As of August 12, 2013, the new core was otherwise exempt. Pursuant to changes established by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Health Science Center will establish a new Core specific to the academic needs and interests of the Health Science Center community. As of August 12, 2013, the new core was otherwise exempt. Pursuant to changes established by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Health Science Center will establish a new Core specific to the academic needs and interests of the Health Science Center community. As of August 12, 2013, the new core was otherwise exempt. Pursuant to changes established by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Health Science Center will establish a new Core specific to the academic needs and interests of the Health Science Center community. As of August 12, 2013, the new core was otherwise exempt. Pursuant to changes established by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Health Science Center will establish a new Core specific to the academic needs and interests of the Health Science Center community. As of August 12, 2013, the new core was otherwise exempt. Pursuant to changes established by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Health Science Center will establish a new Core specific to the academic needs and interests of the Health Science Center community. As of August 12, 2013, the new core was otherwise exempt. Pursuant to changes established by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Health Science Center will establish a new Core specific to the academic needs and interests of the Health Science Center community. As of August 12, 2013, the new core was otherwise exempt.
campus either by the Health Science Center or outside vendors. By the
text of business of the Health Science Center, it is the responsibility of
each individual employee to ensure that a healthy environment is provided
by example and deed. Employee cooperation and support of this policy is
essential to its success. The Handbook of Operating Procedures (http://
www.uthscsa.edu/hop2000/8.2.4.pdf) addresses these matters as well.

**Information Management Services (IMS)**

Students can access their personal and academic information through the
Health Science Center Internet Portal (http://inside.uthscsa.edu).

This secured site provides a variety of information for students including
enrollment, financial aid, student account, features to update addresses
and telephone numbers, check final grades, and options to restrict the
release of personal information. For more information on the latter, see the
FERPA Policy (p. 67) in this Catalog.

Each school has their own unique website for students to access syllabi
and other course information, often utilizing Blackboard or Canvas.

**Unauthorized Distribution of Copyright Material**

Students are subjected to all copyright laws, rules, regulations, and
penalties, including the Federal Criminal Intellectual Property Statutes of
Federal Regulations (34 CFR 668.43(a)(10) and 34 CFR 668.41(c).

Details of the UT System and university policies regarding use of
copyrighted materials may be found in the Handbook of Operating
Procedures. For additional information, check the UT System’s Office of
General Counsel home page (http://www.utsystem.edu/OGC).

**Software Copyrights**

Software piracy is a very serious issue. The following standards apply at
the Health Science Center:

1. All software should be used only in accordance with the applicable
   software license agreements.
2. No faculty, staff, or student should make any unauthorized copies of
   any software under any circumstances.
3. The use of unauthorized copies of software on any university-owned
   equipment will not be tolerated.

It is not right to illegally copy software or to use illegal software. In
addition to possible legal action by the holder of software copyrights, any
faculty, staff, and/or student engaging in software piracy will be subject to
university discipline up to and including termination.

If you are aware of any software misuse or infringement of copyright laws,
notify the head of your department or the Office of Internal Audit and
Consulting Services immediately.

**Vehicles on Campus**

University Police Department is responsible for enforcing Parking and
Traffic Regulations that have been established by the President pursuant
to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of the UT System,
Rule 80109, as well as enforcement of Texas vehicle inspection laws for
vehicles parking or driving on campus. Additional information regarding
parking guidelines, including locations and permit information for disabled
veterans may be found at http://www.uthscsa.edu/sites/default/files/police/
ParkingTrafficRegs.PDF.
Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Brief History

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) was established in 1972 and currently hosts doctoral programs in Biomedical Engineering, Integrated Biomedical Sciences (IBMS), Nursing Science, Radiological Sciences and Translational Science. A Doctorate in Medical Physics and Master's degrees in Cellular and Structural Biology, Clinical Investigation, Dental Science, Immunology and Infection and Medical Health Physics are offered. Certificates in Cancer Prevention (CCP) and Translational Science (CTS) are also offered. These programmatic vehicles enable the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences to assert its primary objective of educating students committed to the advancement of knowledge in contemporary areas of the biomedical sciences. A compelling aspect of graduate education in a health science center environment is the opportunity for graduate students to interface with health professionals with diverse technological and conceptual capabilities and perspectives in the biomedical sciences. The proof of accomplishment or enduring value of any educational process must be accounted in the demonstrated productivity and academic achievement of the graduates of the program. Without question, the doctoral and masters programs of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu) have, during the past four decades, achieved outstanding success in their educational mission of preparing professional scientists who function well in academic, industrial, and government sectors.

Our educational and research faculty are drawn from all five schools of the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu). Those faculty members are training approximately 300 students in our combined graduate programs. There is a diversity of talent, but a unity of purpose in teaching and mentoring students in an exciting array of interdisciplinary and discipline-based fields of study and research. The academic programs offered by the GSBS are designed to provide a fundamental foundation of knowledge and scientific inquiry for our graduate students to ultimately become independent scientists and thinkers.

Mission Statement

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences provides an individualized, diverse and multidisciplinary learning environment for students to develop the knowledge, skills and creativity necessary to succeed in evolving biomedical disciplines.

Dual Degree Programs

Dual degree programs of study provide a mechanism for students to obtain a Ph.D. degree in addition to an M.D. or D.D.S. degree at the Health Science Center. The purpose of these programs is to offer students the opportunity to pursue a course of study to become clinician-scientists who have not only depth of knowledge in clinical medicine or dentistry and in a basic science discipline, but also experience in research planning and execution. Students who take advantage of these programs have the opportunity to become scientists who are exceptionally qualified to apply specialized research competence to the resolution of clinical problems.

Those wishing to obtain both a professional degree and a graduate degree must satisfy the entrance requirements of both the School of Medicine (http://som.uthscsa.edu) or School of Dentistry (http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/dental) and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu). At this time, admission to each school is accomplished separately. MCAT (https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat) or DAT (http://www.ada.org/en/education-careers/dental-admission-test) scores may be used in lieu of GRE (https://www.ets.org/gre) scores for admission into these programs.

Through the interdigitation of the academic curricula in the professional school and the graduate school and of laboratory research for the dissertation, requirements for the dual degrees can be accomplished in a timely manner. In every instance, a specific graduate program or schedule shall be planned between the student, the appropriate Committee on Graduate Studies of the Graduate School, and the director of the respective dual degree program, who in turn will coordinate curricular issues with the deans’ offices of the participating schools.

A combined M.D. Residency/Ph.D. program is offered through Radiological Sciences. Physicians may complete their residency in radiology, psychiatry, or radiation oncology concomitant with completing requirements for a Ph.D. degree in Radiological Sciences that includes a training track in Human Imaging. Students in this program study and perform research within dedicated groups of medical physicists, biomedical imaging specialists, and biomedical researchers from
specialties using imaging as a research tool. For more information, visit the Web site: http://radsci.uthscsa.edu/index.php/Human_Imaging.

**M.D./Ph.D. Program**

The M.D./Ph.D. program expects students who are pursuing the dual degrees to maintain standards of academic excellence, to progress in a timely fashion toward both the M.D. and Ph.D. degrees, and to maintain professionalism. The M.D./Ph.D. Steering Committee therefore stipulates the academic requirements listed below. Failure to meet these requirements will result in dismissal from the dual degree program and termination of financial support from the M.D./Ph.D. program. The student's standing with respect to either the School of Medicine (http://som.uthscsa.edu) or the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu) is a separate matter to be pursued through the appropriate dean's office.

1. While enrolled for the M.D. degree, students are required to maintain a minimum yearly grade point average of 3.00 and successfully complete two research rotations. In addition, dual degree students are required to pass the USMLE step 1 exam on the first attempt.

2. While enrolled as Ph.D. students, dual degree students are required to maintain a GPA of 3.25 for each semester, they are enrolled in graduate school. M.D./Ph.D. students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 to be eligible to take the advancement to candidacy examination, prior to establishing the formal dissertation supervising committee.

3. Attendance at the monthly Bench-to-Bedside series and the annual retreat is required of all students throughout both the M.D. and Ph.D. components of the program.

During the graduate phase of their training, M.D./Ph.D. students are required to demonstrate satisfactory progress toward completion of their dissertation research projects. This documentation must be confirmed every six months, in the form of positive written evaluations by their dissertation research supervising committees, as well as any other positive written evaluative material that the respective track and program COGS may wish to provide.

1. The M.D./Ph.D. Steering Committee provides a mechanism for review of student progress and enforcement of these policies. The M.D./Ph.D. Steering Committee is empowered to review academic and research performance in accordance with the minimum requirements stipulated above and to make recommendations regarding M.D./Ph.D. program retention or dismissal of students based upon its evaluation of their academic progress and status.

2. M.D./Ph.D. students shall have the right to appeal a decision of dismissal from the program. The M.D./Ph.D. Steering Committee will hear the appeal. The student may further appeal to the President of the Health Science Center, but only on issues of procedural irregularity.

Additional information about dual degree programs is available from the Graduate Dean's Office.

**Non-Degree Program**

An individual who wishes to enroll in courses in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences without entering a formal degree program must apply for admission as a non-degree student. The basic requirements for such admission are the same as those for degree-seeking students except letters of recommendation and the GRE are not required. Non-degree applicants are also required to provide authorization for a security background and sanction check to be performed at the time of application.

A non-degree student must receive approval of registration each semester by the Dean of the Graduate School and by the instructor of each course and maintain a grade point average of at least a B (3.0 in 4.0 system) in courses taken as a non-degree student. Non-degree students can register for a maximum course load of twelve semester hours in the fall or spring semesters. In general, students may not register as a non-degree student for more than four consecutive semesters.

All grades received as a non-degree student will be included in the graduate student's transcript and in computation of the cumulative GPA if the student is admitted subsequently to a graduate program. Under special circumstances, such as the computation of the GPA to determine academic probation, the Dean may grant exceptions to this policy. The grading policy for non-degree students are the same as those for degree-seeking students.

Non-degree student status will not be granted to premedical students for the purpose of taking School of Medicine courses. Internationally students currently residing abroad should discuss the Office of International Services. Only degree-seeking applicants are eligible to apply for a student visa status.

**Committees on Graduate Studies (COGS)**

Each program is supervised by a Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) composed of members of the graduate faculty of that program. The COGS is responsible for establishing admission requirements specific to the program, recommending approval or denial of admission of applicants to the program, overseeing academic curricula, monitoring its students' academic progress in didactic and research activities, attesting eligibility for admission to candidacy for a degree, and verifying to the Graduate Faculty Council that the student has fulfilled all requirements for the awarding of the degree. The COGS Chair is the administrative head of each program. The COGS Chair is the representative of the program on the Graduate Faculty Council and serves as the liaison officer between the COGS and the Graduate School Dean's Office on all matters pertaining to applicant and student affairs. In several of the programs, one graduate faculty member serves as both Graduate Advisor and COGS Chair. The advisor serves as a counselor on academic matters and monitors the student's progress in (a) successfully completing contingencies of admission and course requirements of the program, and (b) selecting an area of research specialization.

The Graduate Faculty Council has the responsibility to establish and maintain policies and regulations on matters of graduate education common to all programs administered by the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu). These include such matters as general academic requirements for admission to graduate study and to candidacy, for continuation of studies, and awarding of a degree; standards of student professional conduct; grading systems; graduate program review; and criteria for thesis and dissertation research, its supervision, and its defense. Each COGS is responsible to the Graduate Faculty Council and submits recommendations on various graduate program matters, including the granting of a degree, to the Council for review and action.

The Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu) is the administrative head of the graduate programs and serves as the Chair of the Graduate Faculty Council. Ex-officio nonvoting members of the Council include the Dean, the Associate Dean(s) of the Graduate School, the Assistant Dean(s) of the Graduate School, the Director of Doctoral Studies in the School of Nursing, the Associate Dean of Student Affairs for the School of Health Professions.
and the School of Dentistry, and the Registrar. The voting members of the Council consist of the COGS chairs of each graduate program. A student representative can be elected from each of the following graduate student constituencies to serve as non-voting members of the Council: Graduate Student Association, dentistry, nursing, and health professions. Please see your department for an updated list of chairs and advisors.

**Policies and Regulations**

**Requirements and Regulations**

A student enrolled in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences is subject to all established requirements and regulations of the Health Science Center, the Graduate School, and the respective graduate programs. Exceptions to these rules and issues not covered by previously determined guidelines will be decided by the Graduate Faculty Council.

**Attendance**

Attendance requirements for regularly scheduled classes, laboratories, and clinic periods are the option and prerogative of the course instructor for that particular portion of the curriculum. The policy regarding attendance for each course is announced by the instructor at the first meeting.

Unexcused absences in courses in which attendance is required may be considered sufficient cause for failure. Excused absences may be granted by the course director in such cases as illness or personal emergency. Such leaves are considered on an individual basis, and verification of the reason for the absence may be required. It is the responsibility of the student to take the initiative in arranging with the faculty to make up work that is missed.

For student employees, refer to policy 4.3.5 in the *Handbook of Operating Procedures* (http://uthscsa.edu/hop2000/4-toc.aspx).

**Residence Required for Graduation**

Each doctoral student must spend a minimum of two full semesters, or the equivalent, as a full-time student in residence at the Health Science Center Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu). A candidate for the M.S. degree must be registered in the thesis course for at least one term; a candidate for the Ph.D. degree must be registered in the dissertation course for at least two terms. The residence requirement is based on the premise that the scholarship and proficiency necessary for achievement of a graduate degree in the biomedical sciences are best acquired through endeavors devoted wholly to study and research in the university environment.

**Time Limits**

The median time for completion of the M.S. degree and the Ph.D. degree is 3 years and 6 years, respectively, in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu). The time to degree for the Doctorate in Medical Physics (DMP) program is 4 years.

**Ph.D. Degree:** Each program has a written policy on time-to-degree (Plan of Study) that will guide the student. Coursework or major examinations taken more than six years prior to the end of the candidate’s final semester may not be accepted for credit and, if necessary for the degree, must be repeated or specifically approved by the Committee on Graduate Studies.

**M.S. Degree:** Each program has a written policy on time-to-degree (Plan of Study) that will guide the student.

**Credit Hour Requirements**

The majority of the total semester credit hours taken for an M.S. or Ph.D. degree must be earned at the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu). Students are admitted to an M.S., Ph.D., M.D./Ph.D., DMP, D.D.S./Ph.D., or M.D. residency/Ph.D. degree program. A minimum of 30 semester credit hours is required for an M.S. degree, and a minimum of 72 semester credit hours is required for a Ph.D. degree. A minimum of 72 semester credit hours is required for the Ph.D. component of the dual degree programs. A minimum of 100 semester credit hours is required for the DMP degree. Specific curriculum requirements vary depending on individual programs.

**Ph.D. Degree:** The student is required to demonstrate intellectual command of the subject area of the graduate program and capability to carry out independent and original investigation in the area. The specific curriculum requirements of each graduate program are defined in the individual programs. The curriculum of each student is supervised by the appropriate Committee on Graduate Studies.

**M.S. Degree:** A minimum of 30 semester credit hours is required for the M.S. degree. The student must successfully complete at least 12 semester credit hours of coursework in addition to credit hours awarded in Research, Thesis, and Seminar. With the exception of dual degree programs, all work for the M.S. degree is ordinarily done at the Health Science Center's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu).

A maximum of six semester hours of graduate course work from another institution may be applied for credit toward the Master's degree, but only with the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies in the student's program. In cases where such credit is approved, the student must still meet the residence requirement for two full semesters. For students participating in a dual degree program, usually six semester hours in the medical or dental curriculum may be credited toward the M.S. degree. As a rule, these semester hours will come from survey courses in the student's major area. Students in the doctorate Nursing Program should consult the Transfer of Credit policies under the Program Policies for the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Program.

**Waiver of Courses:** With the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies, graduate credit hours from other universities may be accepted in lieu of required courses. In addition, the Committee may waive certain required courses, based on the student's previous graduate course work. These hours will be accepted in the form of credit for the course material rather than by application of credit hours directly to the student's transcript.

**Foreign Language Requirement**

Demonstration of proficiency in a foreign language is not required for either the M.S. or Ph.D. degree.

**Ethics Course Requirement**

All doctoral students must take the course INTD 5082 Responsible Conduct of Research or its equivalent, as a requirement for graduation. Master of Science students are strongly encouraged to take the INTD 5082, but it is not a requirement for graduation.

**Supervised Teaching**

Each graduate program will decide if supervised teaching is required for a doctoral degree in its respective program. If supervised teaching is required, the student must enroll in a program-designated teaching
course for a minimum of one semester credit and receive a grade of S (Satisfactory) or H (Honors).

**Student Employment**

Full-time students are strongly counseled against accepting any outside employment. Before seeking outside employment, graduate students are urged to discuss their plans with their faculty advisor.

Full-time graduate students may be awarded stipends as teaching or graduate research assistants when funds are available. Student stipends funded from federal sources are governed by federal regulations. Full-time students are discouraged from taking employment; stipends serve as scholarships to meet financial need.

There may be circumstances under which part-time graduate student's desire gainful employment within the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu) (or full-time employees desire to pursue part-time graduate studies), and the following guidelines should apply:

- Within funds available, part-time graduate students who are gainfully employed part-time within the Health Science Center in addition to pursuing graduate studies may be paid prorated rates within salary scales of job classification for which they are qualified and/or to which they are assigned. This procedure is permitted primarily to allow gainful part-time employment in an area unrelated to the student's formal academic program. The Committee on Graduate Studies should be consulted in advance when a part-time student desires part-time employment within the student's own supervising department, or when the student is employed in a work situation that exists whereby the employment will be of direct benefit in meeting the graduate degree requirements. The committee should then recommend an appropriate part-time rate of pay consistent with the objectives of the graduate program in general with due consideration to the pay rates of other graduate students. Departments requesting employment of a part-time graduate student outside the supervising department (and in an area unrelated to the student's academic program) should determine the number of hours for which the student is registered prior to contacting the Office of Human Resources regarding appointment of such students. This will enable the Office of Human Resources (http://uthscsa.edu/hr) to provide proper salary rate information.

The present policy permits an employee to enroll in a 3-semester credit hour course without reduction in pay.

**Records**

**Registration**

The Office of the University Registrar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/) (or full-time employees desire to pursue part-time graduate studies), and the following guidelines should apply:

- Within funds available, part-time graduate students who are gainfully employed part-time within the Health Science Center in addition to pursuing graduate studies may be paid prorated rates within salary scales of job classification for which they are qualified and/or to which they are assigned. This procedure is permitted primarily to allow gainful part-time employment in an area unrelated to the student's formal academic program. The Committee on Graduate Studies should be consulted in advance when a part-time student desires part-time employment within the student's own supervising department, or when the student is employed in a work situation that exists whereby the employment will be of direct benefit in meeting the graduate degree requirements. The committee should then recommend an appropriate part-time rate of pay consistent with the objectives of the graduate program in general with due consideration to the pay rates of other graduate students. Departments requesting employment of a part-time graduate student outside the supervising department (and in an area unrelated to the student's academic program) should determine the number of hours for which the student is registered prior to contacting the Office of Human Resources regarding appointment of such students. This will enable the Office of Human Resources (http://outhscsa.edu/hr) to provide proper salary rate information.

The present policy permits an employee to enroll in a 3-semester credit hour course without reduction in pay.

**Consequences for Non-Payment of Tuition and Fees**

In graduate programs where students are responsible for paying their own tuition and fees, payment must be made by the census date of each semester (which is always the 12th class day). The fall semester has two official start dates for new students, and thus, two census dates are listed on the school’s official Academic Calendar. Students should refer to the Academic Calendar to determine their census date based on their start date. Consequences of non-payment of tuition and fees are listed below. International students must also contact the Office of International Services (http://www.uthscsa.edu/ois).

- Discontinued enrollment in the graduate program, resulting in termination with loss of pay, benefits, and privileges.
- Necessity to re-apply for admission for the following semester.
- A bar against readmission for the current semester.
- Initiation of loan repayments, if a student has loans.
- Potential loss of visa status and deportation for international students.
- Withholding of a student's official transcript.
- Withholding of a diploma to which a student would otherwise be entitled.

**Full-Time Status**

With the implementation of a 2-semester “Super Semester” academic calendar in the GSBS beginning January 1, 2014, the minimum number of credit hours required for Doctoral, Master’s and DMP students to be considered full-time students is increased.

Doctoral students must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester credit hours each fall and spring semester in order to be considered full-time (equivalent to 24 semester credit hours for a full academic year). The minimum half-time course load for doctoral graduate students is 6 credit hours per semester.

Master’s students must be enrolled for a minimum of 8 semester credit hours each fall and spring semester in order to be considered full-time. The minimum half-time course load for master's graduate students is 4 credit hours per semester.

**Exception(s) to this policy include:**

1. A student enrolled in a THECB-approved Certificate program.
2. A student enrolled for Final Hours.
3. A student enrolled in the Ph.D. Nursing Science program.
4. A student enrolled in the Translational Science Ph.D. program. A minimum total of 24 credit hours per academic year for full-time status, and 12 credit hours per academic year for part-time status, is required. Credit hours earned in trailing summer semesters at other participating institutions will count toward the total required credit hours each academic year.

Students appointed in Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) and Teaching Assistant (TA) positions in the GSBS will be required to enroll in a minimum of 12 SCH per semester, with the exception of the Translational Science Ph.D. program, which will require enrollment in a total of 24 SCH over the fall, spring, and trailing summer semester each academic year. GRAs and TAs are allowed to enroll in Final Hours and remain as full-time students per the Final Hours Policy found in the UTHSCSA Catalog under General Academic Policies.
Students enrolling for less than half-time will be responsible for repayment of federal student loans.

**Adding Courses**

Students may add courses during official add days as designated by the Office of the University Registrar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar) each semester. Students are not permitted to add classes to their schedules after the census date, which is typically the 12th class day of the spring and fall semesters.

**Dropping Courses**

A student who is not on academic probation may drop a course at any time during the semester provided the student is passing the course at the time and has obtained the signed approval of the course director and COGS chair.

The Registrar will record the symbol W if a course is dropped before the first evaluation period in that course. After that time, the course director will assign a grade of either WP (Withdrawn Passing) or WF (Withdrawn Failing). A student on academic probation will not be allowed to drop a course.

In case of illness and with the consent of the Dean, a student may drop a course without penalty at any time prior to the beginning of final examinations.

**Transfer of Credit**

Credit for coursework taken at another institution may be transferred if the student submits a Course Waiver/Substitution Request Form available in the Office of the University Registrar. The same procedure should also be used to request transfer of credit from other schools within the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu). The transfer of credit is subject to approval by the Committee on Graduate Studies of the program in which the student is enrolled and by the Dean or the Dean's designee.

Students in M.S. programs may apply no more than 6 semester hours of transferred credit toward satisfaction of the 30 semester credit hours required for the degree. However, the request form should list all courses taken elsewhere, which are approved by the Committee on Graduate Studies to satisfy the course requirements for the M.S. degree set forth by the program in which the student is enrolled.

Students in the Ph.D. programs are required to fulfill a minimum of 72 semester credit hours of coursework. Transfer of credit for Ph.D. students may be requested to provide evidence on the student's transcript of the completion of courses taken elsewhere which are approved by the Committee on Graduate Studies (1) to satisfy the course requirements for the Ph.D. degree or (2) to be appropriate to the specific course of study of the individual graduate student.

**Registration for Thesis**

Students in M.S. programs may register for the Thesis course XXXX 6098 where XXXX represents one of the following: BIME, BIOC, CLSC, CSBL, DENH, INTD, MEDI, MICR, MMED, NURS, PHAR, PHYL, or RADI. Registration for Thesis is only permitted after the following three actions have been taken:

1. Approval of admission to candidacy for the M.S. degree by the Dean;
2. Approval of the thesis research proposal by the Committee on Graduate Studies of the program and the Dean;
3. Appointment of a Supervising Committee for the thesis research by the Committee on Graduate Studies of the program and the Dean.

A candidate for the M.S. degree must register for the thesis course for at least one term, unless they participate in a graduate program with a non-thesis option.

**Registration for Dissertation**

Students in Ph.D. programs may register for the Dissertation course XXXX 7099 where XXXX represents one of the following: BIME, BIOC, CSBL, IBMS, MEDI, MICR, MMED, NURS, PHAR, PHYL, or RADI. Registration for Dissertation is only permitted after the following three actions have been taken:

1. Approval of admission to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree by the Dean;
2. Approval of the dissertation research proposal by the Committee on Graduate Studies of the program and the Dean;
3. Approval of the membership of the candidate’s Supervising Committee by the Committee on Graduate Studies of the program and the Dean.

A candidate for the Ph.D. degree must register for the Dissertation course for at least two terms.

**Registration for Final Term**

It is a requirement that a student be registered for the semester in which he or she graduates.

**Final Credit Hours**

A student in his/her final semester registering only for thesis or dissertation may register for “final hours”. A Ph.D. student must register for a minimum of 3 semester credit hours; a M.S. student must register for a minimum of 1 semester credit hour. When a student declares “final hours” for a semester, the student shall be considered enrolled in a full-time course load for that semester. The student pays tuition based upon the number of credit hour for which he/she registers.

Because of requirements dictated by certain types of visas, international students must consult with their COGS Chair prior to registering for final hours.

A student may register for final credit hours only once during his/her degree program. The “Request for Designation of Final Hours” form is available in the Office of the University Registrar on their website (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar/2013/03/forms/) and it requires the signature approval of the program COGS Chair.

**Registration for Audit**

Permission to audit one or more courses is sometimes granted. Auditing conveys only the privilege of observing and excludes handing in papers or taking part in a class discussion, laboratory exercises, or fieldwork. No grade is given and no credit is reported. Graduate students must obtain permission to register to audit a course from the course director and the COGS chair of the program in which they are enrolled. Others who wish to register to audit a graduate course must apply to the Associate Dean of the Graduate School for admission as a Non-Degree Student.

**Grading System**

Credit hours are earned in the graduate programs only for the grades A, B, C, and S. All letter grades except H and S are included in the computation of the grade point average. Grade points are assigned as follows:

A= 4 (average graduate work)
B= 3 (average graduate work)
C= 2 (below average graduate work)
D= 1 (failing graduate work)
F= 0 (failing graduate work)

Grades of D and F are not acceptable for graduate credit. If a course is repeated, the last grade earned is used in computing the cumulative grade point average.

A grade of S (satisfactory), U (unsatisfactory), or H (honors) is not included in the computation of the grade point average. These grades are given in the following courses in all programs: Supervised Teaching, Research, Thesis, and Dissertation. S/U and/or H (Honors) may also be given in specific courses in specific programs.

Other symbols used in reporting the standing of students in their classes are: WP and WF (see “Withdrawal”). W (course dropped while receiving a passing grade with no penalty), and I (incomplete). The course director will record the symbol W if a course is dropped before the first evaluation period in that course. After that time, the course director will assign a grade of either WP (withdrawn passing) or WF (withdrawn failing).

An I is used only to report cases in which the student has not completed all of the assignments and/or examinations before the conclusion of the course. Unless the student has been granted a leave of absence, all work must be completed within one year, at which time the grade of I (incomplete) will be changed to the appropriate letter grade.

The grading system described above applies to courses in the medical and dental curricula in which graduate students may be enrolled as well as to courses in the graduate programs. Grades for courses taken to satisfy a contingency or condition of admission or those transferred for credit are not included in computation of the grade point average.

**Student Academic Grievance Process**

An Academic Grievance is a complaint regarding an academic decision or action that affects a student’s academic record. The student complaint may include grade disputes, scholastic dishonesty, ethical misconduct, altering of official university or school documents, or other academically related issues.

As required by the University of Texas System and the policies of the Health Science Center, a formal complaint procedure is a process to allow students the opportunity to informally and formally report any perceived act, omission, or issue of an academic nature which may adversely affect the grieving student. An informal grievance process is recommended, but not required in order to file a formal complaint.

Students are encouraged to grieve their complaint through the informal grievance process followed by the formal grievance process; however, students may also directly file a formal complaint to the Program COGS and GSBS Dean’s Office. The process below outlines the actions of the informal and formal grievance procedures.

**Informal Grievance Process:**

1. *Graduate students should seek resolution with the course director or supervising professor within 10 business days of being issued the grade or evaluation in question.*
2. If a resolution is reached, then the course director or supervising professor must provide the student with a written summary of the decision that was mutually reached.
3. The student must agree to the final decision and sign the summative statement.
4. If the student and course director/supervising professor are not able to resolve the matter, then this should be reflected in the written summary.
5. All documents (emails/memos/letters) will be maintained by the student’s Administrative Program.

The student has up to 10 business days from the receipt of the written summary by the course director/supervising professor to file a formal complaint. The student is responsible for submitting the Student Complaint Form to the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) Chair and a copy to the GSBS Dean’s office.

**Formal Grievance Process** *(Complete the Student Complaint Form)*

1. If a formal complaint is filed by submitting the Student Complaint Form to the COGS Chair of the Program and the GSBS Dean’s office without an informal resolution process, then the student has up to 10 business days from the date of the academic concern to file a grievance.
2. *The COGS Chair along with the Program Director and GSBS Assistant/Associate Dean will have 30-60 business days to investigate the grievance. At this time, documentation from the student and faculty will be collected as well as face-to-face meetings scheduled by the COGS Chair to collect information and ensure factual accuracy.*
3. A written summary of the decision rendered will be provided to the student by the COGS Chair and a copy sent to the GSBS Dean’s Office.
4. If the student is not satisfied with the final decision reached by the COGS Chair, Program Director, and Assistant/Associate Dean, the student may appeal the decision to the Dean of the GSBS within 5 business days of receiving the written summary.
5. All documents (emails/memos/letters) will be maintained by the student’s Administrative Program.

* If the formal academic complaint is filed against the COGS Chair or Program Director then the Assistant/Associate Dean of the GSBS or his designee will be responsible to process and investigate the informal or formal complaint. If however, the Assistant/Associate Dean is named in the complaint, then the COGS Chair and Program Director will conduct the investigation.

**Appeal Process**

In the Appeal Process, the Dean will have up to 10 business days following the formal grievance process to render a decision. The Dean of the GSBS may render a decision in support of the COGS Chair/Program Director/Associate Dean or to negate the decision made as a result of the investigation. The Dean’s decision will be considered final and provided to the student in writing.

**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board**

If a student exhausts all grievance processes in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the Health Science Center, then the student may file a complaint to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. For the types of complaints it investigates, processes and complaint form search their website: [http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=E9397451-F3BE-CF89-0DD3E422B3D9CD13#3](http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=E9397451-F3BE-CF89-0DD3E422B3D9CD13#3)

**Definition of Terms**

[http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/generalinformation/generalacademicpolicies/grievances/](http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/generalinformation/generalacademicpolicies/grievances/)
For purposes of this policy the terms Complaint and Grievance may be used synonymously.

The Executive Director of the Academic, Faculty, and Student Ombudsperson and ADA Compliance Office is the designated ombudsperson and can provide unofficial, confidential consultation on student’s rights, responsibilities, and options.

An Informal Grievance allows a student to pursue a resolution on an unofficial basis with the guidance of his/her Assistant or Associate Dean.

An Academic Grievance is a complaint regarding an academic decision or action that affects a student’s academic record.

**Continuation, Probation, and Dismissal**

Continuation in the graduate programs is dependent upon three requirements:

1. Satisfactory progress in removing any conditions imposed at the time of admission;
2. Maintenance of a minimum cumulative B (3.0) average for all courses taken while enrolled in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu). A student whose cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0 will be placed on probation and warned by the Dean of the Graduate School that continuation in the graduate program is in jeopardy. A student will remain on probation as long as her or his cumulative GPA is below 3.0. While on probation, a student must maintain a B average in those courses for which he or she is registered or be considered for dismissal by the Committee on Graduate Studies. Except in the case of illness, permission to drop courses will not be given while the student is on probation. A student on probation may not be admitted to candidacy or awarded a degree. Grades achieved during enrollment as a non-degree student are not used to determine academic probation.
3. A satisfactory rate of progress toward the degree as determined by the Committee on Graduate Studies is required throughout the student’s enrollment. The Committee, with the Dean’s consent, may terminate a student’s enrollment for lack of satisfactory progress. Any graduate student who receives two unsatisfactory (U) grades in consecutive semesters will be considered for dismissal by the Program Committee on Graduate Studies. Any recommendation for dismissal requires final approval by the Dean of the Graduate School.

**Withdrawal**

Permission for withdrawal from a graduate program may be granted by the Dean upon concurrence by the Committee on Graduate Studies of the program. The student who wishes to withdraw must complete and sign the **Student Clearance Form** (available from the Office of the University Registrar, Room 317L MED), submit the form for signature to the COGS Chair and the Graduate School dean, and then obtain authorized signature clearance from each area listed on the lower portion of the form.

In the case of withdrawal before the end of the semester or summer session (and thus the dropping of all courses), the grading symbol **WP** or **WF** will be recorded for each course not completed, depending on the student’s standing on the last day of enrollment. In the case of withdrawal at the end of a semester, the appropriate grading symbol will be recorded for each completed course.

An application for readmission by a student who has previously withdrawn is subject to the same requirements, procedures, and acceptance considerations that apply to first-time applicants.

**Leave of Absence**

Permission for a leave of absence from a graduate program for a maximum period of one year may be granted by the Dean subject to prior approval by the Committee on Graduate Studies of the program. Such permission will be granted only for extenuating circumstances and indicates that the student will be allowed to return to the program within the one-year time limit. There is no guarantee that a stipend will be reinstated upon return.

The student should make a written request for a leave of absence to the Chair of the Committee on Graduate Studies for her/his program, including the reasons for the request and the expected time of return. If the request for leave of absence is approved, the student is so notified by a letter from the Dean and provided by the Graduate School Dean’s Office. The student must then complete a **Student Clearance Form** available from the Office of the University Registrar (317L MED). The student should then complete and sign the upper portion of this Form, obtain the signatures of the COGS Chair and the Graduate School Dean, and obtain authorized signature clearance from each area listed on the form. The student should also drop any courses for which they are currently enrolled.

**In Absentia (INTD 1000)**

Students must be registered for the semester in which they graduate and all fees and tuition apply. A special arrangement is made for students who defend the dissertation or thesis after the last Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) meeting of the semester and before the first class day of the following semester.

The student who expects to defend the dissertation or thesis in this interval should register for one credit hour for the next semester. Following the successful defense of the dissertation, the student may drop the one credit hour and register **In Absentia** for the coming semester. This must be accomplished before the first class day of the new semester. Registration **In Absentia** should be designated as zero credit hours and the student will be charged a $25 fee.

**Non-registration**

A student who fails to register for two or more consecutive semesters and does not elect to take a leave of absence or to **enroll In Absentia** will be considered for dismissal from the program. The Registrar will notify the Committee on Graduate Studies and the Dean of the student’s failure to register.

If dismissed, the student may reapply for admission. Such application is subject to the same requirements, procedures, and acceptance considerations that apply to first-time applicants.

**Transfer between Graduate Programs**

Any student who wishes to change the course of study from one graduate program to another must submit an application to that program, and the application is subject to the same requirements, procedures, and acceptance considerations that apply to other applicants to the program. Students who are considering such a transfer must have an interview with the Associate Dean. A Change of Program form must be obtained from the Office of the University Registrar and submitted in order to complete the process.
Graduation
The degree of Doctor of Philosophy is awarded by the Board of Regents (http://www.utsystem.edu/board-of-regents) upon the satisfactory completion of a minimum of 72 semester credit hours, the satisfactory completion of a prescribed program of study as documented by the Committee on Graduate Studies, recommendation of the Graduate Faculty Council, and certification of the candidate by the Dean and President to the Board of Regents.

The degree of Master of Science is awarded upon the satisfactory completion of a minimum of 30 semester hours, the requirements particular to each graduate program as documented by the Committee on Graduate Studies, recommendation of the Graduate Faculty Council, and certification of the candidate by the Dean and President to the Board of Regents (http://www.utsystem.edu/board-of-regents).

The degree of Doctorate in Medical Physics is awarded upon the satisfactory completion of a minimum of 100 semester credit hours, the requirements documented by the Committee on Graduate Studies, recommendation of the Graduate Faculty Council, and certification of the candidate by the Dean and President to the Board of Regents.

* Some programs may require additional hours

Commencement
Graduation exercises are held each year in May.

The Graduate School Dean will be present to address the students and participate in the presentation of diplomas. Candidates for graduation in the Nursing Science Ph.D. program, the PharM.D. program and the Master's in Dental Science program also participate in the Graduate School (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu) Commencement.

Sequential Procedures

Doctor of Philosophy degree

Phase I - From matriculation through admission to candidacy

1. Assignment of faculty advisor: The Committee on Graduate Studies assigns a member of the graduate faculty as advisor to each student entering a program. The advisor serves as counselor on academic matters and monitors the student's progress in (a) successfully completing contingencies of admission and course requirements of the program and (b) selecting an area of research specialization.

2. Approval of research advisor: When the student selects the area of research specialization and the faculty member to serve as research preceptor, the Committee on Graduate Studies reviews the proposed selections. If the selections are approved, the faculty member is designated by the Committee on Graduate Studies as the student's research advisor in concert with, or in replacement of, the original faculty advisor. The faculty advisor may, of course, be selected as the research advisor. During this period, the student's potential for productive and independent investigation is assessed by the research advisor.

3. Qualifying examination: The Qualifying Examination is comprehensive in nature and may be written, oral, or both. The Committee on Graduate Studies determines the format of the examination and the composition of the Qualifying Examination Committee, with the proviso that one member must not be one of the graduate faculty of the student's program. The Qualifying Examination Committee administers the examination(s), evaluates the student's performance, and reports its judgment on whether the student passed or failed to the Committee on Graduate Studies.

4. Admission to candidacy: Recommendation by the Committee on Graduate Studies that the student be admitted to candidacy for the Doctor of Philosophy degree requires the following:
   a. Satisfactory completion of all required courses; in exceptional cases, permission to proceed to Phase II without having completed all required courses can be granted by the Dean of the Graduate School.
   b. Cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 in all coursework undertaken since matriculation in the program.
   c. Report by the Qualifying Examination Committee that the student has passed the examination.
   d. Report by the student's research advisor and other graduate faculty members, as appropriate, that the student has clearly evidenced the potential for productive and independent investigation.

If, in its overall evaluation of the eligibility of the student for admission to candidacy, the Committee on Graduate Studies is in favor of admission, it shall submit a Petition of Admission to Candidacy Form (GSBS Form 32) to the Dean for approval with documentation of satisfaction of the requirements listed above. Each research advisor is required to sign the form to certify her/his view of the student's potential for productive and independent investigation. The Dean may approve or disapprove the recommendation or request further documentation. When the Dean has approved admission of the student to candidacy, the candidate enters Phase II of the program.

Phase II - From admission to candidacy through granting of the degree

1. Selection of the supervising professor: No later than three months after the student's admission to candidacy, the member of the graduate faculty of the program who will serve as the supervising professor of the dissertation research shall be decided upon by mutual agreement among the candidate, the faculty member, and the Committee on Graduate Studies. Normally, the research advisor who guided the student's preliminary research activities continues as supervising professor, but this arrangement is not obligatory.

2. Draft of dissertation research proposal: The candidate shall identify a research question that will serve as a focus for the dissertation research. The candidate shall prepare a draft of a research proposal that specifies the research to be undertaken, its significance in the scientific field, and the general methods and techniques to be utilized. The proposal shall be submitted to the supervising professor for review and modification. Subsequent drafts of the proposal should then be submitted for review and modification to other faculty members who have knowledge and expertise in the area of the research proposal and who have been selected by mutual agreement among the candidate, the supervising professor, and the Committee on Graduate Studies. The final draft of the dissertation research proposal is subject to review and approval by the Committee on Graduate Studies, which may specifically designate a group of faculty members to review the proposal draft(s).

3. Composition of the dissertation supervising committee: After approval of the proposal by the Committee on Graduate Studies, the supervising professor and the candidate shall make recommendations to the Committee on Graduate Studies regarding the composition of the Supervising Committee for the dissertation research. The
Supervision of the dissertation research follows:

4. Approval of the dissertation proposal and supervising candidate's research status (such as selection of a new Supervising Committee and/or the Committee on Graduate Studies) after each of its meetings with the candidate.

The Supervising Committee and/or the Committee on Graduate Studies receive reports of the research progress from the candidate for review and recommendations. It is essential that the Supervising Committee attend these meetings, it is the responsibility of the candidate and the respective program's Dissertation course. Any subsequent change in the proposal and supervising committee

Committee. After approval by the Dean of both the proposal and the recommendation of COGS on the proposal and supervising committee, the Chair of the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) will submit to the Graduate School Dean's Office a completed GSBS Form 30 Recommendation for Approval of Dissertation Research Proposal and Supervising Committee. The student must provide the Graduate School Dean's Office an electronic copy of their dissertation proposal to accompany GSBS Form 30.

5. Supervision of the dissertation research: Within one month after formal approval of the Supervising Committee, the Supervising Professor shall convene the Supervising Committee to discuss with the candidate the progress of the dissertation research and the projected future work. At appropriate intervals thereafter (at least every six months), the Supervising Committee shall meet with the candidate for presentation of progress reports (written and/or oral), so that current status of the research may be evaluated and direction of future work planned. If the external Committee member is unable to attend these meetings, it is the responsibility of the candidate and the Supervising Professor to provide this member with progress reports for review and recommendations. It is essential that the Supervising Committee be fully informed of the research progress and be able to provide continued supervision throughout and that the Committee on Graduate Studies receive reports of the research progress from the Supervising Committee after each of its meetings with the candidate. The Supervising Committee and/or the Committee on Graduate Studies may approve or direct alterations in the research plans within the general context of the dissertation proposal. Major changes in the candidate's research status (such as selection of a new Supervising Professor, new Supervising Committee members, or a new research question) must be reported to the Graduate Faculty Council and the Dean for consideration.

6. Submission of the dissertation: After agreement by the members of the Supervising Committee that the research has progressed sufficiently for submission of the dissertation, a draft of the dissertation shall be submitted to the Supervising Professor and then to all other members of the Supervising Committee for review and recommendations for modification of content. An electronic copy will also be submitted to the Graduate School Dean's Office for review of formatting. It is the responsibility of the candidate to follow the guidelines of preparation of the dissertation provided by the Graduate School Dean's Office in the Instructions for Preparation and Submission of Electronic Theses, Dissertations and Dissertation Abstracts. If the alternative chapter format is preferred, the candidate must obtain approval for such format from the Supervising Committee and the Committee on Graduate Studies. The candidate also has the responsibility to ensure adequate time for review and modification of the dissertation in accordance with the schedule of deadlines provided each term by the Graduate School Dean's Office.

7. Final oral examination: When the Supervising Committee judges the dissertation to be suitable for defense, the Supervising Professor shall be responsible for submitting a signed Request for Final Oral Examination Form (GSBS Form 40) through the Committee on Graduate Studies to the Dean and request scheduling of the Final Oral Examination. Three copies of the Abstract and Vitae (stapled together) should accompany the Request for Final Oral Examination Form at the time it is submitted to the Graduate School Dean's Office. Public announcement of the Final Oral Examination is made by the Graduate School Dean's Office. This examination is conducted by the Supervising Committee with the Supervising Professor as chair. Interested persons may attend the public defense and have the right to question the candidate. After the public defense, the Final Oral Examination continues with an intensive oral examination by the Supervising Committee that is not customarily open to the public. The Supervising Committee members vote on the candidate's success or failure on the Final Oral Examination; more than one vote for failure signifies failure on the examination. The Supervising Committee submits the Report on Final Oral Examination Form (GSBS Form 43) to the Committee on Graduate Studies. In the event of a failing performance by the candidate, the Supervising Committee shall also submit to the Committee on Graduate Studies a recommendation regarding remedial action; in such case, the Committee on Graduate Studies shall decide on the recommendation or other action to be taken. In the event of a successful performance by the candidate, the Committee on Graduate Studies shall vote on whether to approve the recommendation by the Supervising Committee for granting of the degree.

8. Recommendation for granting of the degree: If the Committee on Graduate Studies approves the favorable recommendation by the Supervising Committee, the Chair of the Committee on Graduate Studies shall so indicate by signature on the Report on Final Oral Examination and submit the Report to the Graduate Faculty Council for consideration. The candidate shall submit to the Graduate School Dean's Office the final electronic version of the dissertation either by e-mail or on a disk or USB drive. The dissertation Approval Page signed by the Supervising Professor and Committee members must also be submitted to the Graduate School Dean's Office. When the Report, the Approval Page and the electronic dissertation in final form have been received in the Graduate School Dean's Office, the Graduate Faculty Council will consider the recommendation for granting of the degree.
If the Council does not approve the recommendation, it will refer the matter to the Committee on Graduate Studies with a recommendation for remedial action. If the Council does approve the recommendation, the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences will notify the Office of the University Registrar that the candidate has fulfilled all requirements of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Upon the candidate’s certification by the President, the degree is conferred by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System. (See “Registration for Dissertation,” “Registration for Final Term,” and “Graduation” previously discussed in this section.)

Master of Science Degree (Biomedical Sciences Programs)

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences offers Master of Science degrees with either a thesis or a non-thesis option. The Sequential Procedure for thesis-option Master of Science degree is listed below and currently only applies to the Master of Science degree in Medical Health Physics.

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences does not require a comprehensive Qualifying Examination for the Masters of Science Degree. The thesis-option Master of Science degree in Cellular and Structural Biology, Immunology and Infection, Biomedical Engineering, Toxicology and Dental Science as well as the non-thesis option Master of Science degree in Clinical Investigation, Cellular and Structural Biology do not use a qualifying exam nor do they require the advancement to candidacy. The Sequential Procedures for these programs are modified to correlate with the curricula of these programs and submission of GSBS Form 31 is not required. A copy of the appropriate Sequential Procedures may be obtained from the Graduate Advisor of those programs.

Phase I - From matriculation to admission to candidacy

1. Assignment of faculty advisor: The Committee on Graduate Studies assigns a member of the graduate faculty as advisor to each student entering a program. The advisor serves as counselor on academic matters and monitors the student’s progress in
   a. successfully completing contingencies of admission and course requirements of the program and
   b. selecting an area of research specialization.

2. Approval of research advisor: When the student selects the area of research specialization and the faculty member to serve as research preceptor, the Committee on Graduate Studies reviews and documents the proposed selections. If the selections are approved, the faculty member is designated by the Committee on Graduate Studies as the student’s research advisor in concert with, or in replacement of, the original faculty advisor. The faculty advisor may, of course, be selected as the research advisor. During this period, the student’s potential for productive and independent investigation is assessed by the research advisor.

3. Qualifying examination: The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences does not require a comprehensive Qualifying Examination for the M.S. degree. However, the Committee on Graduate Studies may require the student to pass a written and/or oral Qualifying Examination prior to consideration for admission to candidacy, or it may waive such examination.

4. Admission to candidacy: Recommendation by the Committee on Graduate Studies that the student be admitted to candidacy for the Master of Science degree requires the following:
   a. Satisfactory completion of all required courses;
   b. Cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 in all coursework undertaken since matriculation in the program;
   c. Report by the Qualifying Examination Committee that the students passed the examination or that the examination has been waived;
   d. Report by the student's research advisor and other graduate faculty members, as appropriate, that the student has clearly evidenced the potential for productive and independent investigation. GSBS Form 31 should be submitted to the Graduate School Dean's Office for approval.

Phase II - From Admission to candidacy through granting of the degree

1. Selection of the supervising professor: No later than three months after the student's admission to candidacy, the member of the graduate faculty of the program who will serve as the supervising professor of the thesis research shall be decided upon by mutual agreement among the candidate, the faculty member, and the Committee on Graduate Studies. Normally, the research advisor who guided the student's preliminary research activities continues as supervising professor, but this arrangement is not obligatory.

2. Draft of thesis research proposal: No later than three months after admission to candidacy, the candidate shall submit a draft of a proposal for the thesis research to the supervising professor for review and modification. Subsequent drafts of the proposal may then be submitted for review and modification to other faculty members who have knowledge and expertise in the area of the research proposal. After approval of the final proposal draft by the supervising professor, the proposal is submitted to the Committee on Graduate Studies for consideration of approval.

3. Appointment of the supervising committee: After approval of the thesis proposal by the Committee on Graduate Studies, the supervising professor and the candidate shall make recommendations to the Committee on Graduate Studies regarding the composition of the Supervising Committee for the thesis research. The Supervising Committee must consist of at least four persons, as follows:
   a. The supervising professor, also a member of the program’s graduate faculty, designated as Supervising Professor and Chair of the Supervising Committee;
   b. Two members must be members of the graduate faculty of the program;
   c. One member must be a faculty member of the Health Science Center in a supporting area outside the program or a person outside the Health Science Center who is an expert in the field of the proposed thesis.

Immediately upon selection of the Supervising Committee, the Chair of the Committee on Graduate Studies will submit to the Graduate School Dean’s Office a completed GSBS Form 42, Composition of Supervising Committee-The Master of Science Degree. A copy of the proposed work in electronic form must accompany the form. Each member of the Supervising Committee is required to sign the form to certify her/his approval to serve on the committee. Any subsequent change in the Composition of the Supervising Committee must be approved by the COGS and approved by the Dean.

The composition of the Supervising Committee should, in principle, provide a group of research scientists who constitute an important resource to the candidate and her or his thesis
research. Their functions are, with the Supervising Professor, to guide the candidate through the thesis research and to certify to the Committee on Graduate Studies that the candidate has, in fact, carried out a meritorious research investigation of the caliber appropriate for an M.S. thesis and, in their opinion, defended it satisfactorily.

4. **Supervision of the thesis research:** Within one month after appointment of the Supervising Committee, the Supervising Professor shall convene the Supervising Committee to discuss with the candidate the progress of the thesis research and the projected future work. At appropriate intervals thereafter, the Supervising Committee shall meet with the candidate for progress reports (written and/or oral) so that current status of the research may be evaluated and direction of future work planned. It is essential that the Supervising Committee be fully informed of the research progress and be able to provide continued supervision throughout and that the Committee on Graduate Studies receive reports of the research progress from the Supervising Committee after each of its meetings with the candidate.

5. **Submission of the thesis:** After members of the Supervising Committee agree that the research has progressed sufficiently for submission of the thesis, a draft of the thesis shall be submitted to the Supervising Professor and then to the other members of the Supervising Committee for review and recommendations for modification of content. An electronic copy will also be submitted to the Graduate School Dean’s Office for review of formatting and recommendations for modification. It is the responsibility of the candidate to follow the guidelines for preparation of the thesis provided by the Graduate School Dean’s Office in the *Instructions for Preparation and Submission of Electronic Theses, Dissertations and Dissertation Abstracts*. If an alternative chapter format is preferable, the candidate must obtain approval for such format from the Supervising Committee and the Committee on Graduate Studies. The candidate also has the responsibility to ensure adequate time for review and modification of the thesis.

6. **Final oral examination:** The Graduate School requires that the thesis be defended by the candidate in a Final Oral Examination conducted by the Supervising Committee; the format in which this examination is conducted (see Options 1 and 2 below) shall be decided by the Committee on Graduate Studies and it is recommended that it be uniform for all M.S. candidates in that program.
   a. **Option 1:** If the Committee on Graduate Studies does elect to require that the thesis be defended in formal Final Oral Examination scheduled through the Graduate School Dean’s Office and open to all interested persons, then the procedures in number 11 (see Phase II of Doctor of Philosophy Degree) for Ph.D. candidates should be followed.
   b. **Option 2:** If the Committee on Graduate Studies chooses a less formal format, without public notification through the Graduate School Dean’s Office, the following procedures apply. The *Request for Final Oral Examination Form* (GSBS Form 40), signed by the Supervising Committee members, should be submitted to the Chair of the Committee on Graduate Studies, who shall indicate approval by signature and transmit the Request to the Graduate School Dean’s Office for approval by the Dean.
   c. Three copies of the Abstract and the Vita should be submitted with the request for the candidate’s file in their respective department, the Office of the University Registrar, and the Graduate School Dean’s Office.
   d. The Supervising Committee members vote on the candidate’s success or failure on the Examination; more than one vote for failure signifies failure on the Final Oral Examination. The Supervising Committee submits the *Report on Final Oral Examination* (GSBS Form 41) to the Committee on Graduate Studies. In the event of a failing performance by the candidate, the Supervising Committee shall also submit to the Committee on Graduate Studies a recommendation regarding remedial action or further examinations; in such cases, the Committee on Graduate Studies shall decide upon the recommendation or other action to be taken. In the event of a successful performance by the candidate, the Committee on Graduate Studies shall vote on whether to approve the recommendation by the Supervising Committee for granting of the degree.

7. **Recommendation for granting of the degree:** If the Committee on Graduate Studies approves the favorable recommendation by the Supervising Committee, the Chair of the Committee on Graduate Studies shall so indicate by signature on the *Report on Final Oral Examination* and submit the Report to the Graduate Faculty Council for consideration. The candidate shall submit to the Graduate School Dean’s Office the final electronic version of the thesis either by e-mail or on a disk or USB drive. The thesis Approval Page signed by the Supervising Professor and Committee members must also be submitted to the Graduate School Dean’s Office. When the Report, the Approval Page and the electronic thesis have all been received in the Graduate School Dean’s Office, the Graduate Faculty Council will consider the recommendation for granting the degree. If the Council does not approve the recommendation, it will refer the matter to the Committee on Graduate Studies with a recommendation for remedial action. If the Council does approve the recommendation, the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences will notify the Office of the University Registrar that the candidate has fulfilled all requirements for the degree Master of Science. Upon the candidate’s certification by the President, the degree is conferred by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System.

**Sequential Procedures Forms**

The following forms, required for the sequential procedures described above, are available online at: http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu/main/currentstudents/.

**Form procedure**

- Petition for Admission to Candidacy for M.S. Degree
- Petition for Admission to Candidacy for Ph.D. Degree
- Recommendation for Approval of Dissertation Research Proposal and Supervising Committee (Ph.D.)
- Request for Final Oral Examination (Ph.D. or M.S.)
- Report on Final Oral Examination (M.S.)
- Composition of Supervising Committee (M.S.)
- Report on Final Oral Examination (Ph.D.)
- Students must complete the *Graduation Application* online in the Student Center via The Portal (http://inside.uthscsa.edu).

**Instructions for Preparation and Submission of Electronic Theses, Dissertations, and Dissertation Abstracts**

The candidate should obtain these instructions online at http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu/current_students/graduation-information before writing the thesis or dissertation.
Biochemistry

The graduate program in Biochemistry offers students the training necessary for them to conduct independent biochemical research in an academic, industrial, or clinical environment. The Biochemistry curriculum is designed to provide a synergistic series of formal courses, seminars, teaching opportunities, and individualized biochemical research experiences in the laboratories of participating faculty. Students are encouraged to broaden their scientific experience by taking courses in other biomedical science tracks. The program offers both a master’s degree and doctoral degree.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

The graduate program in Biochemistry offers students the training necessary for them to conduct independent biochemical research in an academic, industrial, or clinical environment. The Biochemistry curriculum is designed to provide a synergistic series of formal courses, seminars, teaching opportunities, and individualized biochemical research experiences in the laboratories of participating faculty. Students are encouraged to broaden their scientific experience by taking courses in other biomedical science tracks. The program offers both a master’s degree and doctoral degree.

Biochemistry Admissions Requirements

Applicants are required to have a minimum of a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution and a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0. Applicants should have received credit for courses taken in:

* Biology 1 2 yrs. as required for science majors
* Chemistry 1 1 yr. general chemistry and organic chemistry
* Physics 1 yr.
* Mathematics minimum of 1 semester of calculus

1 courses should include laboratory experience

All applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The GRE must be taken within the last 5 years and the TOEFL within the last 2 years. There is no minimum score required for the GRE. In addition to the GRE, international applicants are also required to take one of two English proficiency tests: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS: Academic module only). The minimum required scores for the TOEFL are 560 for the paper test and 68 for the internet test. The minimum score on the academic IELTS is 6.5.

Three letters of recommendation are required. The applicant must submit 3 essays stating the reasons for your interest in the program, a description of your professional goals and an outline of your undergraduate, industrial or summer research. On campus recruitment interviews are conducted during February and March. Phone interviews for international application occur in January and February.

The admission committee makes its decision based on the candidate’s research experience, grade point average, personal statement, GRE score, interviews, letters of recommendations, and how the candidate matches up against other interested applicants.

Biochemistry Degree Requirements

A minimum of 72 credit hours and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 is required for the Ph.D. degree. In addition, all doctoral candidates must register for the BIOC7099 Dissertation for at least two semesters in order to graduate; only one of the terms may be a summer session. The student is required to demonstrate intellectual command of the subject area of the graduate program and capability to carry out independent and original investigation in the area. The student must successfully defend a dissertation and be recommended by their program COGS for approval of their degree to the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Biochemistry Plans of Study
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Dissertation Research Proposal Seminar
Students Entering in 2016 and Alternate Years Thereafter

First Year

Fall

IBMS5008 Lab Rotations (Lab Rotations) 2
IBMS5000 Fundamentals Of Biomedical Sciences (Fundamentals of Biomedical Sciences) 8

Spring

BIOC6037 Integration Of Metabolic Pathways 2
BIOC5087 Molecular Genetics And Biotechnology 1
IBMS5008 Lab Rotations (Lab Rotations) 2
INTD6002 Ethics In Research .5
Electives 3.5

Summer

BIOC6097 Research 1-12

Second Year

Fall

BIOC6029 MBB Journal Club and Student Research Presentations 2
BIOC6097 Research 1-9

Spring

BIOC6036 Macromolecular Structure & Mechanism 2
BIOC5085 Biophysical Methods In Biology 2
BIOC6029 MBB Journal Club and Student Research Presentations 2

Total Credit Hours: 115.0-127.0

1 Journal club will include Contemporary Biochemistry

Biochemistry Objectives/Program Outcomes

1. Review/interpret research literature
2. Communicate effectively in writing
3. Communicate effectively in verbal presentations
4. Display potential for conducting independent research
Master of Science (M.S.)

The master’s degree is offered only under special circumstances upon recommendation by the program COGS and approval by the Graduate Dean.

The graduate program in Biochemistry offers students the training necessary for them to conduct independent biochemical research in an academic, industrial, or clinical environment. The Biochemistry curriculum is designed to provide a synergistic series of formal courses, seminars, teaching opportunities, and individualized biochemical research experiences in the laboratories of participating faculty. Students are encouraged to broaden their scientific experience by taking courses in other biomedical science tracks. The program offers both a master’s degree and doctoral degree.

Biochemistry Degree Requirements

A minimum of 30 credit hours and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 is required for the M.S. degree. In addition, all master’s candidates must register for BIOC6098 Thesis for at least one semester in order to graduate. The student must successfully defend a thesis and be recommended by their program COGS for approval of their degree to the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Biochemistry Master's Plans of Study

Students entering 2015 and alternate years thereafter

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| Summer      | BIOC6097 | Research |
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Master's Thesis Proposal Presentation to Committee
Biochemistry Objectives/Program Outcomes

1. Review/interpret research literature
2. Communicate effectively in writing
3. Communicate effectively in verbal presentations
4. Display potential for conducting independent research

Biomedical Engineering

The M.S. and the Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering are jointly offered between the Health Science Center and The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). The primary objective of this program is to broadly train students in the principles of biomedical engineering so they are well prepared to participate in the development of new approaches for the diagnosis and treatment of human diseases. A Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering is also available.

As the program is multidisciplinary, the curriculum is designed to provide a synergistic combination of formal courses, seminars, teaching opportunities, interactions with clinicians, and individualized biomedical engineering research experiences in the laboratories of the biomedical engineering faculty. All students are required to take core courses in the areas of Biomaterials, Biomechanics, Bioelectronics/Imaging and Biology, as well as Ethics in Research, Experimental Design and Data Analysis, and Introduction to Clinical Practices. In addition to the basic core curriculum, students are required to take additional coursework in the area of specialization. Students have access to the bioengineering and biosciences laboratories at both the Health Science Center and UTSA. This provides a unique opportunity to have learning experiences in medical, dental, bioscience, and engineering environments.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

The M.S. and the Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering are jointly offered between the Health Science Center and The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). The primary objective of this program is to broadly train students in the principles of biomedical engineering so they are well prepared to participate in the development of new approaches for the diagnosis and treatment of human diseases. A Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering is also available.

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Biomedical Engineering Admissions Requirements

Baccalaureate or master’s degree in a natural science or engineering discipline, competitive academic history (minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0), references, Graduate Record Exam (GRE), Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) [international applicants only], 3 letters of recommendation, a statement of applicant’s research experience(s) and interest in graduate study in BME. A typical successful applicant will have completed one year of calculus-based/engineering Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Mathematics (up to Differential Equations or Engineering Analysis I). Students deficient in one or more of these will be required to take selected courses as a condition of acceptance. All facets of each applicant are considered in the admission process. Application to this joint degree program is made to UTSA.

Biomedical Engineering Degree Requirements

A minimum of 81 credit hours and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 is required for the Ph.D. degree in Biomedical Engineering. In addition, all doctoral candidates must register for the Dissertation course (BME 7099) for at least two semesters in order to graduate; only one of the terms may be a summer session. The student is required to demonstrate intellectual command of the subject area of the graduate program and capability to carry out independent and original investigation in the area. The student must successfully defend a dissertation and be recommended by their program COGS for approval of their degree to the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Biomedical Engineering Plan of Study

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Total Credit Hours: 64.0-284.0

1 semester varies; must be a PhD candidate

Biomedical Engineering Objectives/Program Outcomes

1. BME students will demonstrate their understanding of biology concepts for biomedical applications.
2. BME students will demonstrate their understanding of biomaterials concepts.
3. BME students will demonstrate their understanding of biomechanics concepts.
4. Students will be able to design and carry out research experiments.
5. Students will be able to communicate research findings to diverse audience.
6. Students will be able to teach and disseminate knowledge.

Master of Science (M.S.)

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Biomedical Engineering Admissions Requirements

The minimum requirements for admission to the Master of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering program are described below. Note that admission is competitive and satisfying these requirements does not guarantee admission.

Applicants must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better in the last 60 semester credit hours of coursework with a major in a recognized science or engineering discipline. All students should have had sufficient background in engineering, chemistry, biology, and physics prior to being admitted to the program. It is expected that these students will have B.S. degrees with an emphasis in either engineering, physical science, or biological science disciplines. All students are required to have completed at least one year of engineering physics, chemistry, biology, and mathematics (up to Differential Equations I or Applied Engineering Analysis I). Students with deficiencies in the above courses will be required to satisfactorily complete selected courses as a condition of acceptance.

A satisfactory score, as evaluated by the Admissions Committee for Biomedical Engineering, is required on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Students whose native language is not English must achieve a minimum score of 550 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) paper version or 79 on the Internet version. The applicant’s performance on a standardized test will be considered in addition to other criteria for admission or competitive scholarship awards and will not be used as the sole criterion for consideration of an applicant.

Three letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant’s readiness for graduate study.

A complete application includes the application form, official transcripts, letters of recommendation, GRE scores, a résumé, and a statement of the applicant’s research experience, interests, and goals. TOEFL scores are required for those applicants whose native language is not English.

Biomedical Engineering Degree Requirements

A minimum of 30.5 semester credit hours beyond the bachelor’s degree and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 is required for the M.S. degree in Biomedical Engineering. Regardless of their area of specialization, all students are required to take a total of 15.5 semester credit hours of Required Core Courses. In addition, all students must register for three semesters of Research seminar, a minimum of 6 semester credit hours of approved Elective Courses, and a minimum of 6 semester credit hours of biomedical engineering Master’s Thesis Research. The courses taken by students are intended to focus and support the individual’s mastery of his or her particular area of specialization. The student must successfully present their Thesis and be recommended by their program COGS for approval of their degree to the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.
Biomedical Engineering Plans of Study

M.S.

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M.S., Non-thesis Option

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Spring

Elective(s) varies
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**Third Year**

**Fall**

BME6961 take during last semester

Elective(s)  
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**Spring**

BME6961 take during last semester

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**Total Credit Hours:** 21.5

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**Biomedical Engineering Objectives/Program Outcomes**

1. BME students will demonstrate their understanding of biology concepts for biomedical applications.
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**Cancer Prevention**

The Certificate in Cancer Prevention (CCP) is designed to provide fundamental curricular activities in the science of cancer prevention to Health Science Center students, postdoctoral trainees, clinical residents and fellows, and faculty from the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Health Professions, and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) as well as from local organizations that are partnered with the Health Science Center. It provides specialized training in the prevention of cancers afflicting South Texans who are at risk for prostate, breast, liver/biliary and oral cancers, and childhood cancers. Although other organizations have included cancer prevention training as a part of their Master’s in Public Health program or training grants, there are no other cancer prevention certificate programs in the country.

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**Certificate in Cancer Prevention Admissions Requirements**

The CCP Program has an open application policy and will accept applications for admission at any time.

However, GSBS deadlines (for submission of application and required documentation) for matriculation in a specific academic semester are listed below.

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**Certificate in Cancer Prevention Degree Requirements**

Twelve semester credit hours of didactic coursework are required to obtain the CCP. Satisfactory completion of required and elective coursework is also needed in order to be recommended for awarding of the certificate.

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**Certificate in Cancer Prevention Sample Plan of Study**

**First Year**

**Fall**

- MEDI5070 Responsible Conduct Of Patient-Oriented Clinical Research  2
- MEDI5071 Patient-Oriented Clinical Research Methods-1  2
- MEDI5072 Patient-Oriented Clinical Research Biostatistics-1  2
- MEDI6105 Topics in Cancer Prevention  1

**Spring**

- MEDI6001 Introduction To Translational Science  1
- MEDI6106 Practicum in Cancer Prevention Science  0.5-1

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• Fall Semester: April 1
• Spring Semester: October 1

All transcripts from foreign institutions (including GPA) must be translated and submitted by an approved foreign credentialing evaluation agency (http://uthscsa.edu/vpaa/foreign_cred.asp). Applicants should submit course by course transcript evaluations (including GPA) from the Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE) or the World Education Services, Inc. (WES).

A minimum score of 300 (1,000 for scores prior to August 2011) score for the combined verbal and quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required.

Applicants who have completed a graduate degree in a health-related discipline (M.D., D.D.S., R.N., D.V.M., M.S., or Ph.D.) will be exempted from the requirement to complete the GRE.

A minimum score of 560 on the paper version or 68 on the internet version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or 6.5 on the academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for applicants from countries where English is not the native language.

Scores on TOEFL or IELTS tests taken more than two years prior to the date of matriculation will not be accepted.

Letters of recommendation (three) attesting to the applicant's readiness for graduate level studies in translational science.

If a matriculated graduate student has a Supervising Professor, one letter must be provided by this individual.

A Personal Statement (1-2 pages) that includes a brief description of the applicant’s background, long term research and/or career goals, and an indication of the basis for application into the CTS Program including how this program fits into the applicant’s career objectives.

A current curriculum vitae is required.
Certificate in Cancer Prevention Program- Specific Policies for Laptop Computers

Students are required to have a laptop computer that can connect to and operate over a wireless network.

Software Required:

- Microsoft Office Suite (A personal copy of the latest version can be purchased at the Health Science Center bookstore at student pricing with a student ID).
- Stata/IC (The latest version is required for MEDI5072 (http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/search/?P=MEDI%205072) Patient-Oriented Clinical Research Biostatistics 1). Laptops with an Apple based Operating System must be able to also operate using a Windows based Operating System.

Certificate in Cancer Prevention Program- Objectives and Program Outcomes

The goal of this program is to provide graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty, and other health care professionals with specialized training in the essential components of the science of cancer prevention.

Specific aims are to support the intellectual environment at the Health Science Center for cancer prevention science, and to provide fundamental curricular activities in science of cancer prevention to Health Science Center students, postdoctoral trainees, clinical residents and fellows, and faculty from the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Health Professions, and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences as well as from local organizations that are partnered with The Health Science Center. The aims will be achieved via participation and successful completion of required didactic coursework.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

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**Cellular and Structural Biology Admissions Requirements**

Applicants are required to have a minimum of a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution and a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0. Applicants should have received credit for courses taken in:

- Biology\(^1\) 2 yrs. as required for science majors
- Chemistry\(^1\) 1 yr. general chemistry and organic chemistry
- Physics 1 yr.
- Mathematics minimum of 1 semester of calculus

\(^1\) courses should include laboratory experience

All applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The GRE must be taken within the last 5 years and the TOEFL within the last 2 years. There is no minimum score required for the GRE.

In addition to the GRE, international applicants are also required to take one of two English proficiency tests: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS: Academic module only). The minimum required scores for the TOEFL are 560 for the paper test and 68 for the internet test. The minimum score on the academic IELTS is 6.5.

Three letters of recommendation are required. The applicant must submit 3 essays stating the reasons for your interest in the program, a description of your professional goals and an outline of your undergraduate, industrial or summer research. On campus recruitment interviews are conducted during February and March. Phone interviews for international application occur in January and February.

The admissions committee makes its decision based on the candidate’s research experience, grade point average, personal statement, GRE score, interviews, letters of recommendation, and how the candidate matches up against other interested applicants.

**Cellular and Structural Biology Degree Requirements**

A minimum of 72 credit hours and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 is required for the Ph.D. degree. In addition, all doctoral candidates must register for the CSBL7099 Dissertation for at least two semesters in order to graduate; only one of the terms may be a summer session. The student is required to demonstrate intellectual command of the subject area of the graduate program and capability to carry out independent and original investigation in the area. The student must successfully defend a dissertation and be recommended by their program COGS for approval of their degree to the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

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Students can tailor the required coursework for the CMM track to their specific interests including aging, cancer, immunology, neuroscience, metabolism and genetic disorders. They have two options to fulfill the 4-credit advanced course requirement:

**Option 1:** Take the full course (INTD5007 Advanced Cellular And Molecular Biology).

**Option 2:** Take only one of the advanced course modules, either INTD6009 Advanced Molecular Biology (2 credits) or INTD6007 Advanced Cell Biology (2 credits), then add 2 credit hours of required core coursework from any of the other IMGP tracks (list provided below).

These changes provide CMM students with the greatest flexibility, while emphasizing the importance of molecular and cellular approaches to studying health and disease.

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**Genomics, Genetics & Development Track - Plan of Study**

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**Total Credit Hours:** 117.5-140.5

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**Cellular and Structural Biology Objectives/Program Outcomes**

Students in the CSB graduate program will have the ability to review, interpret and critically evaluate scientific literature related to areas of biomedical science relevant to cellular and molecular biology in general and specifically to their project. Students will be trained to review and
interpret original scientific literature through coursework and in their research.

Students in the CSB graduate program will have the ability to conduct original biomedical research. Students in the program will be able to analyze, plan, organize, and conduct high-quality biomedical research under the direction of supervising professors and guidance of research advisory (dissertation/thesis) committees as appropriate.

Students in the CSB graduate program will have the ability to communicate effectively in written and verbal presentations. Students will learn to effectively communicate ideas in written format via coursework, examinations and their research and to communicate ideas/concepts in verbal presentations during progress report seminars, research advisory committee meetings, oral examinations/defenses, and participation in scientific meetings.

Students in the CSB graduate program will demonstrate foundational knowledge and expertise in a select area appropriate to the research project. Students will be able to define, explain, and apply key concepts and fundamental principles related to the areas of biomedical science relevant to their track and to their specific research projects.

Students in the CSB graduate program will demonstrate fundamental knowledge of ethics in biomedical research. Students will be able to recognize ethical dilemmas and behave in accordance with ethical standards of conduct in the design, implementation, analysis, and dissemination of scientific research.

**Master of Science (M.S.)**

The M.S. Degree Program in the Department of Cellular and Structural Biology (hereinafter referred to as the Program) offers training in areas of anatomical sciences and biotechnology. The curriculum prepares students seeking a Master of Science degree for a fulfilling biomedical career, in academic, industrial or clinical settings. The overall mission of the Program is to prepare the next generation of life-long learners and critical thinkers, prepared to design and execute innovative basic and translational research, and to address the most important and challenging knowledge gaps in basic biology, human health and disease. There are two parallel tracks in the Program: Anatomical Sciences and Biotechnology Tracks with some overlapping requirements but distinct curricula. The program of graduate study (i.e. the track elected) leading to the Master's Degree will depend upon the student and the professional career for which the student is preparing. A Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) oversees all aspects of the Program.

**Cellular and Structural Biology Admission Requirements**

Students beginning graduate study ordinarily matriculate during the fall semester, which starts first week of July. Spring semester admission (January start date) will not be considered except in very unusual circumstances.

The following are the basic admission criteria to the Program. On a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of the M.S. Admissions Committee and with approval of COGS and the Graduate Faculty Council (GFC), one or more admission requirement(s) may be waived.

Applicants are required to have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a Life Science or Biomedical Engineering from an accredited institution and a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0. Applicants should have received credit for courses taken in:

- Biology $^1$ A minimum of 2 years of general biology with labs for science majors.
- Chemistry $^1$ A minimum of 1 year general chemistry and organic chemistry
- Physics A minimum of 1 year of general physics
- Mathematics minimum of 1 semester of calculus

$^1$ courses should include laboratory experience

All applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The GRE must be taken within the last 5 years and the TOEFL within the last 2 years. A personal statement is required.

In addition to the GRE, international applicants are also required to take one of two English proficiency tests: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS: Academic module only). The minimum required scores for the TOEFL are 550 for the paper test and 68 for the internet test. The minimum score on the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is 6.5.

Three letters of recommendation are required.

The admission committee uses a holistic approach in making its decision. Consideration is given to a candidate’s research experience, grade point average, personal statement, GRE score, interviews, letters of recommendations, and to how they match up against other interested applicants.

**Cellular and Structural Biology Degree Requirements**

All students require a minimum of 36 semester credit hours (SCH) and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 to graduate with a M.S. degree. See Academic Plans of Study - Anatomical Sciences (http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/biomedicalsciences/cellularstructuralbiology/masters/Attachment_AnatomicalSciences.pdf) and Biotechnology (http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/biomedicalsciences/cellularstructuralbiology/masters/Attachment_Biotechnology.pdf) for details of required and elective coursework. In addition, all master’s candidates must register for Thesis for at least one semester in order to graduate. Students in the Anatomical Sciences track register for “Anatomical Sciences Thesis/CSBL 6060” and students in the Biotechnology track register for “Thesis” CSBL 6098. All students must successfully defend their thesis and be recommended by the program COGS for approval of their degree to the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

A student must maintain an overall cumulative grade point average (GPA) of # 3.0 (“B” average) each semester to continue in good academic standing. If a student receives a grade that is worse than a “C” in one course or final grades of “C” in more than one course in the curriculum, he/she shall be dismissed from the program unless an appeal from the student is approved by COGS. If the cumulative GPA drops below 3.0, the student shall be placed on academic probation. While on probation, a student must maintain a “B” average in all courses in which he/she is enrolled. If the GPA drops below 3.0 in any semester during the probationary period or remains below 3.0 for one calendar year, the student shall be dismissed from the program unless an appeal from the student is approved by COGS. If remediation of a course is agreed upon by a course director and COGS, the director(s) of a required course will
determine the mechanism for remediation. However, course directors are not required to remediate students. Situations that involve potential remediation will be resolved on a case by case basis. A student who is not required to remediate a required course may not engage in the remediation process with the intent of improving his/her original grade. This policy will be reviewed annually.

Anatomical Sciences Track

First Year
Fall
CSBL5032 Dental Histology 5
MEDI5070 Responsible Conduct Of Patient-Oriented Clinical Research 2
CSBL6060 Anatomical Sciences Thesis 1

Spring
CSBL5022 Inter-professional Human Gross Anatomy 5.5
CSBL5015 History Of Anatomy 2.5
CSBL6059 Stem Cells & Regenerative Medicine 1
CSBL6060 Anatomical Sciences Thesis 1

Second Year
Fall
INTD5047 Neuroanatomy 2
CSBL6071 Supervised Teaching 2
CSBL6072 Presentation Skills 0.5
CSBL6060 Anatomical Sciences Thesis 4

Elective/Advanced
Cell Biology, Developmental Biology, Mitochondria and Apoptosis or Supervised Teaching
CSBL 5022

Spring
CSBL6071 Supervised Teaching (Inter-professional Gross Anatomy) 3

Electives

Total Credit Hours: 36.0

Biotechnology Track

First Year
Fall
IBMS5000 Fundamentals Of Biomedical Sciences 8
INTD5082 Responsible Conduct of Research 1.5

Spring
CSBL6097 Research 4
CSBL5095 Experimental Design And Data Analysis 3
Electives 2

Second Year
Fall
CSBL6097 Research 8

Total Credit Hours: 36.0

Cellular and Structural Biology Objectives/Program Outcomes

Anatomical Science Track

- Students will have the ability to review, interpret and critically evaluate scientific literature related to areas of biomedical science relevant to the anatomical sciences in general and specifically to their project. Students will be trained to review and interpret original scientific literature through coursework and in their examination of the literature.

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- Students will demonstrate foundational knowledge and expertise in a select area appropriate to the project. Students will be able to define, explain, and apply key concepts and fundamental principles related to the areas of anatomical science.

- Students will have the ability to teach human anatomy in the health professions environment. Students will be able to teach human gross anatomy, histology and/or neuroanatomy at graduate level.

Biotechnology Track

- Students will have the ability to review, interpret and critically evaluate scientific literature related to areas of biomedical science relevant to cellular and molecular biology in general and specifically to their project. Students will be trained to review and interpret original scientific literature through coursework and in their research.

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- Students will demonstrate fundamental knowledge of ethics in biomedical research. Students will be able to recognize ethical dilemmas and behave in accordance with ethical standards of conduct in the design, implementation, analysis, and dissemination of scientific research.

**Clinical Investigation**

The Master of Science in Clinical Investigation (MSCI) Degree Program trains clinicians and health care professionals from diverse backgrounds and disciplines in the conduct of clinical investigations. MSCI program applicants must provide proof of either a degree in medicine, dentistry, graduate nursing, health professions, or evidence of concurrent enrollment in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Post-doctoral (Ph.D.) applicants interested in human investigations are also welcome to apply. Enrollees in the MSCI Program must complete a mentored research project over two years while participating in a highly integrated set of didactic courses leading to the MSCI degree.

Students will have the opportunity to become expert in the design and conduct of outstanding multidisciplinary patient-oriented research studies involving direct interaction with human subjects in culturally diverse settings.

**Clinical Investigation Admissions Requirements**

The MSCI Program has an open application policy and will accept applications for admission at any time.

However, GSBS deadlines (for submission of application and required documentation) for matriculation in a specific academic semester are listed below.

- Fall Semester: April 1
- Spring Semester: October 1
- Applications for applicants intending to apply for or transfer an F-1 visa will only be accepted for consideration for matriculation in the Fall semester.

All transcripts from foreign institutions (including GPA) must be translated and submitted by an approved foreign credentialing evaluation agency (http://uthscsa.edu/vpaa/foreign_cred.asp). Applicants should submit course by course transcript translations (including GPA) from the Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE) or the World Education Services, Inc. (WES).

A minimum score of 300 (1,000 for scores prior to August 2011) score for the combined verbal and quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required.

Applicants who have completed a graduate degree in a health-related discipline (M.D., D.D.S., R.N., D.V.M., M.S., or Ph.D.) will be exempted from the requirement to complete the GRE.

A minimum score of 560 on the paper version or 68 on the internet version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or 6.5 on the academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for applicants from countries where English is not the native language.

Scores on TOEFL or IELS tests taken more than two years prior to the date of matriculation will not be accepted.

Letters of recommendation (three) attesting to the applicant’s readiness for graduate level studies in clinical investigation.

- Residents or fellows in an approved Health Science Center residency or fellowship program are required to submit a letter from the departmental Chairman with a statement indicating the availability and approval of release time for the completion of MSCI educational and research activities.
- Similarly, for Health Science Center staff, an authorized supervisor must provide a statement indicating the availability of release time for MSCI educational and research activities.

A personal statement (1-2 pages) that includes a brief description of the applicant’s background, long term research and career goals, and an indication of the basis for application into the MSCI Program including how this program fits into the applicant’s career objectives.

A current curriculum vitae is required.

Applicants requiring a student visa (requires full-time enrollment) are required to obtain a Supervising Professor, Supervising Committee, and submit a Research Proposal Packet on or before the application deadline for the Fall semester they are applying for.

**Clinical Investigation Degree Requirements**

**Program Specific Policies for Student Manuscripts Required for Graduation**

Students are required to submit a manuscript to the MSCI COGS for consideration of their eligibility for candidacy for the MSCI degree.

The manuscript must have already been submitted to a peer reviewed scientific journal – it may have been submitted, in press, or published during the interval that the student was enrolled in the MSCI Program.

Manuscripts unrelated to the approved research project, such as case reports or book chapters, are not acceptable for completion of the manuscript requirement of the MSCI degree.

Students are required to be a primary author (1st author) or share the position of primary author (2nd author).

In keeping with the responsible conduct of research, all manuscripts must comply with the specific requirements of the journal (e.g., responsibilities of the corresponding author). There will be no exception to this requirement.

**Clinical Investigation Plan of Study**

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Program Specific Policies for Student Research Projects

A Supervising Professor, Supervising Committee, and written research proposal must be approved by the MSCI COGS before a student can enroll in MEDI6097 Research (Mentored Research in Clinical Investigation).

Any changes to a student’s Supervising Professor, Supervising Committee, and written research proposal must be approved by the MSCI COGS.

MSCI students with an approved research project are required to prepare a semi-annual written report of progress for consideration by their Supervising Committee prior to the fall (August 31st) and spring (February 28th) semester deadlines.

Clinical Investigation Objectives/Program Outcomes

- Fundamental knowledge of and practice of ethics in research.
- Competence in principles of research design/methods and data management/analysis.
- Communicate research effectively in written and verbal communication.
- Competence in research literature review and interpretation.
- Conduct mentored research and submit results for publication.

Immunology and Infection

The Immunology and Infection degree program allows training in a health science campus environment with direct access and constant exposure to the biomedical community. The program ensures that our graduates will experience, first hand and in ways unavailable to students at non-health campuses, how their training is relevant and applicable to the health care, biotech and educational professions.

All graduate students are trained by world-class scientists and educators in a cutting edge 21st century environment. The program offers classroom and laboratory training concerned with fundamental scientific principles that link immunology and microbial infection. The curriculum achieves two main objectives: provides in the classroom an extensive knowledge base of fundamental scientific principles and provides in the laboratory opportunities to develop skills of problem solving and clinical application.

Thus, the curriculum and two-year progression through the MSI&I degree program are designed to integrate the fields of immunology and infectious disease (i.e., microbiology) so as to provide a big-picture multidimensional view of host pathogen relationships. This will produce graduates who are also multidimensional, and prepared to contribute solutions to countless challenges that face our biotechnology research and development industries, health care infrastructure, and teaching needs. The MSI&I program is not designed simply to become just another line in a student’s resume, but to offer a rigorous and full experience that will produce thinkers and problem solvers.

Master of Science in Immunology and Infection Admissions Requirements

All of the required application information, including Official transcripts from all institutions attended, must be submitted in order for an applicant to be considered by the MS&I program Admissions Committee. In general, students should have some educational background in the biological or biochemical sciences prior to admission to the program.

Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution in the U.S. or proof of an equivalent degree/training at a foreign institution, a grade point average (GPA) no lower than B (3.0 in a 4.0 system) in the last 60 hours of coursework for a BS/BA degree, a graduate Record Examination score (GRE) for the combined verbal and quantitative portions, and two letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant’s readiness for graduate level studies.
International applicants from countries where English is not the native language must earn a satisfactory score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (usual minimum of 550 is typical). A 6.5 on International English Language Testing System (IELTS) may also apply.

Application Process
Each applicant should submit online applications through the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences application website (http://apply.embark.com/grad/UTHSCSA). After receipt of an online application, together with all of the required admission materials, the MSI&I degree program Admissions Committee will review the application by considering the minimal admission requirements listed above. The MSI&I program Admissions Committee will make a recommendation to accept or decline the application. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Dean of the GSBS for final approval. Applicants will be formally notified of the outcome by the Graduate Dean of the GSBS. Recommendation for admission to the MSI&I program will be made for the most highly qualified applicants regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, nation of origin, or disability.

Commitment to Underrepresented Minorities
The Health Science Center is designated as an Hispanic-Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education. Thus, the Health Science Center and the Department of Microbiology & Immunology have a long history of recruiting and retaining underrepresented racial/ethnic minority students into our programs.

Master of Science in Immunology and Infection Degree Requirements
Over a 2-year (4-semester) period and a minimum of 30 credit hours, students are expected to fulfill all requirements of the M.S. in Immunology & Infection Program.

Year 1: Students must enroll in all required courses and maintain a grade point average at or above 3.0 for all class work. In addition, students are expected to identify and engage a faculty member in the program who will serve as the student's Research Advisor.

Year 2: Students must perform original research in the laboratory of their Research Advisors. Guidance and evaluation of research progress will be aided by a Research Committee. This committee, together with the Research Advisor will determine if the thesis research is adequate for granting the M.S. degree. This decision is confirmed by a public presentation of the thesis research and a closed-door defense of the thesis for the benefit of the Research Committee.

Master of Science in Immunology and Infection Sample Plan of Study

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Research: Seek approval for Research Supervising Committee membership and meet with Research Supervising Committee to discuss Special Topic research from MICR 5091 course.

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Research: Meet with Research Supervising Committee, seek approval of Research Proposal, and advance to Candidacy.

*Each semester will include a minimum of 8 credit hours, approximately 32 credit hours for the entire program.

Objectives/Program Outcomes
As reported recently by Sean Gallagher in the April 4, 2014 edition of Forbes Magazine, as well as according to many in the profession of providing doctoral education in the biomedical sciences, we are on the verge of a major transformation (B. Alberts et al, “Rescuing US biomedical research from its systemic flaws”; Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. early edition). Programs are in high demand that offer alternatives for individuals who wish to pursue careers in the biomedical sciences without needing to graduate from Ph.D. programs. The Master of Science in Immunology & Infection (MSI&I) degree program offers such an option.

Graduates of the MSI&I degree program will compete effectively for:

- Entry-level, mid-level, and leadership positions in research and clinical laboratories, as well as in the teaching workforce.
- Positions that expect a broad deep knowledge base.
- Positions that require real-world problem-solving (research) skills.
- Positions that require employees who are prepared to become immediately productive.
• Positions in 2-year community colleges that more and more are requiring instructors in the biological sciences to have master’s degrees.
• Highly competitive positions in M.D., D.D.S. and Ph.D. training programs.

Integrated Biomedical Sciences (IBMS)

Overview

Continuous transformation of the scientific landscape requires great versatility, diverse skill sets, and an even broader knowledge base. To meet these demands, the leadership and faculty of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences have created the Integrated Biomedical Sciences (IBMS) Graduate Program.

The IBMS is a dynamic, truly integrated, multidisciplinary program composed of seven disciplines across basic science and clinical departments. Students matriculating into the IBMS are given the opportunity to customize their educational experience and realize their unique interests and professional aspirations.

To accomplish this mission, trainees choose coursework, an area of research, and a mentor based on their interests and professional goals. The IBMS Graduate Program partners with businesses and community organizations to empower students by providing internships and potential employment opportunities.

Admissions Requirements

Applicants are required to have a Bachelor’s degree or a Master’s degree and must have taken the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). GRE scores must be from tests taken within five years of applying for admission. While there is no official minimum requirement, successful applicants generally have a minimum combined score of 315.

Course Requirements are as follows:

Chemistry - 1 year Inorganic and Organic Chemistry and associated laboratory courses

Analytical and Physical Chemistry recommended

Physics - 1 Year

Calculus - 1 Semester Calculus or Statistics

Biology - 2 years as required for Biology Majors

Three letters of recommendation are required. The applicant must submit three essays stating reasons for interest in the program, a description of professional goals, and an outline of undergraduate, industrial, or summer research. On-campus recruitment interviews are conducted in February. Phone interviews for international applications occur in January and February.

The Health Science Center requires all applicants to undergo security and criminal background checks prior to an offer of admission.

The admission committee makes its decision based on the candidate’s research experience, grade point average, personal statement, GRE score, interviews, and letters of recommendations.

International students are required to take either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS). The minimum required score for the TOEFL is 68 for iBT. The minimum score for the academic version of the IELTS test is 6.5. Scores for either test must have been taken within two years of applying for admission.

Application Deadline: January 15 (priority), March 15 (final). Admission decisions are completed by April 15.

Start Term: Fall

Degree Requirements

A minimum of 72 credit hours and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 is required for the Ph.D. degree. All doctoral candidates must register for the dissertation course (7099) for at least two semesters in order to graduate. In addition to demonstrating intellectual command of the subject area, the student is responsible for carrying out independent and original investigation in the area. The student must successfully defend a dissertation and be recommended by their program COGS for approval to the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Objectives/Program Outcomes

1. The student will be able to conduct independent scientific research.
2. The student will be able to critically evaluate scientific literature.
3. The student will be able to demonstrate effective written communication skills.
4. The student will be able to demonstrate effective oral communication skills.
5. The student will be able to demonstrate professional and ethical behavior.
6. The student will be able to demonstrate mastery of core biomedical science principles.

Biology of Aging

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Cancer Biology

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**CSBL6070** Cancer Biology Preceptorial 0.5  
**IBMS6090** Seminar 1.5  
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**Fall**  
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**CSBL6070** Cancer Biology Preceptorial 0.5  
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**Cell Biology, Genetics & Molecular Medicine**

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# Infection, Inflammation & Immunity

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## Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry

### Sample Plan of Study

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- **IBMS5000** Fundamentals Of Biomedical Sciences: **8**
- **INTD5082** Responsible Conduct of Research: **1.5**
- **IBMS5008** Lab Rotations: **3**

**Spring**
- **INTD5040** Fundamentals Of Neuroscience 1: Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Neuroscience: **2**
- **PHYL5041** Excitable Membranes: **1**
- **CSBL5095** Experimental Design And Data Analysis: **3**
- **Elective course from a related discipline:** **3**

#### Second Year

**Fall**
- **IBMS6090** Seminar: **1.5**
- **IBMS7010** Student Journal Club & Research Presentation: **1**
- **IBMS6097** Research: **1**

**Spring**
- **INTD6045** Clinical Practicum In Neuroscience: **1**
- **IBMS6090** Seminar: **1.5**
- **IBMS7010** Student Journal Club & Research Presentation: **1**
- **IBMS6097** Research: **2**

#### Third Year

**Fall**
- **IBMS6090** Seminar: **1.5**
- **IBMS7010** Student Journal Club & Research Presentation: **1**
- **Advanced Electives:** **1**
- **IBMS6097** Research: **0.5-12**

**Spring**
- **IBMS6090** Seminar: **1.5**
- **IBMS7010** Student Journal Club & Research Presentation: **1**
- **Advanced Electives:** **1**
- **IBMS6097** Research: **0.5-12**

#### Fourth Year

**Fall**
- **IBMS6090** Seminar: **1.5**
- **IBMS7010** Student Journal Club & Research Presentation: **1**
- **Advanced Electives:** **1**
- **IBMS6097** Research: **0.5-12**

**Spring**
- **IBMS6090** Seminar: **1.5**
- **IBMS7010** Student Journal Club & Research Presentation: **1**
- **Advanced Electives:** **1**
- **IBMS6097** Research: **0.5-12**

#### Fifth Year

**Fall**
- **IBMS6090** Seminar: **1.5**
- **IBMS7010** Student Journal Club & Research Presentation: **1**
- **Advanced Electives:** **1**
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**Total Credit Hours:** **118.0-126.0**
### Physiology & Pharmacology

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### Medical Physics

The Doctorate of Medical Physics (D.M.P.) program aims to enhance and standardize clinical training for medical physicists. Whereas the medical physics doctorate program offered at the Health Science Center prepares the students for a research career in medical physics, the D.M.P. is a professional degree that prepares the students for a clinical career in either imaging or therapeutic medical physics. This four year degree program is similar in structure to other professional degrees, such as the M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., in that it combines a didactic and clinical training curriculum throughout the four years of studies. A student is admitted to either the imaging or the therapy track and must remain in that track for the duration of their studies.

This is an interdisciplinary program that is housed in the Graduate School and is administered through the Departments of Radiation Oncology and Radiology, with faculty from both departments contributing to the didactic and clinical training.

### Admissions Requirements

Graduate Record Exam (GRE) general test and a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0 are required. Three letters of recommendation are required. During the application process, essays stating the reasons for your interest in medical physics, description of professional goals and an outline of your
undergraduate, industrial or summer research, teaching experience and clinical experience are required.

A Baccalaureate degree in a natural science or engineering discipline is required. A degree in any other field must include sufficient science and mathematics courses to give the applicant the equivalent of a degree in natural science or engineering. Applicants must have undergraduate credit for the following courses: 1) Biology: One semester of general biology; 2) Chemistry: One semester of general chemistry; 3) One semester of Human Anatomy OR Physiology; 4) Physics: Include at a minimum Modern Physics, Modern Physics Lab, Electricity & Magnetism, Classical Mechanics, and Quantum Mechanics; 5) Mathematics: Through calculus and ordinary differential equations; 6) Computer Science: Introduction to Computer Science (one semester). Admission process includes review of academic history as well as experience and goals of the applicant. Telephone and on-campus interviews are conducted for qualified applicants that are selected by the Admissions Committee.

Degree Requirements

A minimum of 100 credit hours (48 of which are clinical rotations) and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 are required for the D.M.P. degree. The student is required to demonstrate intellectual command of the subject area and proficiency in all aspects of their chosen clinical specialization. A Core Knowledge Exam is offered at the end of the first year of studies that has to be passed for the student to remain in the program.

D.M.P. - Therapy Track

First Year
Fall
RAD15015  Physics Of Diagnostic Imaging 1  3
RAD16030  Physics Of Radiotherapy  3
RAD15005  Fundamentals Of Radiation Dosimetry  3
RAD16023  Introduction To Clinical Medical Physics Practice  2
RAD16049  Intro To Magnetic Resonance  2

Spring
RAD16033  Advanced Radiotherapy Physics  3
RAD15020  Principles of Health Physics  3
RAD16012  Phys Nuclear Medi Imaging  3
RAD16023  Introduction To Clinical Medical Physics Practice  1
RAD16016  Physics of Diagnostic Imaging 2  3

Second Year
Fall
RAD15025  Molecular Oncology & Radiobiology  3
RAD16031  Physics Measurements In Radiotherapy I  3
RAD17005  Treatment Planning Techniques In Radiation Therapy  3
RAD16023  Introduction To Clinical Medical Physics Practice  3

Spring
RAD17006  Treatment Planning Techniques in Radiotherapy 2 (Treatment Planning in Radiotherapy II)  3
RAD16035  Physics Measurements In Radiotherapy 2  3
RAD16024  Radiological Anatomy & Physiology  3

RAD16023  Introduction To Clinical Medical Physics Practice  1
RAD15007  Statistics in the Radiological Sciences  2

Third Year
Fall
RAD16025  Therapy Clinical Rotation 1 (Clinical Rotation 1)  12

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RAD16097  Research (Capstone Project)  1
RAD16034  Therapy Clinical Rotation 4 (Clinical Rotation 4)  12

Total Credit Hours: 100.0

D.M.P. - Imaging Track

First Year
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RAD15015  Physics Of Diagnostic Imaging 1  3
RAD16030  Physics Of Radiotherapy  3
RAD15005  Fundamentals Of Radiation Dosimetry  3
RAD16023  Introduction To Clinical Medical Physics Practice  2
RAD16049  Intro To Magnetic Resonance  2

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RAD16033  Advanced Radiotherapy Physics  3
RAD15020  Principles of Health Physics  3
RAD16012  Phys Nuclear Medi Imaging  3
RAD16023  Introduction To Clinical Medical Physics Practice  1
RAD16016  Physics of Diagnostic Imaging 2  3

Second Year
Fall
RAD15025  Molecular Oncology & Radiobiology  3
RAD16038  Methods in Dosimetry & Shielding Design (Methods in Dosimetry & Shielding Design)  3
RAD16051  Statistical Parametric Mapping  3
RAD16023  Introduction To Clinical Medical Physics Practice  3

Spring
RAD16019  Pulse Sequence Programming For MRI  3
RAD16050  Magnetic Resonance Imaging  2
RAD16024  Radiological Anatomy & Physiology  3
RAD16023  Introduction To Clinical Medical Physics Practice  3
RAD15007  Statistics in the Radiological Sciences  2

Third Year
Fall
RAD16025  Therapy Clinical Rotation 1 (Clinical Rotation 1)  12

Spring
Both master’s and doctoral degrees are offered under Microbiology. Regulation, Vaccinology, Tumor Immunology, Autoimmunity and Allergy, Genetics, Physiology and Pathogenesis, Infectious Diseases, Immune many different areas of basic and clinical life sciences, including Microbial the broad knowledge and skills necessary for future research careers in cellular and systemic levels. Students will have the opportunity to gain allergens, tumor, and self-antigens are also investigated at the molecular, to mechanisms of host interactions with microorganisms, responses to pathogenesis of viral, bacterial, fungal, and parasitic infections. In addition and functional assays to study the regulation, host interactions and and bioinformatics, as well as other genetic, biochemical, cellular and functional assays to study the regulation, host interactions and pathogenesis of viral, bacterial, fungal, and parasitic infections. In addition to mechanisms of host interactions with microorganisms, responses to allergens, tumor, and self-antigens are also investigated at the molecular, cellular and systemic levels. Students will have the opportunity to gain the broad knowledge and skills necessary for future research careers in many different areas of basic and clinical life sciences, including Microbial Genetics, Physiology and Pathogenesis, Infectious Diseases, Immune Regulation, Vaccinology, Tumor Immunology, Autoimmunity and Allergy. Both master’s and doctoral degrees are offered under Microbiology.

**Microbiology and Immunology**

The graduate program in Microbiology focuses on microbial infection, host responses to infection, and other aspects of the immune system in health and disease. The track faculty members apply state-of-the-art experimental approaches, including genomics, proteomics and bioinformatics, as well as other genetic, biochemical, cellular and functional assays to study the regulation, host interactions and pathogenesis of viral, bacterial, fungal, and parasitic infections. In addition to mechanisms of host interactions with microorganisms, responses to allergens, tumor, and self-antigens are also investigated at the molecular, cellular and systemic levels. Students will have the opportunity to gain the broad knowledge and skills necessary for future research careers in many different areas of basic and clinical life sciences, including Microbial Genetics, Physiology and Pathogenesis, Infectious Diseases, Immune Regulation, Vaccinology, Tumor Immunology, Autoimmunity and Allergy. Both master’s and doctoral degrees are offered under Microbiology.

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**

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**Microbiology and Immunology Admissions Requirements**

Applicants are required to have a minimum of a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution and a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0. Applicants should have received credit for courses taken in:

- Biology 1 2 yrs. as required for science majors
- Chemistry 1 1 yr. general chemistry and organic chemistry
- Physics 1 yr.
- Mathematics minimum of 1 semester of calculus

All applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The GRE must be taken within the last 5 years and the TOEFL within the last 2 years. There is no minimum score required for the GRE.

In addition to the GRE, international applicants are also required to take one of two English proficiency tests: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS: Academic module only). The minimum required scores for the TOEFL are 560 for the paper test and 68 for the internet test. The minimum score on the academic IELTS is 6.5.

Three letters of recommendation are required. The applicant must submit 3 essays stating the reasons for your interest in the program, a description of your professional goals and an outline of your undergraduate, industrial or summer research. On campus recruitment interviews are conducted during February and March. Phone interviews for international application occur in January and February.

The admission committee makes its decision based on the candidate’s research experience, grade point average, personal statement, GRE score, interviews, letters of recommendations and how the candidate matches up against other interested applicants.

**Microbiology and Immunology Degree Requirements**

A minimum of 72 credit hours and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 is required for the Ph.D. degree. In addition, all doctoral candidates must register for the MICR7099 Dissertation for at least two semesters in order to graduate; only one of the terms may be a summer session. The student is required to demonstrate intellectual command of the subject area of the graduate program and capability to carry out independent and original investigation in the area. The student must successfully defend a dissertation and be recommended by their program COGS for approval of their degree to the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

**M&I - Plan of Study (Course Curriculum Timeline)**

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Microbiology and Immunology Objectives/Program Outcomes

1. Students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in core (general) principles of the biomedical sciences and in principles specific to the discipline of microbiology/immunology.

2. The student will be able to conduct biomedical research.

3. Students will be able to demonstrate competence in written and verbal communication.

4. Students will be able to critically read and evaluate the biomedical literature.

5. Students will have a fundamental knowledge of ethics in research.

6. Students will complete dissertation research, and write and successfully defend their dissertation.

Master of Science (M.S.)

The master’s degree is offered only under special circumstances upon recommendation by the program COGS and approval by the Graduate Dean.

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  * Physics 1 yr.
  * Mathematics minimum of 1 semester of calculus
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Microbiology and Immunology Degree Requirements

A minimum of 30 credit hours and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 is required for the M.S. degree. In addition, all master’s candidates must register for MIRC6098 Thesis for at least one semester in order to graduate. The student must successfully defend a thesis and be recommended by their program COGS for approval of their degree to the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

The following M.S. Plan of Study is basically the same as for the Ph.D. program. The main differences are the length of the program, and the Thesis requirement rather than Dissertation. Another difference, not shown, is that there is no Qualifying Examination requirement for the M.S. degree.

Microbiology and Immunology Plan of Study

M&I Track - Plan of Study (Course Curriculum Timeline)

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| MIRC5029              | Building Scientific Thinking Skills 2 |
| INTD6002              | Ethics In Research 0.5 |
| IBMS5008              | Lab Rotations (Lab Rotations) 1-3 |
| MIRC5091              | Current Topics In Microbiology And Immunology 1-3 |
| Journal Club (any track) |             |

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| Advanced Elective if available - see department | |

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The research interests of the faculty cover many areas of molecular and cell biology, including the molecular genetic basis of cancer and tumorigenesis, mechanisms of cancer metastasis, animal models of disease, transcriptional regulation, developmental, bone cell biology in health and disease, mouse genetics, molecular biological basis of aging, DNA repair, genetic recombination, eukaryotic cell-cycle regulation, protein structure, protein degradation, and signal transduction.

The laboratories of the molecular medicine program faculty members are located in The University of Texas Institute of Biotechnology and the Institute for Drug and Development in the Health Science Center. State-of-the-art facilities for cellular and molecular biological research and biochemistry are also available, as well as specialized instrumentation required for electron, fluorescence, confocal, and atomic force microscopy, the generation of transgenic and chimeric mice; biomolecular interaction studies; biopolymer synthesis; peptide and nucleic acid sequencing; and protein purification.

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**

The program in Molecular Medicine offers a research oriented, interdisciplinary course of study leading to the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. The faculty is composed of both basic and clinical scientists drawn from the Departments of Biochemistry, Cellular and Structural Biology, Medicine, Molecular Medicine, Surgery, Pathology, and Physiology. The objective of the program is to train future scholars in the use of molecular biological approaches for the investigation of fundamental biomedical questions associated with the diagnosis and treatment of human diseases. Through completion of the program, students will have the opportunity to prepare for careers as independent investigators and teachers in cellular and molecular medicine.

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Applicants are required to have a minimum of a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution and a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0. Applicants should have received credit for courses taken in:

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- **Mathematics** minimum of 1 semester of calculus

Courses should include laboratory experience

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of your professional goals and an outline of your undergraduate, industrial or summer research. On campus recruitment interviews are conducted during February and March. Phone interviews for international application occur in January and February.

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**Molecular Medicine Degree Requirements**

A minimum of 72 credit hours and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 is required for the Ph.D. degree. In addition, all doctoral candidates must register for the MMED7099 Dissertation for at least two semesters in order to graduate; only one of the terms may be a summer session. The student is required to demonstrate intellectual command of the subject area of the graduate program and capability to carry out independent and original investigation in the area. The student must successfully defend a dissertation and be recommended by their program COGS for approval of their degree to the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

**Molecular Medicine Objectives/Program Outcomes**

1. Proficiency in fundamental biological principles
2. Critically review and interpret research literature
3. Communicate effectively in writing
4. Communicate effectively in verbal presentation
5. Conduct independent research in an ethical manner

**Master of Science (M.S.)**

The master’s degree is offered only under special circumstances and upon recommendation by the program COGS and approval by the Graduate Dean.

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### Fourth Year

**Fall**
- MMED6091 Seminars On Molecular Medicine 1
- MMED6098 Thesis 1-9

**Spring**
- MMED6091 Seminars On Molecular Medicine 1
- MMED6098 Thesis 1-9

**Summer**
- MMED6097 Research 1-9

### Fifth Year

**Fall**
- MMED6091 Seminars On Molecular Medicine 1
- MMED6098 Thesis 1-9

**Spring**
- MMED6091 Seminars On Molecular Medicine 1
- MMED7099 Dissertation 1-9

**Total Credit Hours:** 94.0-116.0
required for electron, fluorescence, confocal, and atomic force microscopy, the generation of transgenic and chimeric mice; biomolecular interaction studies; biopolymer synthesis; peptide and nucleic acid sequencing; and protein purification.

**Molecular Medicine Degree Requirements**

A minimum of 30 credit hours and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 is required for the M.S. degree. In addition, all master's candidates must register for MMED6098 Thesis for at least one semester in order to graduate. The student must successfully defend a thesis and be recommended by their program COGS for approval of their degree to the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

**Molecular Medicine Plan of Study**

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**Pharmacology**

The discipline of pharmacology explores the mechanisms by which drugs cause biological effects. In the broadest sense, pharmacology is the study of how chemical agents, both natural and synthetic (i.e., drugs) affect biological systems. Research of the member of the Pharmacology track (currently 40 investigators) focuses in the areas of Neuropharmacology, Aging and Neurodegeneration, Autonomic and Endocrine Homeostasis, Pain Disorders, and Cancer Biology. All these areas are explored with an orientation towards drug development. A wide array of state-of-the-art methodologies including molecular, electrophysiological, neurochemical, genetics, imaging and behavioral techniques are employed. Pharmacology is often described as a bridge science because it incorporates knowledge and skills from a number of basic science disciplines, including physiology, biochemistry and cell and molecular biology. The interdisciplinary nature of the field offers pharmacologists a variety of research opportunities not found in other fields of scientific inquiry. It is this flexibility as well as the potential for the practical application of research ("translational research") that attracts people into becoming pharmacologists.

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Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

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Sample 5-year plan of study for Ph.D. (Neuroscience Track) ¹

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Sample 5-year plan of study for Ph.D. (Pharmacology Track) ¹

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Total Credit Hours: 112.0-129.0

1. The student's last two semesters they should register for PHAR7099 Dissertation in place of PHAR6097 Research
2. A total of 4 credit hours of Electives/Micro-electives are required. These credits should be obtained by the end of the second year. Please see department.

**Pharmacology Objectives/Program Outcomes**

- The student will demonstrate proficiency in core coursework.
- The student will be able to conduct independent research.
- The student will be able to critically evaluate current scientific literature.
- The student will be able to communicate effectively in writing.
- The student will be able to communicate effectively in an oral format.

**Master of Science (M.S.)**

The master's degree is offered only under special circumstances and upon recommendation by the program COGS and approval by the Graduate Dean.

The discipline of pharmacology explores the mechanisms by which drugs cause biological effects. In the broadest sense, pharmacology is the study of how chemical agents, both natural and synthetic (i.e., drugs) affect biological systems. Research of the member of the Pharmacology track (currently 40 investigators) focuses in the areas of Neuropharmacology, Aging and Neurodegeneration, Autonomic and Endocrine Homeostasis, Pain Disorders, and Cancer Biology. All these areas are explored with an orientation towards drug development. A wide array of state-of-the-art methodologies including molecular, electrophysiological, neurochemical, genetics, imaging and behavioral techniques are employed. Pharmacology is often described as a bridge science because it incorporates knowledge and skills from a number of basic science disciplines, including physiology, biochemistry and cell and molecular biology. The interdisciplinary nature of the field offers pharmacologists a variety of research opportunities not found in other fields of scientific inquiry. It is this flexibility as well as the potential for the practical application of research ("translational research") that attracts people into becoming pharmacologists.

**Pharmacology Degree Requirements**

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**Pharmacology Sample Plans of Study**

**M.S. in Neuroscience**

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### Physiologic Objectives/Program Outcomes

- The student will be able to conduct independent research.
- The student will demonstrate proficiency in core coursework.
- The student will be able to critically evaluate current scientific literature.
- The student will be able to communicate effectively in writing.
- The student will be able to communicate effectively in an oral format.

### Physiology

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Graduate studies leading to a Doctor of Philosophy degree in the basic biomedical sciences are offered.

### Physiology Admissions Requirements

Applicants are required to have a minimum of a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution and a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0. Applicants should have received credit for courses taken in:

- Biology: 2 yrs. as required for science majors
- Chemistry: 1 yr. general chemistry and organic chemistry
- Physics: 1 yr.
- Mathematics: minimum of 1 semester of calculus

Courses should include laboratory experience.

All applicants must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The GRE must be taken within the last 5 years and the TOEFL within the last 2 years. There is no minimum score required for the GRE.

In addition to the GRE, international applicants are also required to take one of two English proficiency tests: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS: Academic module only). The minimum required scores for the TOEFL are 560 for the paper test and 68 for the internet test. The minimum score on the academic IELTS is 6.5.

Three letters of recommendation are required. The applicant must submit 3 essays stating the reasons for your interest in the program, a description of your professional goals and an outline of your undergraduate, industrial or summer research. On campus recruitment interviews are conducted during February and March. Phone interviews for international application occur in January and February.

The admission committee makes its decision based on the candidate’s research experience, grade point average, personal statement, GRE score, interviews, letters of recommendation, and how the candidate matches up against other interested applicants.

### Physiology Degree Requirements

A minimum of 72 credit hours and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 is required for the Ph.D. degree. In addition, all doctoral candidates must register for PHYL7099 Dissertation for at least two semesters in order to graduate. The student is required to demonstrate intellectual command of the subject area of the graduate program and capability to carry out independent and original investigation in the area. The student must successfully defend a dissertation and be recommended by their program COGS for approval of their degree to the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.
## Physiology Track

### First Year

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- IBMS5000  Fundamentals Of Biomedical Sciences  8
- IBMS5008  Lab Rotations  2

**Spring**
- IBMS5008  Lab Rotations  2
- PHYL5041  Excitable Membranes  1
- PHYL5042  Cardiovascular Physiology  1
- PHYL5043  Respiratory & Renal Physiology  1
- PHYL5044  Metabolism/Hormones/GI System  1

**Summer**
- PHYL6097  Research  1-9

### Second Year

**Fall**
- PATH5021  or CSBL 5095  Biostatistics  3
- PHYL6091  Selected Topics Of Physiology (see table below)  2
- PHYL6090  Seminar  1
- PHYL6097  Research  1-9

**Spring**
- INTD6002  Ethics In Research  0.5
- PHYL6091  Selected Topics Of Physiology (see table below)  2
- PHYL6090  Seminar  1
- PHYL6097  Research  1-9

Qualifying Exam (QE) proposal due prior to May 1st.

**Summer**
- PHYL6097  Research  1-9

### Third Year

**Fall**
- PHYL6090  Seminar  1
- PHYL7099  Dissertation  1-12

**Spring**
- PHYL6090  Seminar  1
- PHYL7099  Dissertation  1-9

**Summer**
- PHYL6097  Research  1-9

### Fourth Year

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### Fifth Year

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**Other courses -- Selected Topics in Physiology or coursework as desired by mentor.**

All students are required to submit a dissertation research proposal the Spring semester following passing the Qualifying Exam. Dissertation research proposal is to be presented during the PHYL6090 Seminar Spring Student Seminar course.

Students are required to attend Monday Physiology Department Seminars/Special Seminars followed by student roundtable luncheon.

Note: MD/PhD students must meet the same requirements as all other students in the Physiology Track, with the exception of Fall I courses.

### PHYL 6091 Selected Topics in Physiology

At least two courses selected from among the offerings in:

- PHYL6091-01: Cardiovascular
- PHYL6091-03: Cell Biology in Neural Science
- PHYL6091-04: Endocrine and Metabolism
- PHYL6091-05: Molecular Physiology
- PHYL6091-07: Ion Channels in Disease

Courses that may be substituted for one of these selections:

- INTD5040: Fundamentals Of Neuroscience 1: Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Neuroscience
- INTD5043: Fundamentals Of Neuroscience 2: Systems Neuroscience
- INTD5081: Topics In Cardiovascular Research
- INTD7002: Neurobiology Of Learning And Memory
- CSBL6058: Neurobiology Of Aging
- CSBL5023: Development
- CSBL5024: Genomics
- CSBL5026: Stem Cell Biology

Not all selected topics are offered each semester, please discuss with Track Leader/Academic Coordinator for more details. Substituted courses will require approval from Track Leader/COGS.

### Physiology Objectives/Program Outcomes

1. The student will be able to critically review and interpret research literature.
2. The student will be able to demonstrate proficient understanding of core physiological principles.
3. The student will be able to communicate effectively in verbal presentations.
4. The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to conduct independent research.
5. The student will be able to effectively communicate in writing.

**Master of Science (M.S.)**

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Graduate studies leading to a Doctor of Philosophy degree in the basic biomedical sciences are offered in the Integrated Multidisciplinary Graduate Program (IMGP). In this program, all incoming students have a common entry point. Within the first year, students select one of nine research tracks based on their specific interests. The Department of Physiology administers the Physiology track.

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1. Students may take the full course but are only required to take three out of the four modules (PHYL5041 Excitable Membranes, PHYL5042 Cardiovascular Physiology, PHYL5043 Respiratory & Renal Physiology, and PHYL5044 Metabolism/Hormones/GI System).

Other courses – Selected Topics in Physiology or coursework as desired by mentor.

All students are required to submit a thesis research proposal the Spring semester following passing the Qualifying Exam. The thesis research proposal is presented during the spring PHYL6090 Seminar.

Students are required to attend Monday Physiology Department Seminars/ Special Seminars followed by student roundtable luncheon.

**Physiology Objectives/Program Outcomes**

1. The student will be able to critically review and interpret research literature.
2. The student will be able to demonstrate proficient understanding of core physiological principles.
3. The student will be able to communicate effectively in verbal presentations.
4. The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to conduct independent research.
5. The student will be able to effectively communicate in writing.

Radiological Sciences

The graduate program in Radiological Sciences trains students in: (1) the sciences and technologies that are used to produce radiant energy forms, (2) the scientific knowledge gained by using radiant energy forms to understand and modify biological processes, and (3) the application of radiant energy forms for the diagnosis and treatment of human diseases. The degrees offered are: Ph.D. degree specializing in Radiological Sciences, and Master of Science degree specializing in Medical Health Physics.

The curriculum provides an opportunity for students to acquire a core of fundamental knowledge through a synergistic program of formal courses, seminars, teaching opportunities, and hands-on research experience. Each student is encouraged to design with the assistance of a research advisor, an individual course of study consistent with his/her career goals.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

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Radiological Sciences Admissions Requirements

Graduate Record Exam (GRE) general test and a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0 are required. Three letters of recommendation are required. During the application process, essays stating the reasons for your interest in Radiological Sciences, description of professional goals and an outline of your undergraduate, industrial or summer research, teaching experience and clinical experience are required.

For all Radiological Sciences tracks a Baccalaureate degree in a natural science or engineering discipline is required. A degree in any other field must have provided sufficient science and mathematics courses to give the applicant the equivalent of a degree in natural science or engineering. Applicants must have undergraduate credit for the following courses: 1) Biology: Two semesters of general biology; 2) Chemistry: Two semesters of general chemistry; 3) Physics: at least two semesters of general physics; 4) Mathematics: Through calculus and ordinary differential equations; 5) Computer Science: Introduction to Computer Science (one semester).

Students accepted into the CAMPEP-accredited, Health Science Center Ph.D. Medical Physics track shall have acquired a strong foundation in basic Physics. This should be documented by either an undergraduate degree in physics or a degree in a related engineering or physical science with coursework that is equivalent to a minor in Physics (includes at least three upper level undergraduate physics courses).

Students accepted into the Human Imaging track typically are already in an M.D./Ph.D. program or already have an M.D. and are pursuing their Ph.D. while simultaneously completing a medical residency program.

The admission process includes review of academic history as well as experience and goals of applicant. Telephone and on-campus interviews are conducted for qualified applicants selected by the Admissions Committee.

Radiological Sciences Degree Requirements

A minimum of 72 credit hours and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 is required for the Ph.D. degree. In addition, all doctoral candidates must register for RADI7099 Dissertation for at least two semesters in order to graduate. The student is required to demonstrate intellectual command of the subject area of the graduate program and capability to carry out independent and original investigation in the area. The student must successfully defend a dissertation and be recommended by their program COGS for approval of their degree to the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

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Human Imaging Elective

RADI6097 Research

**Third Year**

**Fall**
- RADI5025 Molecular Oncology & Radiobiology
- RADI5090 Sem Radiological Science
- RADI6097 Research

**Spring**
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**Fourth Year**

**Fall**
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**Radiological Sciences - Radiation Biology Track**

**First Year**

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- RADI5005 Fundamentals Of Radiation Dosimetry
- RADI5015 Physics Of Diagnostic Imaging 1
- RADI5001 Basic Radiation Safety
- RADI6030 Physics Of Radiotherapy
- RADI6049 Intro To Magnetic Resonance

**Spring**
- RADI6024 Radiological Anatomy & Physiology
- RADI5020 Principles of Health Physics 1
- RADI5007 Statistics in the Radiological Sciences
- RADI5090 Sem Radiological Science
- RADI6012 Phys Nuclear Medi Imaging

**Second Year**

**Fall**
- RADI5025 Molecular Oncology & Radiobiology
- Medical Physics Elective
- INTD5082 Responsible Conduct of Research
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**Total Credit Hours:** 96.0
Radiological Sciences - Neuroscience Imaging

First Year

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- PHYT7009 Neuroscience 1
- RAD6017 Neuroimaging Methods
- RAD5001 Basic Radiation Safety
- RAD5015 Physics Of Diagnostic Imaging 1
- RAD6049 Intro To Magnetic Resonance

Spring
- RAD6012 Phys Nuclear Medi Imaging
- PHYT7019 Neuroscience 2
- RAD6024 Radiological Anatomy & Physiology
- RAD5007 Statistics in the Radiological Sciences
- RAD5090 Sem Radiological Science

Second Year

Fall
- RAD6051 Statistical Parametric Mapping
- RAD5090 Sem Radiological Science
- MED5070 Responsible Conduct Of Patient-Oriented Clinical Research
- RAD6071 Supervised Teaching
- RAD6097 Research

Spring
- Neuroscience Imaging Elective
- RAD6097 Research (Neuroscience Imaging Elective)
- RAD5090 Sem Radiological Science

Third Year

Fall
- RAD5090 Sem Radiological Science
- RAD6097 Research

Spring
- Neuroscience Imaging Elective
- RAD6097 Research

Fourth Year

Fall

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Master of Science (M.S.)

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Radiological Sciences Admissions Requirements

Graduate Record Exam (GRE) general test and a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0 are required. Three letters of recommendation are required.

During the application process, essays stating the reasons for your interest in Radiological Sciences-Medical Health Physics, description of professional goals and an outline of your undergraduate, industrial or summer research, teaching experience and clinical experience are required.

Students accepted into the CAMPEP-accredited (www.campep.org), M.S. Medical Health Physics degree program shall have acquired a strong foundation in basic Physics. This should be documented by either an undergraduate degree in physics or a degree in a related engineering or physical science with coursework that is equivalent to a minor in Physics (includes at least three upper level undergraduate physics courses). Applicants also must have undergraduate credit for the following courses: 1) Biology: Two semesters of general biology; 2) Chemistry: Two semesters of general chemistry; 3) Mathematics: Through calculus and ordinary differential equations; 4) Computer Science: Introduction to Computer Science (one semester). The admission process includes review of academic history as well as experience and goals.
Radiological Sciences Degree Requirements

A minimum of 30 credit hours and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 is required for the M.S. degree. In addition, all master's candidates must register for RADI6098 Thesis for at least one semester in order to graduate. The student must successfully defend a thesis and be recommended by their program COGS for approval of their degree to the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Radiological Sciences Sample Plan of Study

Medical Health Physics Plan of Study

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Translational Science

In line with a field of science that emphasizes multi-disciplinary, collaborative research, the doctoral program in Translational Science is offered as a multi-institutional joint degree program. The four UT System universities partnering in this effort are:

Joint Degree Institutions:
- The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA)
- The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA)
- The University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin)

Collaborating Institution:
- The University of Texas School of Public Health (UTSPH) Regional Campus in San Antonio

This collaboration of four universities to offer a single joint doctoral degree is unique in the UT System. The program is designed to use the existing resources and expertise in specific key areas of each university to offer a strong, diverse, and competitive Translational Science Ph.D. The TS Ph.D. will prepare the next generation of scientists to lead the multi-disciplinary biomedical research teams of the future in increasingly complex research environments. These scientists will advance knowledge in areas across the translational research spectrum ranging from basic discovery, through human investigation, to population based and policy research. While working in depth in their dissertation content areas, TS Ph.D. candidates will all work toward the goal of translating scientific discoveries (whether at the bench or in the community) into strategies that will improve healthcare delivery, patient outcomes, and community health.

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Translational Science Admission Requirements

Application Due Date

The TS Ph.D. program accepts applications once a year for fall enrollment only. Applications are due November 1 for program entry in the subsequent fall semester.

Advanced Degree

The TS Ph.D. is a post-Master’s program. Applicants must demonstrate at least one of the following: a) completion of an advanced Professional Degree (e.g., M.D., DO, D.D.S., MSN, Pharm.D.); b) completion of a Master’s or Doctoral Degree in a health-related, science, public health or social science discipline; c) enrollment in a clinical professional doctoral degree program with intent to graduate prior to the semester for which application is being made; or d) enrollment as a M.D./Ph.D. student with successful completion of the two-year preclinical curriculum. Enrollment/Graduation must be from an accredited college or university in the United States or proof of equivalent training at a foreign institution.

University Faculty and Staff as Students

Residents or fellows in an approved residency or fellowship program may apply to the TS Ph.D. program as full-time or part-time students, as determined by the residency program. Any faculty member (tenured or non-tenured) may pursue an advanced degree in an institution of The University of Texas System other than the university that employs the faculty member. Non-tenured university faculty and staff may pursue an advanced degree at their university of employment with the written recommendation of his/her department chair and approval of the appropriate Dean and the President. Approved faculty and staff may enroll in coursework only as part-time students and are encouraged to work with their College Dean, Department Chair, and/or Supervisor to determine availability and approval of release time for the completion of the educational and research activities required by the TS Ph.D. program. The amount of course work that can be taken by faculty or staff in a given semester is subject to the ‘quantity of work’ rules outlined in each university’s Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP). In all cases, minimum Graduate School requirements must be met. Any approved release time should be in accordance with university policy.

Documentation of Academic Record

For the purpose of evaluating the application, copies of all transcripts are acceptable for inclusion with the application. If selected for admission, official transcripts will be required from all colleges and universities attended. Transcripts must be sent from the college/university in a sealed envelope directly to the Registrar’s Office at the Home institution.

Transcripts from foreign colleges/universities must be officially translated into English, if needed, and must also be evaluated, including GPA and equivalent degree, by Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE) or World Education Services, Inc. (WES), which are members of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES - http://www.naces.org/). The evaluated transcript should be sent from the credentialing agency in a sealed envelope directly to the Registrar’s Office at the Home institution. The applicant should include a copy of the translated and/or evaluated transcripts as part of the application.

Demonstration of Ability to Participate in an Advanced Academic Program

Official documentation of a satisfactory score for the combined verbal and quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), or an equivalent, is required. The GRE score will be considered along with the other admission criteria. Scores on GRE tests taken more than five years prior to the date of application are not acceptable. Applicants may request a waiver for the GRE requirement if they provide evidence that they have earned a doctoral degree (i.e., M.D., DO, J.D., D.V.M., Pharm.D., D.D.S., Ph.D., etc.) from an accredited U.S. institution or the equivalent from a foreign institution, as evaluated by either Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE) or World Education Services, Inc. (WES), are currently certified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), have passed all three steps of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), or were previously enrolled in the Graduate School of one of the joint degree institutions. Consideration for a waiver of the GRE outside of these guidelines will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Demonstration of Proficiency in English – Foreign Nationals Only

Official documentation of a satisfactory score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required for applicants from a country where English is not the native language. A minimum TOEFL score of 600 (paper test), 225 (computer test), or 86 (Internet-based Test), or a score of 7.0 on the Academic Examination of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), is required. Scores on TOEFL tests taken more than two years prior to the date of matriculation are not acceptable. TOEFL may be waived for applicants whose post-secondary education was conducted in a country where English is the native language. ECFMG certified physicians will also be granted a TOEFL waiver. Consideration for a waiver outside of these guidelines will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Personal Statement

Applicants must submit a personal statement (1-3 pages) that describes the applicant’s past training and experience, future career goals and objectives, scientific research interest, and how the TS Ph.D. program will prepare them to achieve the stated research interest and career goals. The Personal Statement should include but is not limited to:

- A statement of the applicant’s background and purpose for applying to the TS Ph.D. program
- Applicant’s interest in and commitment to a translational science career
- Applicant’s potential to develop into a successful scientist, as evidenced by research training/experience, prior publications, etc.
- Research interest and its applicability to the TS Ph.D. program
- Identification of a potential Supervising Professor, if applicable
• Career goals and how the TS Ph.D. program will contribute to their attainment

The personal statement should be submitted/uploaded with the online application.

Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must provide three (3) letters of recommendation from faculty or other individuals who are familiar with and can provide information about the applicant’s academic, research, and/or professional abilities and performance. In addition, letters of recommendation should provide an assessment of the applicant’s potential to succeed in a doctoral program and develop into an independent research investigator. These letters should be on letterhead and submitted/uploaded with the recommendation form in the online application.

Curriculum Vitae

A current CV should be submitted with the online application.

Copy of U.S. Health Professional License/Certificate

If applicable, a copy should be submitted with the online application.

Translational Science Degree Requirements

A minimum of 72 hours of graduate coursework is required for the translational science doctoral degree candidate. An overall grade point average of 3.0 must be maintained for program continuation and completion. The student must also maintain a grade point average of 3.0 at each university where the student is enrolled for program continuation. The TS Ph.D. program and track structure is summarized in the following figure:

The plans of study and specific courses to be taken by students will vary, depending on the choice of the TS1 or TS2 translational science track, individual student interest, student background/discipline, and program goals.

All translational science doctoral students will be required to take a minimum of:

1. **24 hours of Core Curriculum**: Core courses will provide essential knowledge, skills, and training in the competencies necessary to conduct translational science research. Where courses are offered with similar content within multiple UT components, students may choose the one course that meets their individualized research needs and/or is more convenient for them.

2. **Electives**: A Directed Elective, Topics in Translational Science, is required for at least two of the total elective hours.
   a. **12 hours of Prescribed Track Electives**: Prescribed track electives will provide additional depth and breadth specific to each student’s track. If more than one course meets the requirements, as with the core courses, students will select the course that most effectively meets their educational needs.
   b. **6 hours of free electives**: Additional elective courses are offered to meet the unique educational needs of individual students to successfully conduct their dissertation research and progress in their career development.

3. **30 hours of research/dissertation**: Enrollment in research may begin as early as the first semester. Enrollment in dissertation will begin after the student has selected a Supervising Professor, developed a research proposal, established a Dissertation Committee, and is admitted to candidacy.

Translational Science Plan of Study

**Academic Year**

The TS Ph.D. program is a joint degree program, and the semester structures of the academic institutions are different from that of the health science center. The Health Science Center Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences operates under a “super semester” system, with two six-month semesters (July-December is the fall semester and January-June is the spring semester). There is no summer semester at the Health Science Center; however, students may/will enroll in summer courses at one of the other three participating academic institutions. As a result, the summer semester is included in the academic year for the TS Ph.D. program and in the example Plan of Study below. Full-time students are required to complete a minimum of 24 semester credit hours each academic year; part-time students are required to complete a minimum of 12 semester credit hours per academic year.

Curriculum Sequence

Students may attend the TS Ph.D. program as full- or part-time students. There is no prescribed sequence of courses for the TS Ph.D. program, and courses may be taken at any of the four universities participating in the joint TS Ph.D. program. Some courses are offered only one time per year and some courses require prerequisites, so full-time students and their academic/graduate advisors or supervising professors must develop the individualized education plan accordingly to maintain a three-year schedule to graduation. Although a full-time student could complete the TS Ph.D. program in 3 years, we anticipate that many students will require more time (4-5 years) given the real world challenges of conducting translational research. Because the program design provides for numerous course choices based on research and career goals, only the educational domains are identified in this full-time student example.

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Research Design- Biostatistics 2 (Core)
Leadership & Team Science (Core)
Track Elective

Summer
Track and/or Free Electives

Second Year
Fall
Business of Translational Science (Core)
Evidence-Based Policy & Implementation (Core)
Track and/or Free Electives

Spring
Cultural Proficiency (Core)
Track and/or Free Electives
Research
Summer
Track and/or Free Electives

Third Year
Fall
Research/ Dissertation

Spring
Research/ Dissertation

Summer
Research/ Dissertation

Total Credit Hours: 72.0

Translational Science Objectives/Program Outcomes

The goal of the Translational Science Ph.D. Program is to provide an in-depth, rigorous, and individualized multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional research education and training program in translational science that will prepare research scientists to integrate information from multiple domains and conduct independent and team-oriented research to improve human and global health. Eight educational domains form the foundation for the TS Ph.D. educational objectives:

- **A Clear Understanding of Translational Science:** Students will articulate what constitutes T1 and T2 translational science and the inter-relationships between the two broad tracks.

- **Responsible Research Conduct:** Students will be knowledgeable about and be able to apply research ethics and work effectively with regulatory groups within their organization(s).

- **Expertise in Research Design and Analysis in their Scientific Discipline:** Students will formulate research questions and appropriately design experiments and studies to test hypotheses. They will develop specific analytic strategies based on the study design and assure that their studies are adequately powered to test the hypotheses.

- **Ability to Lead, Motivate, and Manage Collaborative Team Science:** Students will work effectively in and be able to lead interdisciplinary research teams to (a) identify health related problems and (b) design and conduct research to address the problems.

- **Utilization of Multi-level Cultural Proficiency:** Students will be able to identify the different cultures that exist within and among (a) organizations and (b) communities (locally and globally). In recognizing these differences, students will learn to use cultural competence and work effectively to conduct research investigations in different settings.

- **Communicate Effectively:** Since communication is a key domain of translational science, students will demonstrate oral and written competency in their ability to communicate research clearly to other translational scientists via journal articles and scientific presentations. They will be able to effectively write abstracts and manuscripts, give oral presentations, and communicate the relevance of their scientific expertise. Beyond the core requirements, students will receive training in grant writing and be expected to develop grant applications for career development (e.g., NIH F-32 or K-grant series) or independent funding.

- **Display Competence in the Business of Translational Science:** Students will become functionally informed about intellectual property licensing and the processes of developing products, drugs, or devices for human use. They will be able to design and implement research protocols to study improvement in health care processes and outcomes. Students will be able to function within different legal, regulatory, and economic environments.

- **Evidence Based Implementation and Policy:** Students will be able to independently read and interpret the scientific literature in their content area. They will be able to systematically review a body of scientific literature to apply to policy implementation. They will be able to make data based decisions and inform policy and guideline development.

Home Institution Designation

Each student in the TS Ph.D. program must declare a Home institution. The Home institution will be the institution of record for admission, dissertation research, and graduation, and it will be the primary institution for fees, financial aid, student health services, and other student services. Change of a student’s Home institution designation will be approved only for exceptional or necessary circumstances. International students may not change the Home institution if the change impacts the student’s
immigration status; however, a change of Home institution will be allowed if no immigration status impact is anticipated and if the transfer is necessary to maintain the student’s status in the program. Please refer to the Student Handbook for additional information.

Registration

Concurrent Registration

Each semester, students may register and take courses concurrently at more than one of the universities participating in the joint TS Ph.D. degree program. Approval of the student’s advisor or supervising professor for course registration is assumed. Registration for courses offered by the UT School of Public Health will require the student to apply and be accepted as a non-degree-seeking (NDS) student.

International students are limited to enrollment in no more than two partner universities, including the Home institution, at the same time, and the concurrent enrollment must be equivalent to full-time enrollment (24 semester credit hours per academic year). International students are also limited to one distance or online class (up to 3 semester-credit-hours) per semester. Concurrent enrollment for international students must be pre-approved by the Designated School Official (DSO) of both institutions before student registration and the census date of both institutions. The student is responsible for informing and providing documentation of the concurrent enrollment to both institutions. Any subsequent changes to the approved concurrent enrollment status must be approved, in advance, by the DSO of both institutions who gave the initial approval. Maintenance of full-time enrollment status will directly impact a student’s eligibility for employment, scholarship, or other financial awards.

Good Standing

A student must be in “good standing” at all institutions in order to be eligible to register. Good standing is defined by each university and can include: GPA of 3.0 or better, having no unpaid tuition or other institutional debts, having no institutional holds, or any other restriction that would not allow registration.

Registration When No Class Is Being Taken

Student status will be maintained each semester at each joint-degree institution. This will be accomplished on each campus according to the procedures of the individual Registrar’s Offices. The procedures applied will not activate any coursework-specific tuition and fees but the institution may have the option to assess certain extraneous fees, such as parking, ID badge, etc. attributable to that institution’s management or maintenance of certain services provided for all enrolled students. Every effort will be made to keep fees that duplicate services available through the Home institution to a minimum.

Academic Year

The academic year for the TS Ph.D. program includes the fall, spring, and summer semesters (courses may be taken in the summer semester at one of the participating academic institutions). For UTHSCSA students, the academic year is the fall and spring super semesters (July to December and January to June), plus a trailing summer semester if summer courses are taken at another institution. Full-time students are required to complete at least 24 semester-credit-hours each academic year, in total from all universities. Part-time students are required to complete at least 12 semester-credit-hours each academic year, in total from all universities.

Academic Calendars

Students will comply with the calendar(s) of the institutions in which they are enrolled for the purposes of registration and course schedules. Please refer to the TS Ph.D. website and/or the Graduate School website of the individual universities for specific information about current academic calendars.

Residency

Each TS Ph.D. student must establish domicile residency status for the purpose of assessing tuition and fees. This status will be determined by the Home institution. Once residency has been established, the residency designation will be the same for the enrollment in any of the universities that are part of the TS Ph.D. program.

Tuition and Fees - Rates and Payments

TS Ph.D. students will enroll each semester at each university offering the course(s) selected by the student, in advisement of the student’s advisor or Supervising Professor and in accordance with the student’s individualized degree plan. Rates for in-state and out-of-state student tuition and fees are established by each institution, and payment of tuition and fees will be made to each university based on the number of semester credit hours selected. Please refer to the TS Ph.D. website for links to current rates for Graduate School tuition and fees at the participating universities. Some non-coursework specific fees paid to the Home institution may be waived by the other universities, but other non-coursework-specific fees (ID badge, for example) may be charged each semester to maintain the student’s status and access to university facilities. Assessment of such fees is dependent on individual university policies. Tuition and fees are subject to adjustment. Students receiving any form of financial aid that is not automatically or fully distributed by the Home institution to cover the payment of all tuition and fees at the other universities are responsible for the payment of those additional tuition and fees.

TS Ph.D. students will follow each university’s policies and procedures in regard to payment schedule date, refund dates, late fees, non-payment designation, etc. for each university in which the student is registered.

Individualized Degree Plan

Prior to the start of the first semester, each student admitted into the TS Ph.D. program will meet with a TS Ph.D. Academic/Graduate Advisor at the Home institution to discuss research and career goals and establish an individual curriculum to meet those goals. In the first year, TS Ph.D. students will complete a Milestones Agreement, delineating an expected timeline for achievement of academic milestones. The individualized curriculum and milestones may be modified as the student’s goals mature, subject to review and approval by the Academic/Graduate Advisor and/or Supervising Professor, as long as all course requirements are met.

Grading, Grade Point Average, and Academic Standing

Existing grading systems will be utilized by each institution. Students will be given letter grades (A, B, C, D, or F), Pass/Fail, Credit/No Credit, +/-, or Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory, as per the policy of the institution’s Graduate School and/or the program or department that offers the course. Students must maintain a semester-specific, university-specific, cumulative, and combined 3.0 (“B”) grade point average (GPA) for all classes for which letter grades are given. University/Graduate School policy at each institution must be followed for the courses taken at that university and
course/grade related consequences will be assessed according to the policy of the institution in which classes are taken. The TS Ph.D. program is a joint degree program, and academic standing at one university applies to all the institutions participating in the program. A student who faces academic dismissal from one of the participating universities will face dismissal from the program. Please refer to the Student Handbook for additional guidelines related to grades, GPA, and academic standing.

**Comprehensive Qualifying Examination**

The qualifying exam will be administered before the start of dissertation research, and admission to candidacy will be contingent on its successful completion. The qualifying examination should be completed near the end or following the completion of core coursework. It is recommended that the student, at the time of the Written Exam on Course Content, should have completed the bulk (at least 75%) of core course work, including at least one course in each domain.

The qualifying exam will include both written and oral components. The exam will be comprehensive and will include questions and/or assignments covering:

1. Knowledge/Information gained through the translational science coursework; and
2. The basic knowledge required for the chosen area of research.

The purpose of the qualifying exam is to identify students who can apply knowledge gained in coursework to solve problems they may not have seen before; therefore, students should be familiar with both their coursework and the current literature.

The format of the exam and composition of the Dissertation Committee is determined by the TS Committee on Graduate Studies (TS COGS). Additional criteria may be set by an institution regarding committee structure and approval mechanisms. Students should verify the requirements of the TS Ph.D. program (Student Handbook) and the Home institution’s Graduate School (Graduate Catalog of the Home institution).

**Supervising Professor**

If not already established at the time of admission into the TS Ph.D. program, students are advised to identify and select a Supervising Professor for the dissertation research as soon as possible. At a minimum, the student must select a Supervising Professor prior to the initiation of the Qualifying Exam. The Supervising Professor will chair all steps of the Qualifying Exam.

**Dissertation Committee**

The selection of the Dissertation Committee is required for the Written Dissertation Proposal and Oral Defense of the Dissertation Proposal components of the Qualifying Exam. See below for additional details about the composition of the Dissertation Committee. The Dissertation Committee must be approved by the TS COGS and possibly a Graduate Committee of the student’s Home institution, so it is recommended that the selection of the committee members be accomplished in sufficient time to allow for the required approval(s).

**The Qualifying Exam**

Every effort will be made to accommodate the individualized nature of the TS Ph.D. program, and scheduling of the qualifying exam will be individualized to promote student progress. The timing of the QE will be determined jointly by the candidate and the Supervising Professor, in collaboration with the Dissertation Committee and the instructors/graders for the Written Exam on Course Content. If needed and agreed upon, portions of the QE may be tasked to be completed between semesters if all participants are in agreement. Since faculty participants in the QE will come from different institutions, attention must be paid to different academic schedules.

The Supervising Professor will utilize the results of all portions of the qualifying exam as the basis for evaluating the student’s performance and will report its judgment of performance to the TS COGS and the Home institution, following established policy and procedure. Students must receive an overall grade of “Pass” on each component to be admitted into candidacy.

**Components of the Qualifying Examination**

The qualifying exam is composed of two parts: (1) the Written Exam on Course Content and (2) the Dissertation Proposal (written and oral). Please refer to the Student Handbook for requirements, procedures, grading, and other information related to the Qualifying Exam.

1. **Written Exam on Course Content**: The Written Exam on Course Content will test the student’s background in translational science based on core didactic coursework. Because the TS Ph.D. student may select from multiple courses for most domains, every effort will be made to include questions specific to the course(s) taken by the student. All efforts will be taken to ensure that all students cover similar content in this portion of the qualifying exam. This will be a take-home exam and a time period will be specified for completion.

2. **Dissertation Proposal**: The Dissertation Proposal will consist of the Written Dissertation Proposal and the Oral Exam on the Dissertation Proposal. The Dissertation Committee, chaired by the Supervising Professor, will be responsible for evaluating and grading these components of the Qualifying Exam.

Students who fail the comprehensive qualifying exam on the second attempt will be dismissed from the TS Ph.D. program. Any student wishing to transfer to a Master’s program will be responsible for identifying an appropriate program and making application.

**Composition of the Dissertation Committee**

Prior to the submission of the Written Dissertation Proposal and Oral Defense of the Dissertation Proposal, the student, with the help of the Supervising Professor, will establish a Dissertation Committee. The Dissertation Committee will have at least four members, but may have additional members if required by the Graduate School of the student’s Home institution. All program-required Dissertation Committee members, with the exception of the member from an outside institution, must be approved as Graduate Faculty by the TS COGS for the TS Ph.D. program and must also meet the requirements of the student’s Home Graduate School. If the student’s Home institution requires additional representation, Graduate Faculty membership will be dependent on the requirements of the Home institution. Dissertation committee membership will include (at a minimum):

1. Supervising Professor (may be from any of the four participating UT institutions in this joint program and must have a faculty appointment at the student’s Home institution)
2. Graduate Faculty from the TS Ph.D. program from the student’s home department and/or institution
3. Graduate Faculty from the TS Ph.D. program from a second UT component institution participating in the joint degree program
4. A member from an outside institution who is an expert in the student’s dissertation field and does not have a faculty appointment, either full-time or part-time, at any of the four institutions participating in the joint degree program

The proposed composition of the Dissertation Committee must be evaluated and approved by the TS COGS, and it is the responsibility of the student and Supervising Professor to present the proposed composition of the Dissertation Committee to the TS COGS for approval. Additional site-specific criteria may be set by the Graduate School of an individual institution, such as approval by a Graduate committee and/or Graduate Dean at the Home institution, in addition to approval by the TS COGS.

**Doctoral Dissertation**

Each doctoral candidate must complete an approved body of research and submit and orally defend a dissertation as one of the requirements for graduation. The dissertation must be an original scholarly contribution based on the independent research conducted by the candidate, under the supervision and guidance of the Supervising Professor. A Dissertation Committee will provide additional advisement and assessment.

The student must satisfy the research and dissertation course requirements, with respect to the number of semester credit hours (minimum of 30), number of semesters, and/or continuous enrollment requirements of the Home institution and as required by the student’s research schedule and individualized degree plan. Following admission to candidacy, enrollment for the dissertation course will be required during any semester where a student receives supervision by the Dissertation Committee, utilizes assistance from a faculty member, or otherwise uses the resources of any of the UT institutions to further the progress of the dissertation. The format of the dissertation and oral defense must be in compliance with the rules of the student’s Home institution. Please refer to the Student Handbook and the Graduate Catalog of the Home institution for additional information about the doctoral dissertation.

**Requirement for Semi-Annual Student Evaluation**

Students who have successfully completed the Qualifying Examination and are proceeding with approved dissertation research will be evaluated by the Supervising Professor and Dissertation Committee at least once every six months throughout the remainder of their enrollment in the TS Ph.D. program. The Semi-Annual Progress Report will be submitted in a prescribed format and include a written report of progress on the student’s research work, activities related to the research, and proposed direction of future work. Please refer to the Student Handbook for procedures and other information related to the Semi-Annual Student Evaluation.

**Other Program Policies and Requirements**

**Release of Information**

Because this is a joint degree program, it will be essential that the participating universities are able to share and access relevant and academically pertinent data; therefore, each Home institution designates all other institutions participating in the TS Ph.D. program as having a legitimate educational interest in the relevant educational records of the students who participate in the TS Ph.D. program. All participating institutions will maintain confidentiality of the educational records in accordance with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Accordingly, the sharing of relevant educational records will not require a student release nor violate a student’s FERPA rights.

**Student IDs**

Students will obtain a Student ID number from each institution prior to first semester enrollment. Thereafter, each institution will activate and/or issue Student IDs according to individual institutional policy. The student ID card/badge must be carried by all registered students and must be presented to campus police upon request. The card/badge also allows access to certain campus facilities. A fee may be assessed for the processing and creation of the student ID/badge on each campus. Due to the importance of this card/badge and the fact that students in this TS Ph.D. program may have to carry several cards/badges, all students should be encouraged to personally check the authenticity of all cards/badges with the appropriate institutional authority on a regular basis.

**Technology and Technology Support**

The TS Ph.D. program encourages students to have a laptop computer with the capacity to connect to the Internet via a wireless connection. Some universities require that laptops be authenticated before accessing the campus’ wireless computer networks. Please refer to websites or contact the telecommunications/networking departments for each university to determine their requirements prior to the start of classes.

**Student Email**

TS Ph.D. students will have an email account on each campus. Some institutions designate the email address, and others allow the student to make a choice. Students are required to provide the TS Ph.D. administrative office with a list of their official email addresses on each campus. Students will be responsible for checking all student-related email addresses on a regular basis.

**Conduct and Discipline**

The TS Ph.D. program expects all students to exhibit the highest standards of conduct, honesty, and professionalism. Academic misconduct includes activities that undermine the academic integrity of the institution. The university(ies) may discipline a student for academic misconduct as outlined in the Catalogs and Handbooks of Operating Procedures for each of the universities participating in the joint Ph.D. degree program. Academic misconduct may involve human, hard-copy, or electronic resources. Policies of academic misconduct apply to all course-, department-, school-, and university-related activities including conferences and off-campus performances, as well as research work (including lab experiments, data collection and analyses). All cases of academic misconduct must be reported to the Dean of the Graduate School of the student’s Home institution, and the seriousness of the violation may be taken into account in assessing a penalty.

Each university maintains policies regarding conduct and discipline for students. If one site is implicated, the policies and practices of the university where the infraction was committed will be followed. If two or more sites are implicated, the most stringent policy, practice or procedure, as determined by the TS COGS and/or the Graduate Dean(s), shall apply. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more detailed information about ethics, professionalism, and conduct.

**Graduation**

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy is awarded upon satisfactory completion of a minimum of 72 semester credit hours, submission of a dissertation, satisfactory completion of a final oral examination (defense of
Certificate in Translational Science

The Graduate Certificate in Translational Science (CTS) is designed to provide graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty, and other health care professionals with a formal introduction to the essential components involved in the advancement of scientific discoveries in basic biomedical research into clinical applications and improvements in human health.

The CTS Program is an alternative for health professionals who do not have the time to complete the requirements of an advanced Master's or Doctoral degree and to graduate students, fellows, and others who desire additional training in the evolving discipline of translational science to supplement their clinical or science training.

Certificate in Translational Science Admissions Requirements

The CTS Program has an open application policy and will accept applications for admission at any time.

However, GSBS deadlines (for submission of application and required documentation) for matriculation in a specific academic semester are listed below.

• Fall Semester: April 1
• Spring Semester: October 1

All transcripts from foreign institutions (including GPA) must be translated and submitted by an approved foreign credentialing evaluation agency (http://uthscsa.edu/vpaa/foreign_cred.asp). The CTS Program will only accept course by course transcript translations (including GPA) from the Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE) or the World Education Services, Inc. (WES).

A minimum score of 300 (1,000 for scores prior to August 2011) score for the combined verbal and quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required.

Applicants who have completed a graduate degree in a health-related discipline (M.D., D.D.S., RN, DVM, M.S., or Ph.D.) will be exempted from the requirement to complete the GRE.

A minimum score of 560 on the paper version or 68 on the internet version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or 6.5 on the academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for applicants from countries where English is not the native language.

Scores on TOEFL or IELTS tests taken more than two years prior to the date of matriculation will not be accepted.

Letters of recommendation (three) attesting to the applicant's readiness for graduate level studies in translational science.

If a matriculated graduate student has a Supervising Professor, one letter must be provided by this individual.

A Personal Statement (1-2 pages) that includes a brief description of the applicant's background, long term research and/or career goals, and an indication of the basis for application into the CTS Program including how this program fits into the applicant's career objectives.

A current curriculum vitae is required.

Translational Science Degree Requirements

Twelve semester credit hours of didactic coursework are required to obtain the CTS. Satisfactory completion of required and elective coursework is also needed in order to be recommended for awarding of the certificate.

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## Certificate in Translational Science Objectives/Program Outcomes

The goal of this program is to provide graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty, and other health care professionals with formal education in the essential components of translational science. That is, the advancement of scientific discoveries made in basic biomedical research towards clinical applications and improvements in human health. This training will prepare professionals to integrate within interdisciplinary investigative teams for the conduct of clinical and translational research in culturally diverse settings.

Specific aims are to support the intellectual environment at the Heath Science Center for clinical and translation science, and to provide fundamental curricular activities in translation science to Heath Science Center students, postdoctoral trainees, clinical residents and fellows, and faculty from the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Health Professions, and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) as well as from local organizations that are partnered with the Heath Science Center. The aims will be achieved via participation and successful completion of required didactic coursework.

## Certificate in Translational Science Program-Specific Policies for Laptop Computers

Students are required to have laptop computer that can connect to and operate over a wireless network.

Software Required:

- Microsoft Office Suite (A personal copy of the latest version can be purchased at the Health Science Center bookstore at student pricing with a student ID).
- Stata/IC (The latest version is required for MEDI5072 Patient-Oriented Clinical Research Biostatistics-1). Laptops with an Apple based Operating System must be able to also operate using a Windows based Operating System.

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Twelve (12) semester credit hours (SCH) are required to obtain the Certificate in Translational Science (CTS). Students must be admitted to the CTS program to be eligible for certification.
School of Dentistry

Accreditation
All educational programs in the School of Dentistry are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The Commission’s last site visit was in February 2012. All programs in the School of Dentistry are currently accredited. The Commission on Dental Accreditation may be contacted by phone at 1-800-621-8098. The Commission is located at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Brief History
The Texas legislature created the Health Science Center School of Dentistry, a public institution, in 1969 with the first class entering in 1970. Located in the heart of the South Texas Medical Center, it is one of five Health Science Center schools. A leader in research activities, the School of Dentistry also has strong clinical and didactic programs. Numerous research opportunities are available to students, and the interdisciplinary aspect of many research programs is regarded as one of the institution’s strengths. Clinical training occurs in the school’s clinics and University Hospital, as well as at various extramural sites in San Antonio and southern Texas. The School of Dentistry also offers advanced education in all of the dental specialties, advanced training in general dentistry and a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Dental Hygiene. The School of Dentistry is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The school is situated in northwest San Antonio, the seventh largest city in the United States.

Mission
The School of Dentistry (http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/dental) mission is the acquisition, dissemination, and use of knowledge toward the enhancement of oral health. This mission is addressed through six interrelated action components: education, research, patient care, community, faculty and staff, and infrastructure.

As a component school of the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu), the School of Dentistry serves the citizens of the State of Texas, with particular emphasis on the South Texas community, and the nation by: educating oral health care providers and scientists, engaging in biomedical and clinical research to improve the oral health of the public, providing state-of-the-art patient care, enhancing community awareness of oral health issues and practices, and addressing health disparities among the population.

Vision
The Health Science Center is committed to being a leading institution in four equally valued and inter-related activities: education, research, health care and community engagement. Success within our mission requires strategic integration of all disciplines across the University. We will promote our mission by recruiting and retaining world-class individuals, and striving for excellence, innovation, quality and professionalism. Our goal is to continue to be recognized as a highly accomplished and respected University and a valued asset to the community.

Core Values
To achieve our mission, the Health Science Center is committed to Excellence, Innovation, Integrity, Professionalism, Teamwork & Collaboration and Tradition.

Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.)
The Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree is open to students who have completed at least 90 semester credit hours including all prerequisites at an undergraduate institution. Upon obtaining the D.D.S. degree, graduates may choose to apply for Advanced Education programs to specialize in a number of fields, or begin practicing in public or private settings.

International Dentist Education Program (IDEP)
The School of Dentistry (http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/dental) offers qualified graduates of foreign dental programs the opportunity to earn a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree. Completion of this 2-year advanced standing educational program will allow graduates to take state or regional dental board examinations and be eligible for licensure and practice in the United States.

The IDEP is a full-time, daily program and consists of 2 months of didactic and preclinical laboratory training in the summer followed by matriculation through the 3rd and 4th years of the undergraduate dental program with classroom lectures and direct patient care in the group practices and departmental clinical courses and rotations. Students must complete the same requirements as all other dental students starting with year 3.

Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) Program Admissions Requirements
Information about admission requirements is detailed on the School of Dentistry website. Applicants must have at least 90 semester-hour credits from a U.S. or Canadian accredited college or university. Applicants are required to complete courses by the end of the spring semester before entering School of Dentistry, and with a grade no lower than C.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
- 14 semester hours (12 semester hours of lecture & 2 semester hours of formal lab) or 21 quarter hours (18 quarter lecture hours & 3 quarter lab hours) of Biological Science are required.
- Includes all Biological Science courses applied toward Baccalaureate degree in traditional science fields, such as General Biology, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Genetics, Ecology, Immunology, Parasitology and Anatomy & Physiology.

GENERAL CHEMISTRY
- 8 semester hours or 12 quarter hours of General Chemistry, as required for college science majors, including the corresponding laboratory experience are required. (8 semester hours = 6 hours of lecture & 2 hours of lab; 12 quarter hours = 9 hours of lecture & 3 hours of lab).
- Should include familiarity with analytic and volumetric techniques. Inorganic courses include General Chemistry, Physical Chemistry and Quantitative Analysis.
I. Applicability

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Check Policy

Applicant and Student Criminal Background

Check Policy

Criminal Background Checks for Applicants and

Students of the School of Dentistry of the Health

Science Center.

I. Applicability

This policy applies to applicants or students enrolled in an educational program that includes, or may include at a future date, assignment to a clinical health care facility. Visiting students who enroll in courses with such an assignment are also subject to the policy. Presently, programs that require a background check include:

1. Doctor of Dental Surgery Students
2. International Dentist Education Program (IDEP) Students
3. Dental Hygiene Students
4. Advanced Dental Education Students

II. Policy

Effective immediately, applicants must submit to and satisfactorily complete a criminal background check review as a condition to admission into all programs designated as requiring a criminal background check. An offer of admission will not be final until the completion of the criminal background check(s) with results is deemed favorable. Admission may be denied or rescinded based on a review of the criminal background check.

Students who refuse to submit to a criminal background check or do not pass the criminal background check review may be dismissed from the program.

III. Rationale

Health care providers are entrusted with the health, safety and welfare of patients, have access to controlled substances and confidential information, and operate in settings that require the exercise of judgment and ethical behavior. Thus, an assessment of a student or applicant’s suitability to function in such a setting is imperative to promote the highest level of integrity in health care services.

Clinical facilities are increasingly required by accreditation agencies, such as Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization (JCAHO), to conduct criminal background checks for security purposes on individuals who provide services within the facility and especially those who supervise care and render treatment. To facilitate this requirement, educational institutions have agreed to conduct these criminal background checks for students and faculty.

Clinical rotations are an essential element in certain curriculum programs. Students who cannot participate in clinical rotations due to criminal or other adverse activities that are revealed in a criminal background check are unable to fulfill the requirements of the program. Additionally, many healthcare licensing agencies require individuals to pass a criminal background check as a condition of licensure or employment. Therefore, it is in everyone’s interest to resolve these issues prior to a commitment of resources by the School of Dentistry, the student or applicant.

The School of Dentistry is obligated to meet the contractual requirements contained in affiliation agreements between the university and the various healthcare facilities.

IV. Criminal Background Check Report

1. Obtaining a Criminal Background Check Report. The School of Dentistry will designate approved company(ies) to conduct the criminal background checks and issue reports directly to the School of Dentistry. Results from a company other than those designated will not be accepted. Students and applicants must contact a designated company and comply with its instructions in authorizing and obtaining
a background check. Students and applicants are responsible for payment of any fees charged by a designated company to provide the background check service.

2. **Scope.** Criminal background checks include the following and cover the past seven years:
   
   a. Criminal history search, including convictions, deferred adjudications or judgments, expunged criminal records, and pending criminal charges involving felonies, Class A, Class B, and Class C violations
   
   b. Social Security Number (http://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber) verification
   
   
   
   e. General Services Administration (GSA) (http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100000) List of Parties Excluded from Federal Programs
   
   
   g. Applicable State Exclusion List (Texas)
   

3. **Rights.** Students and applicants have the right to review the information reported by the designated company for accuracy and completeness and to request that the designated company verify that the background information provided is correct. Prior to making a final determination that will adversely affect the applicant or student, the School of Dentistry will provide applicants or students a copy of or access to the criminal background check report issued by the designated company, and inform them of their rights, how to contact the designated company to challenge the accuracy of the report and that the designated company was not involved in any decisions made by the School of Dentistry.

V. Procedure

1. **Applicants**
   
   a. The criminal background check report will be submitted to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs for its review. If the report contains negative findings, the Associate Dean for Student Affairs may request that the applicant submit additional information relating to the negative finding, such as a written explanation, court documents and police reports. The Associate Dean for Student Affairs, in consultation with the School of Dentistry administrative leadership team, will review all information available to it and determine whether the offer of admission should be withdrawn. For Advanced Education trainees, the background check report will be submitted to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Advanced Education Program director in the relevant Department. Advanced Education Programs will review the information and, with consultation of the Advanced Education Committee, will make determinations about amending admissions decisions.

   b. Admissions decisions are final and may not be appealed.

2. **Committee Review Standards.** In reviewing the background check reports and any information submitted, a committee may consider the following factors in making its determinations: the nature and seriousness of the offense or event, the circumstances surrounding the offense or event, the relationship between the duties to be performed as part of the educational program and the offense committed, the age of the person when the offense or event occurred, whether the offense or event was an isolated or repeated incident, the length of time that has passed since the offense or event, past employment and history of academic or disciplinary misconduct, evidence of successful rehabilitation, and the accuracy of the information provided by the applicant or student in the application materials, disclosure forms or other materials. The committee should bear in mind both the safety interests of the patient and the workplace, as well as the educational interest of the student. In reviewing background checks and supplementary information, advice may be obtained from university counsel, university police, or other appropriate advisors, including state regulating bodies such as licensing boards.

3. **Deferred.** A reviewing committee may extend an offer of admission for up to one year while the matter is resolved.

VI. Confidentiality and Record Keeping

1. Background check reports and other submitted information are confidential and may only be reviewed by university officials and affiliated clinical facilities in accordance with the Family Educational Records and Privacy Act (FERPA) (http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa).

2. **Students.** Criminal background check reports and other submitted information of students will be maintained in the School of Dentistry in accordance with the university’s record retention policy for student records.

3. **Applicants Denied Admission.** Criminal background check reports and other submitted information of applicants denied admission into the program will be maintained in accordance with the university’s record retention policy.

VII. Other Provisions

1. The School of Dentistry shall inform students who have negative findings in their background check report and are nonetheless permitted to enroll that the School of Dentistry’s decision is not a guarantee that every clinical facility will permit the student to participate in the educational program at its facility, or that any state will accept the individual as a candidate for registration, permit or licensure.

2. A criminal background check will be honored for the duration of enrollment if the student is continuously enrolled. A student who has a break in enrollment is required to complete a new criminal background check. A break in enrollment is defined as non-enrollment of at least one semester in the approved curriculum of the certificate or degree program. However, a student whose attendance has been suspended due to a licensing agency’s eligibility certification process will not be considered as having a break in enrollment. An officially approved leave of absence is not considered a break in enrollment.
3. Falsification of information, including omission of relevant information, may result in denial of admission or dismissal from the educational program.

4. Criminal activity, which occurs while a student is in attendance at the university, must be reported immediately by the student to the School of Dentistry administration. Criminal activity committed while in attendance and failure to report criminal activity that has occurred may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal, and will be addressed through the university's academic or disciplinary policies.

**Dual Degree Programs**

Dual degree programs of study at the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu) provide a mechanism for medical or dental students to obtain an M.S. or Ph.D. degree in addition to an M.D. or D.D.S. The purpose of these programs is to develop clinical scientists who have depth of knowledge in clinical medicine or dentistry and basic sciences, and also experience in research planning and execution. Such scientists are therefore exceptionally qualified to apply specialized research competence to the resolution of clinical problems.

A student who wishes to obtain both a D.D.S. and a Ph.D. must obtain the entrance prerequisites of both the School of Dentistry (http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/dental) and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu). Students submit applications for admission to the Dual Degree Program through the Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service (http://www.tmdsas.com) and to the Health Science Center Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu) during the fall prior to attendance. Approval for admission is made by the D.D.S./Ph.D. Admissions Review Panel (through the School of Dentistry Dean and Associate Dean for Student Affairs) and by the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

**Accepted applicants must meet the full requirements defined for both the professional and the graduate degree.** The total time for the dual degree program curriculum is designed to be at least seven years. However, utilization of summer sessions and elective periods is mandatory for this total time span.

The detailed logistics of pursuing a dual degree program will depend on the specific graduate program undertaken and, in every instance, should be worked out among the student, the appropriate Committee on Graduate Studies, the faculty mentor, the Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu), and the Associate Deans for Academic Affairs and Research of the School of Dentistry.

**International Dentist Education Program (IDEP)**

The application requirements for the IDEP are a dental degree from a foreign country; official, school-certified copies of transcripts; official course-by-course dental school transcript evaluation (ECE); a National Board Dental Examination (http://www.ada.org/en/education-careers/national-board-dental-examinations) Part I overall score of 80 (within the past 5 years); minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (https://www.ets.org/toefl) examination score of 92 (Internet-based) or 580 (paper-based); three letters of recommendation; and completion of personal statements about the applicant's clinical experience, dental-related activities, and professional goals.

- Additional information about admission and application requirements is detailed on the School of Dentistry Web Site (http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/dental/idep-admissions-requirements).
- *Additional information about the IDEP can be obtained by contacting the IDEP office through e-mail at: IDEP@uthscsa.edu.
- *National Board Exams taken after January 1, 2012, will have scores reported as pass/fail. A passing score will be required for those applicants whose scores are reported as pass/fail.

**Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) Degree Requirements**

**Standards for promotion and graduation:**

A. The degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery is awarded by the Board of Regents upon recommendation of the faculty to the Dean, and certification by the Dean to the President. Candidates must have satisfactorily fulfilled the academic requirements of the dental curriculum, have a GPA of 2.0 or above, have passed Part II of the National Board Dental Examinations, be in good professional standing, and comply with all necessary legal and financial requirements.

B. Candidates for the degree must have fulfilled all requirements within six years of registering in the freshman class. Approved leaves of absence will not be included in this time period.

**Promotion:**

A. Recommendation for promotion to the next year of the curriculum is made by the Academic Performance Committee. A student will be recommended for promotion to the next year of the curriculum if a grade-point average of 2.0 or above is achieved in both the Group A* and Group B** courses of the year's curriculum and a passing grade has been achieved in all courses in the year's curriculum. Promotion to the senior year also requires having passed the National Board Dental Examination, Part I.

*Group A - all basic science and dental didactic courses

**Group B - all pre-clinical laboratory and clinic courses

**Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) Sample Plan of Study**

The overall curriculum consists of approximately 4,500 hours of educational opportunities over a four-year program. The curriculum consists of fall and spring semesters in each of the four years with separate ‘summer’ sessions as part of the spring semester, between years 1 and 2, 2 and 3, and between years 3 and 4. The School of Dentistry curriculum is extensively hands-on with students receiving more than 2,000 hours of patient care learning experiences including a substantial number of hours providing patient care in community-based clinics.

Approximately 75% of the curriculum is devoted to the diagnosis and treatment of oral diseases, 18% is devoted to underlying and foundational biomedical principles with emphasis on the pathophysiology of dental diseases and medical disorders that have oral manifestations, and 7% of the curriculum addresses practice management and public health. The four-year curriculum continuum is designed to provide dental students with a progressive learning experience in four phases that evolves from: (1) the biomedical foundations of normal human function, to (2) analysis of the causes and presentation of abnormalities, to (3) acquisition of skills needed for patient assessment and performance of procedural tasks, to (4) supervised provision of patient care in School of Dentistry clinics and affiliated community sites.
The following section reviews the focus of each year in the curriculum.

**Freshman Year**
As a fundamental building block for all competencies, students are introduced to the ethical principles for all health care providers, and students learn the biomedical foundations of normal human structure and function moving from cellular, to gross tissues, to organ systems. Students also acquire the clinical foundations needed for competency in patient assessment including radiological techniques and physical examination methods. Students develop skills in oral health risk assessment and prevention and begin their study of periodontal disease and therapy that prepares them for competency in these important aspects of dental practice. An important component of the freshman year is the students’ introduction to the perceptual and fine-motor skills needed for competency in many types of dental therapy. First-year students are introduced to the clinical environment, including community-based preventive dentistry rotations, and acquire clinical support skills that allow them to serve as assistants to upper class students.

The summer between the freshman and sophomore year allows students to enrich their education with selectives and clinical rotations. A minimum of one selective course is required.

**Sophomore Year**
Second-year students analyze the causes and clinical presentations of oral abnormalities and diseases of the major organ systems that have implications for dental care that provides the groundwork for competency in patient evaluation and diagnosis. A major focus of the sophomore year is development of procedural skills in preclinical simulation laboratories. Second-year students assist upper class students in the clinic and receive additional experience in patient evaluation, activities that prepare them for the junior year clinical experience. Specific preclinical skills examinations, linked to various patient care competencies, must be successfully completed to certify that students are ready for progression to the clinical phase of the curriculum.

The summer between the sophomore and junior year allows students to enrich their education with selectives and clinical rotations. A minimum of one selective course is required.

**Junior Year**
The third year of the curriculum has a strong clinical focus as students apply the knowledge, skills, and values acquired in the freshman and sophomore years to the oral health care of patients. Junior students join one of eight General Practice Groups (GPGs) and remain in a GPG during their 3rd and 4th years of dental school. A team of faculty guides each GPG and work closely with students in their group to provide hands-on coaching and feedback. The GPGs provide students with an environment where they have continuous contact with a small group of instructors and also provides a forum for case conferences, student reports, faculty demonstrations and case reviews, and other learning activities to enrich the students’ clinical education. Learning experiences, derived from the process of patient assessment and treatment, are orchestrated to facilitate students’ acquisition of many of the 31 curriculum competencies that are evaluated by faculty assessment of students’ daily interaction with patients and performance on formal competency examinations where students provide patient care independent of faculty assistance.

Students also receive focused instruction and patient care experiences during discipline-specific rotations in the junior year; each rotation must be passed to progress to the senior year. An important component of the GPG experience is evaluation of students’ professionalism, which occurs via the Patient Management course. Students cannot progress to the senior year if they are found to be deficient in professionalism and consequently fail the Patient Management course. Additional information about this course appears in the junior year course descriptions.

**Summer Session between Years 3 and 4**
The summer between the junior and senior years allows students to enrich their education with selectives and clinical rotations. A minimum of a two-week clinical selective is required for all students except those who enroll in a full summer research selective. Students may continue selectives into the senior year.

**Senior Year**
Students continue their focus on acquisition of clinical competency through extensive patient care experiences within the GPG framework as previously described. Seniors are expected to demonstrate increasing capacity for independent functioning with less reliance on GPG faculty for guidance and assistance. Through the patient assignment function of the GPGs, seniors receive opportunities to provide care for patients with a wider variety of oral health needs and to treat dental problems that are more complex. To enrich and diversify their education, seniors participate in focused rotations in general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, and oral surgery at various community locations. Student evaluation in the senior year is based on several sources including: performance on exams that measure progress toward competency; daily assessment of patient care quality by supervising faculty; acceptable clinic utilization.

Below is a representative list of courses per year and credit hours that students must successfully complete. This list is subject to change based on changes recommended by the faculty to enhance student learning or to better meet the CODA (Commission on Dental Accreditation) or SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) Standards.

**Sample Plans of Study**

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### Junior Year-Group B

#### Third Year

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**Total Units in Sequence:** 26.5

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1 A single grade at the end of the year is given for courses that extend through both semesters.
Senior Clinical Rotations

All senior dental students enhance their clinical experiences by participating in several School of Dentistry and off-campus required clinical rotations including the following. These are subject to change based on community availability:

- Dental Emergency
- Dental Hygiene
- Oral Medicine
- Oral Surgery
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Primary Dental Care - South Texas Rotation
- Primary Dental Care – SACDC at Haven for Hope

Dental Selectives ¹

The School of Dentistry has a selective program that allows students to enrich their education through courses of their choosing.

Satisfactory completion of selectives will be recorded on the transcript as CR. No credit hours will accrue, and the computation of the GPA will be unaffected. When a student has been officially enrolled in a selective course, the selective becomes a mandatory part of the student’s curriculum and must be completed unless proper procedures for withdrawal are followed. Failure to withdraw properly or unsuccessful completion of the selective will be recorded on the transcript as an F grade. This will be treated by the Academic Performance Committee as any other failing grade in any required course.

Selective courses are offered primarily in the summer, but many are year-round as selectives by arrangement. Courses are offered to all level of students. Rising DS2 and DS3 students are required to complete a minimum of one selective. Rising DS4 students are required to complete a two-week continuous clinical selective, a six-week research selective, or another approved plan. The two-week selective may be one of the following:

- South Texas Rotation
- General Practice Dental Emergency Care (DECC)
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Pediatric Dentistry Summer Selective

Current selective courses are listed below; however, offerings may vary each year. An updated list is sent to students twice a year to allow them to plan ahead. The list with course descriptions, teacher, location, etc. can be found online at http://dental.uthscsa.edu/selectives/index.php.

¹ Subject to change.

Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) Objectives/Program Outcomes

1. Students will be able to provide oral health care within the scope of general dentistry, demonstrate the capacity to lead oral health care teams, and collaborate with other health care providers.

2. Students will be able to manage the oral health care of infants, children, adolescents and adults, the unique needs of women, the elderly and patients with physical, cognitive, emotional or development challenges.

3. Students will be able to integrate biomedical knowledge, best quality research, clinical expertise and patient values to provide evidence-based oral health care, including critical appraisal of new treatment methods.

4. Students will be able to provide ethically and socially responsible oral health care in compliance with the laws and regulations governing the practice of dentistry, and use psychosocial, behavioral and patient centered approaches to provide oral health care for diverse patient populations within contemporary models of health care delivery and in multicultural work environments.

Program Policies

Academic Standards

The academic standards for successful completion and grade assignment shall be established by the department or ad hoc committee under which the course is administered. In arriving at a final grade, consideration will be given to written, oral, and practical examinations as well as clinical performance when applicable. Non-cognitive factors such as performance under stress, integrity, initiative, interpersonal relations, and personal and professional characteristics will also be considered. A passing grade will not be awarded to a student whose performance in non-cognitive areas is unacceptable.

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The academic standards can be accessed on the School of Dentistry intranet; and at the beginning of an academic year, all students will be reminded of their existence and location.

Final Grades

A final grade shall be reported after completion of a course as:

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<td>D</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>Failure in a graded course or failure to successfully complete an ungraded course</td>
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<td>Satisfactory completion of a required course for which no letter grade is given</td>
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<td>Incomplete. Not a final grade.*</td>
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*Other Symbols Used on Transcripts

Withdrew Failing

Withdrew Passing
* This grade is assigned by the course director when the student's reason for failure to satisfactorily complete all required work is acceptable. A grade of "I" must be corrected during the summer remediation period or by a specified time approved by the Academic Performance Committee.

**Recorded when a course is dropped before first examination/grade assignment.

Credit Hours and Grade Point Average
One [1] semester hour credit is given for each:
- 16 clock hours of lecture or conference
- 48 clock hours of technique laboratory
- 64 clock hours of clinic

Grade point average is calculated in the standard manner with the following weight assigned to grades:

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Midyear Progress Reports
Final grades awarded at midyear will be submitted to the University Registrar and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for each student enrolled in a course when that course has been completed.

Academic Warning
1. An academic warning is an official communication between the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and the “at risk” student. Academic warning is a courtesy to the student, allowing for supportive dialog between the student and the School of Dentistry's administration.
2. Academic warning is offered only at midyear. A student will receive an academic warning from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for achieving a grade point average less than 2.0 in either Group A or Group B courses of a year’s curriculum, unless the student is dismissed.
3. An academic warning, unto itself, does not require prescribed action on the part of the student. It is expected that the student who has received an academic warning will correct midyear academic deficiencies by the end of the academic year.

Academic Probation
1. In addition to other reasons, a student receiving a final grade of "F" in a course at any time during the academic year will be placed on academic probation.
2. A student who is on academic probation is prohibited from graduation or promotion to the next academic year. Academic probation must be corrected, therefore, before the student may advance or graduate.
3. Unless the student is dismissed, a student will remain on academic probation until all academic deficiencies are corrected.
4. Once on academic probation, the student has a required timeline to improve his/her academic deficiencies. If not corrected in the prescribed amount of time, the student will be considered for dismissal.

a. Except for senior students, the Academic Performance Committee does not recommend actions for correction of academic deficiencies until the end of the academic year when the student's entire academic record can be considered. For senior students, the Academic Performance Committee will recommend actions for correction of academic deficiencies as soon as it is notified that a senior has failed a course or has received an “I” grade.

b. Criteria

i. A student will be placed on academic probation if s/he meets one or more of the following conditions:
   1. Receipt of a final “F” grade in any course at any time during the academic year.
   2. Receipt of a GPA less than 2.0 in either Group A or Group B courses of a year's curriculum, unless the student is dismissed.
   3. Failure to pass National Board Dental Examinations, Part I by the end of the DS3 year.
   4. Failure to pass National Board Dental Examinations, Part II by the end of the DS4 year.

c. Removal from Academic Probation Status

i. A student is recommended for removal from academic probation once all academic deficiencies have been corrected. The Academic Performance Committee recommends specific methods for students to improve their academic records:
   1. The remediation of specific courses.
   2. The repetition of the academic year in its entirety.
   3. The establishment of an altered curriculum, to include correction of National Board deficiencies.

ii. A student no longer on academic probation is eligible for promotion to the next academic year or for graduation.

iii. If the student does not improve his/her academic record in the prescribed time period to allow removal from academic probation status, the student will be considered for dismissal.

Recommendations for Specific Academic Situations

1. Correction of an "F" Grade Deficiency. In an effort to help a student correct an "F" Grade Deficiency in one or more courses, the Academic Performance Committee may recommend one of the following courses of action:
   a. Remediation of the course or courses for which an "F" grade has been assigned. Since failure to successfully remediate places the student in a category for academic dismissal, a student may elect to repeat the academic year in its entirety even though remediation has been recommended.
i. A course director will not initiate a remediation program for a student unless remediation has been recommended by the Academic Performance Committee.

ii. The remediation program previously designed and published in the course syllabus will be implemented by the course director.

iii. Remediation for senior students may be scheduled during the academic year, but all other remediation will be scheduled during a specified period in the summer.

b. Repetition of the academic year in its entirety. If remediation is not recommended by the Academic Performance Committee, the student must repeat the academic year in its entirety.

2. Correction of a Grade Point Deficiency

a. A student receiving a GPA below 2.0 in Group A and/or Group B courses of a year's curriculum will be considered for dismissal. However, after reviewing the student's academic record and considering any extenuating circumstances, the Academic Performance Committee may recommend one of the following actions in lieu of dismissal:

i. Remediation of one or more courses [F and/or D grades] designated by the Committee which will help raise the deficient GPA to 2.0 or above.

1. Since failure to successfully remediate a deficient GPA places a student in a category for academic dismissal, a student may elect to repeat the academic year in its entirety even though remediation has been recommended.

2. The remediation program will be designed by the course director.

3. Remediation for senior students may be scheduled during the academic year, but all other remediation will be scheduled during a four-week period in the summer.

ii. Repetition of the academic year in its entirety. If remediation is not recommended by the Academic Performance Committee, the student must repeat the academic year in its entirety.

3. Correction of National Board Dental Examination Deficiency

a. In an effort to help a student correct a National Board Dental Examination deficiency, the Academic Performance Committee may recommend completion of an altered curriculum which includes requirements for skills maintenance, preparation for retesting, and achievement of a passing grade in the National Board examinations.

b. The altered curriculum will be developed by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in conjunction with an Ad Hoc Committee appointed by the Academic Performance Committee.

c. Eligibility for promotion or graduation will be restored upon satisfactory completion of all requirements of the altered curriculum.

d. Failure to successfully complete all requirements of the altered curriculum by the end of the academic year will place the student in a category for academic dismissal.

e. Junior students who retake the National Board Dental Examinations, Part I in the “summer” preceding their senior year, are required to take the exam no later than May 20 of that summer. If a student has not passed Part I by the time grades are due for summer remediation, the student will not progress to the senior year.

f. Senior students enrolled in an altered curriculum who unsuccessfully retake the National Board Dental Examinations, Part 2, will be considered for dismissal.

4. Failure to Successfully RemEDIATE or Repeat Year

a. The Academic Performance Committee will review the student's academic record and consider any extenuating circumstances before making a recommendation for dismissal. Only in exceptional circumstances will the Academic Performance Committee recommend another correction program in lieu of dismissal. No student is allowed to repeat an academic year more than once.

Final Grade for Course Remediation/Repetition

i. A grade of "C" is the highest grade that can be achieved in the remediation of a course. Following remediation of a course, the grade assigned will be the grade ("C", "D" or "F") achieved by the student as set forth in the academic standards of the remediation course.

ii. Following repetition of a course during repetition of an academic year in its entirety, the grade assigned will be the grade achieved by the student as set forth in the academic standards of the course.

iii. All grades achieved by a student in a course (i.e., original, remediation, repetition) will appear on the official transcript but only the most recent grade achieved will be used in calculating the grade point averages.

iv. Calculation of GPA Following Course Remediation or Repetition of the Year

1. "F" Grade Deficiency [REMEDIATION]: The grade achieved by the student in remediation of an "F" grade in a course is the grade that will be used in calculating the Group A or Group B GPA for the academic year and the overall GPA; however, both grades for the course will appear on the final transcript.

2. "F" Grade Deficiency [REPETITION OF YEAR]: The grades achieved by the student in all courses in the repetition of the year in its entirety will be the grades used in calculating the Group A and Group B GPA's for the academic year and the overall GPA; however, the previous grade or grades
achieved in each course will also appear on the final transcript.

3. Grade Point Deficiency [REMEDITION]: The grade achieved by the student in remediation of a course in an attempt to correct a deficient Group A or Group B GPA (less than 2.0) is the grade that will be used in calculating the Group A or Group B GPA for the academic year and the overall GPA; however, both grades for the course will appear on the final transcript.

4. Grade Point Deficiency [REPETITION OF YEAR]: The grades achieved by the student in all courses in the repetition of the year in its entirety will be the grades used in calculating the Group A and Group B GPA's for the academic year and the overall GPA; however, the previous grade or grades achieved in each course will also appear on the final transcript.

Dismissal

1. A student can be considered for dismissal from the School for academic deficiencies or violation of University regulations. The Academic Performance Committee is responsible for considering students for academic dismissal.

2. Academic Dismissal

   a. An option to appear before the Academic Performance Committee will be extended to the student before a vote is taken to recommend academic dismissal. The purpose of the appearance is to inform the Committee of extenuating circumstances which may have contributed to the student’s performance. The student may request that other appropriate verbal and/or written testimony regarding these circumstances be presented at this meeting. Only members of the Committee will be present when the vote for dismissal is taken.

   b. A student will be considered for academic dismissal if s/he meets any of the following conditions:

      i. Receipt of a GPA less than 2.0 in either Group A or Group B courses of the year’s curriculum.

      ii. Receipt of a GPA less than 2.0 in either Group A or Group B courses of the year’s curriculum after completing summer remediation or repetition of the academic year in its entirety.

      iii. Unsuccessful attempt to remediate a course or courses for which an “F” grade has been given.

      iv. Receipt of an “F” grade for a course or courses during the repeat of an academic year.

   c. National Board Deficiency

      i. Failure to successfully complete all the requirements of an altered curriculum designed to correct a National Board deficiency, which includes skills maintenance, preparation for retesting, and achievement of a passing grade in the National Board Dental Examination, Part I or Part II.

      d. Disciplinary Dismissal and Probation

      i. Violation of University regulations concerning standards of conduct which compromise professional integrity and/or competence will make a student eligible for dismissal. Procedures for dismissal will be governed by the guidelines contained in the Procedures and Regulations Governing Student Conduct and Discipline of the Health Science Center.

      ii. If not dismissed, a student may be placed on disciplinary probation. While on probation, any academic failure or professionalism relapse will be grounds for dismissal.

Faculty Responsibilities

1. It is the responsibility of the faculty to administer examinations in such a manner that student performance accurately reflects individual levels of knowledge and ability. Methods for achieving this objective may include:

   a. New exams each year with totally new, or majority of new questions, or similar questions but in a new format or with new distractors.

   b. Randomized assigned seating of students in lecture rooms or laboratories.

   c. Multiple forms of the same examination. (Three forms of the examination are recommended.)

   d. Oral or essay examinations or components of examinations.

2. It is the responsibility of every faculty member to be aware of and comply with the rules and regulations of the Health Science Center delineated in the procedures and regulations governing Student Conduct and Discipline. In carrying out their responsibility for ensuring fair examinations and honesty on the part of all students, the faculty must comply with the following policies on examinations:

   a. Proctor all written examinations. (three or more are recommended.) Proctors shall be present and observant throughout the examination.

   b. Proctor all practical examinations. (Two or more faculty proctors are recommended for each School of Dentistry MD multidiscipline laboratory — one for each bay.) Proctors should actively proctor throughout the examination and not engage in conversation with others, to avoid creating a distraction for students in the examination.

   c. Ensure that examinations are conducted in a quiet, comfortable atmosphere.

   d. Take immediate corrective action, as deemed necessary, to guarantee that the integrity of the examination is not compromised in case of observed violations of examination policies. Corrective action may include collecting examination papers or projects and/or relocating students.

   e. Report student misconduct or failure to follow instructions during examinations to the Course Director. If the misconduct falls under specific items in the course syllabus, the consequence as defined in the syllabus will be applied. If misconduct does not fall under specific items in the syllabus and is verified at the department level, it shall be reported to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.
Student Responsibilities

1. It is the responsibility of every dental/dental hygiene student to be aware of and comply with rules and regulations of the Health Science Center delineated in the procedures and regulations governing Student Conduct and Discipline. In carrying out their responsibilities and ensuring fair examinations and honesty on the part of all students, students must follow these policies:

a. Except when specifically authorized to do so, students shall not use notes, books, manuals, models, audio tapes, or any other items or sources of information (cell phones, PDAs, pagers, or other electronic communication devices). During written examinations, such items must be left in a designated area of the examination room or, preferably, not brought into the room. During examinations in MD laboratories, these items shall be placed in closed cabinets.

b. Students shall not communicate with other students in any manner, i.e., verbally, in writing, by visual signals or code, etc., during written or practical examinations.

c. Before beginning an examination, students should be prepared to complete the examination. However, if a student must leave the room temporarily while an examination is in progress, the student’s examination materials shall be collected and held by a faculty proctor. Ordinarily, no more than one student will be permitted out of the examination at any one time. The student may not converse with another student or refer to reference material while out of the room.

d. If a student needs to do something outside the established protocol during a practical examination, such as unscrew or loosen a practical tooth or borrow an instrument, a proctor should be called for assistance and verification.

e. Students must refrain from all activities that detract from a quiet testing environment.

f. Schedule and conduct reexaminations whenever there is sufficient evidence to believe an examination has been compromised.

g. Maintain tight security during preparation, proofing, faculty review, printing, transporting, and storing of examinations. Examination questions stored on computer also must be protected from unauthorized access.

h. Ensure that students who ask questions during an examination are not given unfair advantage over other students if responses to questions are given. It is suggested that a policy be followed of not answering questions relative to interpretation of examination questions.

i. Identify casts, teeth, or other items to be used in practical examinations in a manner to preclude students from substituting items prepared prior to the examination.

j. Monitor students who need to leave the room during examination.

Requests to Changes Schedule of Examinations

The official dates and times of all examinations are published in the final Class Schedules (http://uthscsa.edu/fsprec/schedules.asp) after consultation with Course Directors and representatives of all classes. Students or the Course Director may initiate requests for changes in the schedule of examinations. All requests should be submitted to the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs/Dental Hygiene Division Director, as applicable.

A request to move an examination to a later date must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the original date of the examination. A request to move an examination to an earlier date must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the proposed date of the examination.

All requests for changes to the examination schedule published in the final Class Schedule must be accompanied by:

1. A written reason for the move that must be compelling and academically sound.

2. A written statement from the Course Director stating he/she is in agreement with the change.

3. The results (number of yes/no votes) of a secret ballot taken from all members of the class. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs/Dental Hygiene Division Director, as applicable will review the request and can approve it if the following requirements are met:

4. The request has been submitted within the guidelines.

5. The reason for the move is valid.

6. The Course Director is in agreement with the move.

7. No member of the class present and voting opposes moving the examination to an earlier date; or, 90 percent of those voting are in favor of moving it to a later date.

8. An appropriate classroom is available at the proposed time.
**Academic Performance Committee**

Seven full-time faculty members with at least five having primary appointments in the School of Dentistry are appointed to the committee. Absent voting members may not be represented by alternates.

The responsibility of this committee shall be to recommend to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs appropriate action regarding the academic performance of students. Recommendations of this committee shall be based on established criteria set by the Faculty Council and may include promotion, academic warning, academic probation, an altered curriculum, remediation, repeat of the academic year or dismissal.

Chair – The Chair shall be appointed from the voting faculty members of the committee by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, with approval from the Dean. Vice-Chair - The Chair shall appoint a Vice-Chair from the voting faculty members of the committee. Secretary - The Chair shall appoint a Secretary to take Minutes of all meetings. The term of office shall be for three years.

**Academic Grievance Policies**

**Due Process Grade Assignment Disagreement**

A student wishing to appeal the assignment of a grade must submit her/his grievance to the Course Director within seven (7) days of the grade assignment. The appeal mechanism for challenging a grade is limited to: (1) possible clerical errors in calculating or recording a grade, or (2) allegation of mistakes or unfairness in application of the published academic standards in the assignment of a grade. It is the responsibility of the student to substantiate her/his assertion that an incorrect grade has been assigned.

If the student's concerns are not resolved after a meeting with the Course Director, the student may submit a written appeal to the appropriate Department Chair. The written appeal must be made within seven days of the student’s meeting with the Course Director and must contain information to substantiate the assertion that an incorrect grade has been assigned.

If the disagreement is not resolved at the departmental level, the student may submit a written appeal to the Dean of the School of Dentistry within seven days of the departmental decision. If the Dean agrees to review the matter, he/she will review only that the appeal process was conducted appropriately. This School of Dentistry policy supersedes any other grievance policies, and decisions made in this process are final.

**Appeals Process**

1. A student may appeal an Academic Performance Committee decision that recommends a) remediation, b) repetition of the year or c) academic dismissal. The student submits written notification of his/her desire to appeal to the Dean's office. This written request must be received by the Dean's office within 5 days following the student’s receipt of the written notification of the Academic Performance Committee’s recommendation.

2. The Dean will consult with appropriate individuals and render a decision to uphold or overturn the Academic Performance Committee decision. The student will receive written notification of the Dean’s final decision.

**Student Concerns**

Various mechanisms are available at all levels for student input regarding their concerns. Individuals and groups who respond to these concerns include course directors, advisors, associate dean for academic affairs, and the associate dean for student affairs. Procedures for grievances can be found in the General Section of the Catalog.

The president of the Student Body Organization meets bimonthly with presidents of other Health Science Center student groups to discuss problems or concerns affecting students in all schools with the university President. In addition, once a month, the Dean of the School of Dentistry meets with the presidents of all classes. Student liaisons for each course will meet with the respective course director as needed.

**Clinical Attire and Grooming**

An excellent dental education is dependent on the number of patients and the diverse patient needs that allow students to provide a broad scope of oral health care to a large number of patients. As this is a totally voluntary system on the patient side, it is incumbent upon the School of Dentistry to provide an environment that gives patients the confidence to come to this institution knowing they will be treated in a professional manner, by professionals, and in a safe environment. To achieve this goal, first impressions are important; therefore, all students in the School of Dentistry need to look professional in dress and grooming since patient contact can occur in many areas of the building. When students have direct patient contact in the clinics, additional issues require students to pay particular attention to clinic attire and grooming because they affect patient safety as well as their own. The clinic manual is published on the School of Dentistry Intranet site, http://dserver.uthscsa.edu/. The manual includes general guidelines for attire and grooming, as well as specific requirements that relate to patient and personal safety.

**Class Attendance**

Students are expected to attend and actively participate in all regularly scheduled classes, laboratories, and clinical periods. The policy regarding attendance and the consequences for failure to comply is the prerogative of the course director and the department responsible for that portion of the curriculum, and will be provided in the course syllabus at the beginning of each course. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange with the faculty for making up any work that is missed.

Absences may be considered sufficient cause for issuing failing grades in courses requiring attendance.

**Reporting Absenteeism**

When a student must be absent from the School of Dentistry, he/she must report their absence online (https://fmcgi.uthscsa.edu/absence/). The office will maintain a roster of absentees and the reported reasons for absence.

In cases of absence during an assigned rotation or clinic, all students (including freshmen and sophomores) are responsible for contacting appropriate Rotation Directors immediately.

Students who will be absent from any examination must notify their Course Directors directly as well as complete an online student absence report.

Students are responsible for contacting Course Directors upon their return to school to schedule required makeup work.

**National Board Dental Examination Challenges**

Part 1 – Students are eligible to challenge Part 1 of the boards at the completion of the spring semester of the sophomore year provided they successfully completed the fall General Pathology course. Students are expected to take the exam between the end of the spring semester and beginning of the fall semester of the junior year. The School of Dentistry
policy requires students to pass Part 1 to be considered for promotion to the senior year.

Part II – Students are eligible to challenge Part II of the boards in mid-November of the senior year and students are expected to take the exam in mid to late November or December of the senior year. The School of Dentistry policy requires students to pass Part II to be considered for graduation.

For both Parts I and II, the National Board policies require students to wait 90 days between attempts. Additionally, candidates who have not passed Part I or Part II after three attempts are required to wait one year (12 months) after their third attempt to apply to retest.

**Leave of Absence**

Students in good academic standing who wish an extended leave of absence for extenuating physical or personal reasons must submit a written request to the Dean stating reasons for such a request, the period of time involved, and intentions concerning resumption of dental studies. The Dean will consider such requests on their individual merit.

Generally, a leave of absence shall not exceed one academic year. Any additional leaves of absence must be reviewed and recommended by the Academic Performance Committee and approved by the Dean. The Dean’s Office must be notified of intentions to re-enroll by the first day of April prior to the next academic year. Students who take a leave in the fall of the junior year will be required to repeat the sophomore year in order to regain the clinical skills and knowledge to provide patient care as a junior.

Upon approval, the student must request and complete a Student Clearance Form that is available from the Office of the University Registrar (317L MED).

**Readmission**

Readmission to the freshman year requires that a student apply again according to the procedures required for first-time applicants and be accepted in competition with other applicants for that year. Readmission into the sophomore, junior, or senior years is contingent upon available space in the class.

Application for readmission after a leave of absence must be in the form of a written request to the Dean and must include satisfactory evidence that the condition or conditions necessitating the absence have been corrected and that the student is able to resume dental studies. The request must be submitted no later than April 1 of the year the student wishes to be reinstated.

The policies contained in this Catalog concerning attendance, leave of absence, and readmission is those in effect at the time of publication but is subject to change. Students are responsible for inquiring about changes each year.

**Student Appeals and Grievances**

Student appeals and grievances are handled through established policies and procedures for the School of Dentistry as outlined in the General Regulations and Requirements section of this Catalog.

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**Advanced Dental Education**

**Advanced Dental Education**

Accredited postdoctoral dental studies at the Health Science Center consist of Certificate Programs and the Master of Science in Dental Science Program.

**Certificate Programs**

Certificates are awarded to students successfully completing all requirements in either Advanced Education in General Dentistry, Dental Public Health, Endodontics, Dental Diagnostic Science, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, or Prosthodontics.

**Master of Science in Dental Science Program**

The Master of Science in Dental Science (MSDS) Program is supported by faculty of the School of Dentistry and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. The MSDS degree is conferred by the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. This Program is open only to students who have been accepted into, and continue in good standing in, a Health Science Center Certificate Program in either Advanced Education in General Dentistry, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Endodontics, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, or Prosthodontics.

**Dental Science**

**Master of Science in Dental Science**

The Master of Science in Dental Science (MSDS) Program is directed toward providing extensive training and development of well-trained clinicians, leading edge critical thinkers in evidence-based decision making with the education and background in basic scientific and clinical research methodology. The interdisciplinary education across dental specialties supports a high level, postdoctoral professional education environment.

The MSDS Program is supported by the School of Dentistry and the degree is conferred by the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. This Program is open only to students who have been accepted into, and continue in good standing in, a Health Science Center Certificate Program in either Advanced Education in General Dentistry, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Endodontics, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, or Prosthodontics.

Each MSDS student follows a Plan of Study consisting of both (a) a Core curriculum common to all MSDS students, and (b) a Track-specific curriculum tailored to the student’s clinical discipline. The MSDS courses and Certificate courses are integrated throughout the Plan of Study. Therefore, in those Tracks in which the MSDS is offered as an option, students should notify their Program Director, upon acceptance into the Certificate Program, of their intention to pursue the MSDS.

Upon successful completion of the MSDS Program, the student will be able to:

- Apply fundamentals of scientific inquiry through development of a research question.
- Apply research methodology through management of a research protocol, data collection, and data analysis.
• Apply skills in review of the scientific literature to synthesize a concept based on best available evidence.
• Interpret basic statistical analyses in scientific literature and in protocol design
• Defend and discuss application of research protocol through data interpretation of scientific results.

The Core curriculum consists of a specific selection of 23 hours from the courses listed below, particular to each Track-specific Plan of Study. See each participating clinical discipline’s Catalog listings for Sample Plans of Study showing the integration of the MSDS with the Certificate curricula.

Core Curriculum: Master of Science in Dental Science

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Required for Core Total 23

Admissions Requirements

Our application process begins May 21st of each year, and ends on October 1st of year. Unfortunately, applications which are not postmarked by October 1st will not be considered for acceptance.

Applicants from ADA-accredited dental schools:

1. On track to graduate from an ADA-accredited dental school
   a. Graduation is required prior to matriculation
2. Completed PASS application (https://portal.passweb.org/)
   a. Official transcripts from all undergraduate and dental schools
   b. CV/Resume
   c. Five PPI and two Professional Evaluation Forms (letters of recommendation)
3. Successful completion Part I of National Dental Board Examination (prior to application deadline)
   a. Successful completion of Part II of National Dental Boards is required prior to matriculation
4. AEGD Program Application including 2x2 photo
5. Personal interview, if selected as finalist

Applicants from non-ADA-accredited dental schools:

1. Graduation from dental school
2. Completed PASS application (https://portal.passweb.org/)
   a. Translated and evaluated transcripts. Please use one of these services:
      i www.wes.org (https://www.wes.org) Request WES ICAP course-by-course evaluation
      ii www.ece.org (https://www.ece.org) Request the course-by-course evaluation
   b. CV/Resume
   c. Five PPI and two Professional Evaluation Forms (letters of recommendation)
3. Successful completion Part I and Part II of National Dental Board Examination (prior to application deadline)
4. TOEFL (iBT format). A minimum score of 92 or above on the iBT is required of all applicants.
   Our Institution Code Number is 6439 (University Of Texas HSCSA Dental AEGD): www.ets.org/toefl (http://www.ets.org/toefl)
5. AEGD Program Application including 2x2 photo
6. Personal interview, if selected as finalist

Degree Requirements

A Certificate in Advanced Education in General Dentistry will be awarded upon the student’s successful completion of the prescribed AEGD curriculum with a PASS in all courses, and recommendation of the program director to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and certification by the Dean to the President.

The M.S. in Dental Science degree will be awarded to students who successfully complete the Sample Plan of Study.
## Sample Plan of Study
### Effective Fall 2015

#### First Year
- **Fall**
  - **Credit Hours**
  - **GEND7011** Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Fall Clinic: 0.5
  - **GEND5027** Pain Control & Sedation: 3.5
- **Spring**
  - **GEND7012** AEGD Spring Clinic: 0.5

**Total Credit Hours:** 4.5

**Note:** Second year is optional.

#### Second Year
- **Fall**
  - **Credit Hours**
  - **GEND7011** Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Fall Clinic (AEGD Fall Clinic): 0.5
  - **INTD5013** Perio/Pros/Endo/Orth Interdisciplinary Course 1: 1
  - **GEND7012** AEGD Spring Clinic: 0.5
  - **INTD5013** Perio/Pros/Endo/Orth Interdisciplinary Course 1: 1

**Total Credit Hours:** 3.0

### Effective Fall 2016

#### First Year
- **Fall**
  - **Credit Hours**
  - **GEND7011** Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Fall Clinic (AEGD Fall Clinic): 0.5
  - **GEND5027** Pain Control & Sedation: 3.5
- **Spring**
  - **GEND7012** AEGD Spring Clinic: 0.5
  - **INTD5013** Perio/Pros/Endo/Orth Interdisciplinary Course 1: 1

**Total Credit Hours:** 4.5

#### Second Year
- **Fall**
  - **Credit Hours**
  - **GEND7011** Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Fall Clinic (AEGD Fall Clinic): 0.5
  - **INTD5013** Perio/Pros/Endo/Orth Interdisciplinary Course 1: 1
  - **INTD5090** Grad Research Methodology: 1
  - **INTD5020** Dental Biomed Core 1: 4
  - **PATH5121** Biostatistics: 1
  - **INTD6014** Perio/Pros/Endo/Orth Interdisciplinary Course 2: 1

**Total Credit Hours:** 16.0

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### Objectives/Program Outcomes

The Certificate in Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at the Health Science Center is to provide training beyond the level of pre-doctoral education in oral health care, using applied basic and behavioral sciences. Education in this program is based on the concept that oral health is an integral and interactive part of total health. The program is designed to expand the scope and depth of the graduates’ knowledge and skills to enable them to provide comprehensive oral health care to a wide range of population groups.

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES:** At the completion of the program the student will:

1. Act as a primary care provider for individuals and groups of patients. This includes: providing emergency and multidisciplinary comprehensive oral health care; providing patient focused care that is coordinated by the general practitioner; directing health promotion and disease prevention activities; and using advanced dental treatment modalities.
2. Plan and provide multidisciplinary oral health care for a wide variety of patients including patients who are medically-compromised and/or have special needs.
3. Function effectively and efficiently in multiple health care environments within interdisciplinary health care teams.
4. Apply scientific principles to learning and oral health care. This includes using critical thinking, evidence or outcomes-based clinical decision-making, and technology-based information retrieval systems.
5. Demonstrate professionalism, including ethical principles, patient centered care, adaptability, and acceptance of cultural diversity in professional practice.

1. Required for M.S. in Dental Science, Advanced Education in General Dentistry Track
2. Required for both Certificate and for M.S. in Dental Science
Program Policies
Academic Probation and Dismissal

An advanced education student may be placed on academic probation for reasons of substandard performance in didactic, clinical, behavioral or professional/ethical areas. A student whose overall grade point average falls below B (3.0) or who receives a final grade of D, F or U for any course during any one grading period will be considered for a recommendation of academic probation by the departmental Residency Oversight Committee of the appropriate program. A recommendation for probation will be made to the Advanced Education Committee’s (AEC) Graduate Program Directors Subcommittee, which is comprised of the Program Directors of all the Advanced Education Programs in the School of Dentistry and the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. Only the Program Directors will be voting members of this Subcommittee; the Associate Dean for Student Affairs will serve in an ex-officio capacity as a non-voting member. In addition, the departmental Residency Oversight Committee may recommend to the AEC’s Graduate Program Directors Subcommittee that a student be placed on academic probation for clinical, behavioral or professional/ethical performance that does not meet the standards of the program. The AEC’s Graduate Program Directors Subcommittee will formally place the student on academic probation upon majority vote of the members.

A student placed on academic probation will be given written notification by the Chair of the Advanced Education Committee of such status. This notification will serve as an official warning to the student that her or his didactic, clinical, behavioral and/or professional/ethical performance is below standard and continuation in the postgraduate program is in jeopardy. The student will be allowed an opportunity to correct the substandard performance that led to academic probation status over a probationary time period determined by the departmental Residency Oversight Committee. At subsequent monthly AEC meetings, the Program Director of the affected residency will report to the AEC on the status of the probated student’s progress. Upon the student’s successful correction of performance deficiencies, he or she will be removed from academic probation. If the reason for academic probation was a GPA below 3.0, the student will remain on probation for as long as her or his cumulative GPA is below 3.0. While on probation, a student must maintain a B average in those courses for which he or she is registered or be considered for dismissal recommendation by the departmental Residency Oversight Committee. A recommendation to remove the student from academic probation will be made by the departmental Residency Oversight Committee to the AEC’s Graduate Program Directors Subcommittee, which will remove academic probation status upon majority vote of the members.

If the substandard performance that led to academic probation is not corrected, the student will be subject to dismissal from the program. A recommendation for dismissal will be made by the departmental Residency Oversight Committee to the AEC’s Graduate Program Directors Subcommittee. The AEC’s Graduate Program Directors Subcommittee will consider the recommendation for dismissal and will formally dismiss the student from the program upon majority vote of the members. A student will be subject to dismissal actions without a probationary period if he or she receives a final grade of D or F for 4 (four) or more credit hours of required course work during a single grading period.

During academic probation and dismissal actions, the student may address the AEC Graduate Program Directors Subcommittee in writing or may request permission to appear before the Subcommittee to present her or his views. The Advanced Education Committee will transmit recommendations for dismissal through the Associate Dean for Student Affairs to the Dean. Students may appeal academic dismissal to the School of Dentistry Dean.

Dental Public Health
Overview

The program in Advanced Education in Dental Public Health (DPH) in the School of Dentistry, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry is a one year full-time (two year part-time equivalent) for candidates with a dental degree (can be international) and a MPH from a School of Public Health that is accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. The mission of the certificate program in Dental Public Health at the Health Science Center is to educate specialists in dental public health to promote oral health and prevent dental disease at both the population and individual level, with a focus on the oral health needs of South Texas and the Texas-Mexico border communities.

The goal of the certificate program in Advanced Education in Dental Public Health at the Health Science Center is to educate competent dental public health professionals to strengthen the capacity of the dental public health workforce. The DPH Program fulfills this goal by:

- educating culturally competent dental public health specialists who can address the oral health needs of children and adults;
- providing service-learning experiences that will ensure the understanding of efficient and effective dental public health programs that increase access to community preventive services;
- cultivating professionals with advanced education in dental public health who can address oral health inequities through service to populations bearing a disproportionate share of oral disease and disability.

Admissions Requirements

Admission into the Dental Public Health (DPH) Program at the Health Science Center is systematic and considers candidate applications based upon a holistic review of each application. Individuals are eligible to apply for admission if they have a dental degree (can be international) and have completed a Master’s degree in public health from a school that is accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. These criteria for admission are established by the American Board of Dental Public Health. Applications must be postmarked by the application deadline to be considered. Initially, the applications undergo a review for completeness. Applications cannot be reviewed if deemed incomplete by the DPH Program Director. The applications are forwarded to the Dental Public Health Program Committee that consists of members of the teaching faculty, representation from individuals with education in dental public health from the community, and the Program Director. Applications are reviewed based upon established criteria that include, but are not limited to, oral and written communication, previous work experiences, research/publications, community experiences, potential for success, and academic performance.

A preliminary review of the applications is conducted by the Committee who select candidates for a telephone interview. Once the Committee completes the telephone interview, the Committee decides which two or three candidates to consider for a face-to-face interview. The interview provides the committee with the ability to evaluate the candidate’s intellectual curiosity, career objectives and goals, and suitability for the program. Based upon input received from the interviewers, the Committee
meets and recommends the individuals for admission to the DPH Program Director who will notify applicants of the disposition of the application.

Once admitted into the DPH Program, the following information must be provided to the Director before matriculation: 1) each candidate will need to provide proof of current immunizations; 2) each candidate must demonstrate that they have health insurance or purchase student health insurance, and; 3) each candidate must complete a criminal background check through the University. A candidate cannot matriculate until all official transcripts are verified.

**Degree Requirements**

The curriculum is designed to provide the dental public health advanced education student with experiences leading to competence in the field of dental public health. At the completion of the program in dental public health, the candidate should have obtained fundamental knowledge of the philosophy, principles and practice of dental public health and should have developed skills to practice dental public health, including research, administration, and education. The program is arranged to address the competency statements, allowing the resident to develop core knowledge in the area. The required experiences and courses cover a wide range of information believed to be essential for graduates in the field. The curriculum consists of four content areas, including didactic coursework, research, undergraduate dental teaching, and field and clinical experiences. The curriculum components are combined into two courses per semester titled “Advanced Education in Dental Public Health I” and “Research Methodology in Dental Public Health I” that is offered in the fall semester and “Advanced Education in Dental Public Health II” and “Research Methodology in Dental Public Health II” that is offered in the spring semester. Upon demonstration of competency in dental public health, the advanced education students are awarded a specialty certificate.

**Sample Plan of Study**

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**Objectives/Program Outcomes**

1. Students will demonstrate comprehensive education in dental public health sciences as a foundation for the practice of the specialty, including the oral health needs of children and adults, preventive services for individuals and populations, and oral health disparities and inequities;

2. Students will demonstrate knowledge and skill in research design, research conduct, data analysis, data interpretation, and presentation of findings;

3. Students will demonstrate knowledge and skill in program planning and program operation by engaging in service-learning experiences that ensure understanding of efficient and effective dental public health programs that increase access to community preventive services;

4. Students will, upon completion of the program, engage in a dental public health career in academics, local, state and federal agencies (e.g. Indian Health Service, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Health Resources and Services Administration), armed forces, community health center, international health agencies, health care management, financing, and management agencies, and;

5. Students will be prepared to successfully challenge the examination for certification by the American Board of Dental Public Health.

**Program Policies**

**Policy on Probation and Dismissal**

An advanced education student may be placed on academic probation for reasons of substandard performance in didactic, clinical, behavioral, or professional/ethical areas. A student who receives a final grade of F for any course during any one grading period will be considered for a recommendation of academic probation by the DPH Program Committee. A recommendation for probation will be made to the Advanced Education Committee (AEC) Graduate Program Directors Subcommittee, which is comprised of the Program Directors of all of the Advanced Education Programs in the School of Dentistry and the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. Only the Program Directors will be voting members of this Subcommittee; the Associate Dean for Student Affairs will serve in an ex-officio capacity as a non-voting member. In addition, the DPH Program Committee may recommend to the AEC’s Graduate Program Directors Subcommittee that a student be placed on academic probation for academic, behavioral, or professional/ethical performance that does not meet the standards of the program. The AEC’s Graduate Program Directors Subcommittee will formally place the student on academic probation upon a majority vote of the members.

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If the substandard performance that led to academic probation is not corrected, the student will be subject to dismissal from the program. A recommendation for dismissal will be made by the DPH Program Committee to the AEC Graduate Program Directors Subcommittee.
Admissions Requirements

- Official dental school transcripts
- Official evaluation of dental school transcripts for international students
- National Board Part 1 exam scores for all dental students
- GRE exam scores for international dental students
- TOEFL exam scores for non-English speakers
- GPA/Class Rank
- 3 letters of recommendation
- $50.00 application fee
- Interview with Program Director and Faculty

Degree Requirements

- Completion of all course work with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.
- Completion of a research project.
- Completion of a portfolio of ten treatment cases to be submitted to the American Board of Endodontics.

Sample Plan of Study

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Objectives/Program Outcomes

Goals

Consistent with the Health Science Center mission and with the Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Endodontics, the program goals are to provide each student with an excellent, individualized educational experience in four areas: 1) biomedical sciences, 2) clinical sciences, 3) teaching, 4) research and to ultimately prepare each student to achieve certification by the American Board of Endodontics.

Objectives

The objectives of the program are to provide instruction and/or clinical experience in the following areas:

1. Biomedical sciences
   a. Anatomy and histology, including embryology
   b. Microbiology, infection and immunology
   c. Oral medicine and pathology
   d. Biochemistry and physiology

2. Clinical sciences
   a. Patient evaluation and management, including emergencies
   b. Endodontic radiology, diagnosis and treatment plans
   c. Pain and infection, including pharmacologic management
   d. Nonsurgical and surgical endodontic procedures
   e. Restoration of endodontically treated teeth
   f. Evaluation of endodontic therapy
   g. Practice management

3. Teaching endodontics
   a. Presentations in lectures, seminars and table clinic
   b. Preclinical instruction of undergraduate students
   c. Clinical instruction of undergraduate students

4. Research
   a. Statistics, research design and methodology
   b. Investigation and evaluation of the literature
   c. Written and oral presentation of research results

The curriculum of instruction and experience in biomedical and clinical sciences is well balanced with teaching and research experience. The ultimate objective of the program is to develop students who are well prepared for candidacy for certification by the American Board of Endodontics and for continued career progress in clinical practice or academic achievement.

Program Policies

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Dental Diagnostic Science Certificate & M.S. Dental Science Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Track

Overview
The advanced education program in oral and maxillofacial radiology consists of either a 30-month study leading to a Certificate in Dental Diagnostic Science with an emphasis in oral and maxillofacial radiology, or a 36-month study leading to both this Certificate and to the Master of Science in Dental Science. Students in the Certificate program receive extensive training in radiation physics and radiation biology, radiographic techniques, and interpretation.

Students are responsible for performing, interpreting and updating conventional and advanced radiographic procedures such as CT, Cone Beam CT and magnetic resonance images acquired in the graduate clinic, extramural clinics, or assigned in courses. Students report on imaging studies and consult with clinicians nationwide.

Successful completion of the Certificate Program can fulfill the formal education requirements of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology.

Admissions Requirements
- D.D.S. or D.M.D. degrees from U.S. or Canada are preferred. All others will be considered and are encouraged to apply.
- Minimum of 1 year experience in general practice residency or in general practice is preferred.
- Deadline to apply: November 1st of each year for the following year’s matriculating class. Application materials include:
  - Completed application
  - Three letters of recommendation
  - Original transcripts from all the schools attended. In addition, international applicants must have transcripts evaluated by evaluation firms such as ECE or WES including GPA calculations. All transcripts and evaluation reports must be received prior to application deadline
  - GRE and TOEFL scores are required for international applicants.
  - GRE scores are mandatory for the Master’s program and must be received prior to the application deadline
  - National board scores, if available

Degree Requirements
Certificate program – completion of all courses listed in “Sample Plan of Study” except those marked with only an “MS” superscript.

Master’s program – completion of all courses listed in “Sample Plan of Study.”

Sample Plan of Study for Certificate + MS

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### Objectives

- Provide comprehensive training that assures resident knowledge and proficiency in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology through extensive training in radiation physics, radiation biology, radiographic techniques and interpretation, anatomy of the head and neck and diagnostic imaging interpretation of the maxillofacial region using conventional and advanced radiographic procedures such as CT, Cone Beam CT, and magnetic resonance images acquired in the graduate clinic or in assigned courses.
- Prepare the residents to successfully challenge the Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology board exams and become certified Radiologists.

### Program Policies

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Certificate in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Overview

The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Program is a six-year course of study leading sequentially to an M.D. and then a Certificate. The program is designed to integrate the advanced biological basic sciences into progressive clinical training. There is an excellent balance between inpatient admissions and outpatient visits encompassing dentoalveolar surgery, maxillofacial trauma, pathology, orthognathic, preprosthetic, temporomandibular, and reconstructive surgery. There are approximately 10,000 outpatient procedures performed annually in the oral surgery clinic and 450 hospital admissions. Emphasis is placed on total health care of the hospitalized patient. Residents are expected to become competent in overall patient management including physical diagnosis, fluid and electrolyte administration, medication, interpretation of laboratory data, etc. Other activities that are used to supplement hospital clinical oral and maxillofacial surgery experiences and rotations include a School of Dentistry assignment, emergency room duty, special clinics, conferences and teaching rounds.

Graduates are expected to be able to act as oral and maxillofacial surgery specialists in private practice, educational, and/or hospital settings; to plan and provide oral and maxillofacial surgery care for a wide variety of patients including those with complex disease comorbidities; to function effectively and efficiently in interdisciplinary health care teams; to apply scientific principles to the selection and provision of oral and maxillofacial surgical services, including evidence-based and critical thinking, outcomes-based quality improvement, and technology based information systems; and to demonstrate professionalism, including ethical principles, patient-centered care, and adaptability.

Admissions Requirements

All applicants for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Program must be graduates of dental schools in the United States or Canada which are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The application should have demonstrated outstanding academic ability, maturity, judgment and ambition. The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency program participates in the Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS) for application and the National Dental Matching program for selection. You can receive information at: http://www.adea.org/passapp or by writing:

PASS
1625 Massachusetts Ave., NW Suite 101
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 332-8790

Degree Requirements

The Oral and Maxillofacial Certificate Program is a full-time course of study, requiring completion of the M.D. as a prerequisite, and then successful completion of 36 months of clinical rotations and successful completion of 6 semester credit hours of required course work.

Sample Plan of Study

Each course in the following sequence contains modules in: case conference, dentoalveolar deformities, anesthesia and pain control, journal club, oral pathology, prosthodontics conference, and morbidity and mortality conference. Students at each of the various levels participate in common
session seminar, lecture, discussion, and case presentation sessions. At each progressive course level, increased knowledge, higher skills, and more-deeply-informed attitudes are expected of the student.

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### Objectives/Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the graduate should be able to:

- provide competent patient care as evaluated in the six domains of colleague/faculty communication, assessment and data analysis, decision making and judgment, patient communication, patient/family education, and performance of procedures;
- make use of a fund of medical knowledge in the following three domains: to develop a clear rationale for procedures, to use evidence-based reasoning, and to address clinical problems;
- demonstrate adequate technical abilities in the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

### Program Policies

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Certificate in Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics with Master's Degree

Overview

The mission of the Certificate Program in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics at the School of Dentistry, the Health Science Center is to educate specialists in orthodontics to prevent and correct dental malocclusions and dentofacial deformities at both the population and the individual level, thus contributing to the improvement of oral health of the population of South Texas. This mission will be accomplished by educating clinical orthodontic specialists competent and proficient in providing services in evidence-based clinical practice and to participate in education of future orthodontists.

The mission of the Certificate Program in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics will be fulfilled by achieving the following goals over the 35 months of the Program:

1. Graduated and certified orthodontic specialists will demonstrate competency in clinical orthodontics and professional and ethical behavior in clinical practice.
2. The graduates will be prepared and qualified for certification by the American Board of Orthodontists (ABO).
3. The graduates will demonstrate a thorough knowledge base of etiology of dental malocclusions, dentofacial deformity, growth and development and management of malocclusions according to accepted standards of care in orthodontics.
4. The graduates will demonstrate a knowledge in and understanding of research by completing a research project that includes protocol development, data collection and analysis, preparation of a publishable quality scientific paper and presentation of findings at a scientific forum.

Admissions Requirements

1. Graduation from a Dental School with a D.D.S., D.M.D., or non-U.S. equivalent prior to matriculation.
2. Completed online PASS application for admission to the Graduate Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Program.
3. Transcripts: One official transcript in a sealed envelope is required from each college/university attended. If you have attended a non-U.S. college/university, all international transcripts must be evaluated by an accredited foreign credentialing service.
4. Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores.
5. Official Test of English as a Second Language (TOEFL) results if an international student and English is a second language. The reported TOEFL results must be less than two years old at the time of submission.
6. Three letters of recommendation.
7. Submission deadline is September 15.

Degree Requirements

Certificates will be awarded upon the student’s successful completion of the prescribed curriculum with a 3.0 minimum grade point average, recommendation of the program director to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and certification by the Dean to the President.

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ORTH5011  Orthodontic Techniques 1.0
ORTH5014  Literature Seminars 0.5
ORTH5070  Practice Management 0.5

Total Credit Hours: 9.0

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Total Credit Hours: 9.0

1 Required for M.S. in Dental Science, Orthodontics Track
2 Required for both Certificate and M.S. in Dental Science

Objectives/Program Outcomes

The Certificate in Orthodontics program at the Health Science Center School of Dentistry is designed to prepare students to acquire the knowledge and clinical skills necessary to provide comprehensive orthodontic care and correct malocclusions and limited skeletal deformities in children and adults, including those with special health care needs.

Program Outcomes: At the completion of the program the student will:

1. Demonstrate competency and proficiency as a clinical orthodontic specialist in evidence-based clinical practice.
2. Demonstrate the understanding of and competency in professional and ethical behavior in clinical practice.
3. Demonstrate a thorough knowledge base of etiology of dental malocclusions, dentofacial deformity, growth and development and management of malocclusions according to accepted standards of care in orthodontics.
4. Complete a research project that includes protocol development, data collection and analysis, preparation of a publishable quality scientific paper and presentation of findings at a scientific meeting.

Program Policies

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Pediatric Dentistry with Master's Option

The program in pediatric dentistry is designed to offer the advanced student a balanced curriculum in both didactic and clinical areas. Particular emphasis is placed on hospital dentistry, conscious sedation, interceptive orthodontics and special patient care. The program is administered by the Department of Developmental Dentistry, of the School of Dentistry, and is approved and accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Upon successful completion of all requirements, the student is awarded a certificate in Pediatric Dentistry and meets the eligibility requirements for the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

Admissions Requirements

Students are admitted to the certificate programs through registration as postdoctoral certificate students in the School of Dentistry. To be eligible for admission, individuals must have earned a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree or non-U.S. equivalent prior to matriculation and must present their dental education transcripts, three letters of recommendation and three personal potential index evaluations. A personal interview is required.

All applications should be submitted through the PASS program. Application cycle opens in May 21st through September 16th.

Graduates of dental schools which have not been accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation must have successfully approved the National Boards prior to application.

Applicants for whom English is not the native language are required to submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Degree Requirements

A Certificate will be awarded upon the student's successful completion of the prescribed curriculum with a 3.0 minimum grade point average, recommendation of the program director to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and certification by the Dean to the President.

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Certificate in Periodontics with Master's Degree

Overview

In this three-year advanced education program, residents learn all facets of periodontics and dental implant therapy, including biomedical sciences, patient evaluation, diagnosis of periodontal and other oral diseases, interdisciplinary treatment planning, non-surgical and surgical periodontal treatment, and dental implant therapy.

Admissions Requirements

Information and Documentation Required for Application

1. Application for Admission form for the Graduate Periodontics Program. Applications are accepted between March 1st and July 15th each year. We do not charge an application fee.
2. Transcripts: one official transcript in a sealed envelope is required from each college/university attended. If you have attended a non-U.S. college/university, it is required that all international transcripts be evaluated by an accredited foreign credentialing service. Please contact our office for a list of such services, if needed.
3. The GPA/Class Rank form completed by the Office of the Dean of the dental school you attended.
4. National Board Examination scores (official report or certified copy).
5. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS), if international applicant. TOEFL or IELTS tests taken more than two (2) years prior to date of applications will not be accepted.¹
   a. For TOEFL must have minimum score of 560 for paper test, 220 for computer based test, or 68 for Internet based test.
   b. For IELTS must have minimum score of 6.5
6. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.¹
   a. Required for all applicants who graduated from a dental school not accredited by Commission on Dental Accreditation.

¹ The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio 165
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b. Recommended for all applicants, especially those from schools that do not rank or provide grades.

c. GRE scores taken more than 5 years before application date will not be accepted.

7. For GRE, TOEFL and IELTS, use School Code #6908, Department Code #0604, Dental Sciences Periodontics

8. Letters of recommendation from 3 individuals addressed to the Director of Graduate Periodontics.


10. Applicants who are Permanent Residents of the US must supply a certified copy of both the front and back sides of their federal Green Card. All international students must provide their full legal name as it appears on immigration documents.

1 Send TOEFL, IELTS and GRE scores to:
   The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
   Brian L. Mealey, DDS, MS, Program Director
   7703 Floyd Curl Drive, MSC 7894
   San Antonio, Texas 78229-3900

**Degree Requirements**

A certificate in periodontics will be awarded upon the student’s successful completion of the prescribed periodontics curriculum with a minimum 3.0 GPA, recommendation of the program director to the Dean for Student Affairs and certification by the Dean to the President.

The Master of Science in Dental Science degree will be awarded upon the student’s successful completion of the designated courses in the sample plan of study below with a minimum 3.0 GPA, successful defense of M.S. thesis, award of a certificate in Periodontics, recommendation of the Committee on Graduate Studies and certification of the Faculty Council of the Graduate School to the President.

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Objectives/Program Outcomes

The primary goal of the Periodontics Program is to produce outstanding clinical periodontists who engage in a broad scope of periodontal procedures and who are capable of engaging in research, teaching and leadership activities. We hope to produce the most well trained clinical periodontists coming out of residency programs in the U.S., so that they can offer the highest quality of care to their patients, provide for their families, and give back to the community and the profession.

Program Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate foundational didactic knowledge and insight in the biomedical sciences.
2. Demonstrate a high level of clinical skill in a comprehensive variety of periodontal and dental implant treatment modalities, as set out in CODA Standards for Accreditation of Advanced Education in Periodontics Programs.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the scientific evidence in periodontology and surgical implant dentistry, including interpretation, analysis, and critical evaluation.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of and clinical skills in multidisciplinary patient care (prosthodontic, orthodontics, TMD, endodontics).
5. Demonstrate knowledge of and clinical skills in methods of adjunctive anxiety and pain control including conscious sedation using intravenous, oral and inhalation routes. Emphasis will be placed on IV sedation.
6. Program graduates will be able to obtain specialty board certification.
7. Demonstrate professional/ethical behavior in all aspects of residency training and patient care.
8. Develop an understanding of the scientific method, hypothesis testing and use of evidence based methodologies. Demonstrate active engagement in research leading to Master of Science degree by the conclusion of residency.

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Certificate in Prosthodontics with Master's Option

Overview
The Advanced Education in Prosthodontics Program provides a progressive clinical, laboratory and didactic experience in fixed, removable, maxillofacial and implant prosthodontics. Graduates will be prepared to skillfully practice the clinical art and science of prosthodontics in a specialty practice, and will be prepared to complete the certification examination of The American Board of Prosthodontics.

Certificate Courses Applicable to a Concurrently Pursued M.S.:

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Admissions Requirements
Mailing address for application, transcripts, test results, recommendations and future correspondence regarding the application:

Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, MSC 7912
UT Health Science Center
7703 Floyd Curl Dr.
San Antonio, Texas 78229-3900

2. Completed Application for Admission Form for the Graduate Prosthodontics Program. Applications are accepted between October 1st and August 15th each Year. There is no application fee.
3. Transcripts: one official transcript in a sealed envelope is required from each college/university attended. If you have attended a non-U.S. college/university, all international transcripts must be evaluated by an accredited foreign credentialing service. Please contact our program office for a list of credentialing service providers if needed.
4. The GPA / Class Rank completed by the Office of the Dean at the dental school attended.
5. Three letters of recommendation.
6. A brief curriculum vitae.
7. Non-U.S. citizens who are permanent residents of the United States must provide a copy of both the front and back sides of their federal Green Card. All international students must provide their full legal name as it appears on immigration documents.
8. Official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) results if an international student and English is a second language. The reported TOEFL results must be less than 2 years old at the time of submission. There is no minimum required score for application.
9. Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores.
   a. Required for all applicants who graduated from a dental school not accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).
   b. Recommended for all applicants, particularly those applicants from dental schools with Pass / Fail grading or schools that do not provide class ranks.
   c. Report GRE scores using School Code #6908, Department Code #0604.
10. Submission deadline August 15 of the year preceding anticipated program start.
11. Personal interview if selected as finalist in selection process.

Degree Requirements
A certificate in prosthodontics will be awarded upon the student’s successful completion of the prescribed prosthodontic curriculum with a minimum 3.0 GPA, recommendation of the program director to the Dean for Student Affairs and certification by the Dean to the President.

The Master of Science in Dental Science degree will be awarded upon the student’s successful completion of the designated courses in the sample plan of study below with a minimum 3.0 GPA, successful defense of M.S. thesis, award of a certificate in Prosthodontics, recommendation of the Committee on Graduate Studies and certification of the Faculty Council of the Graduate School to the President.

Sample Plan of Study
Prosthodontics Certificate

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Objectives/Program Outcomes

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1. Students will demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of clinical prosthodontics.
2. Students will demonstrate an historical and evidence-based understanding of contemporary prosthodontic practice.
3. Students will successfully challenge progressive didactic, laboratory, and clinical experiences in fixed, removable, maxillofacial, and implant prosthodontics and demonstrate adequate preparation for skillful practice of the art and science of prosthodontics at the specialty level.
4. Students will successfully practice in a service-oriented model of specialty care with experiences that focus on the best interests of the patient in a climate of interdisciplinary consultation and collaboration.
5. Students will successfully complete didactic and clinical instruction that will potentiate future roles as prosthodontic educators.
6. Students will demonstrate adequate preparation to successfully challenge the certifying examinations of the American Board of Prosthodontics.
7. Students will apply a sufficient understanding of dental research that will permit successful completion of a Master of Science degree or a scholarly publication/presentation.

Program Policies

Academic Probation and Dismissal

An advanced education student may be placed on academic probation for reasons of substandard performance in didactic, clinical, behavioral, or professional/ethical areas. A student whose overall grade point average falls below B (3.0) or who receives a final grade of D, F, or U for any course during any one grading period will be considered for a recommendation of academic probation by the departmental Residency Oversight Committee of the appropriate program. A recommendation for probation will be made to the Advanced Education Committee’s (AEC) Graduate Program Directors Subcommittee, which is comprised of the Program Directors of all the Advanced Education Programs in the School of Dentistry and the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. Only the Program Directors will be voting members of this Subcommittee; the Associate Dean for Student Affairs will serve in an ex-officio capacity as a non-voting member.

In addition, the AEC’s Graduate Program Directors Subcommittee may formally place the student on academic probation upon majority vote of the members. A student placed on academic probation will be given written notification by the Chair of the Advanced Education Committee of such status. This notification will serve as an official warning to the student that her or his didactic, clinical, behavioral, and/or professional/ethical performance is below standard and continuation in the postgraduate program is jeopardized. The student will be offered an opportunity to correct the substandard performance that led to academic probation status over a probationary time period determined by the departmental Residency Oversight Committee. At subsequent monthly AEC meetings, the Program Director of the affected residency will report to the AEC on the status of the probated student’s progress. Upon the student’s successful correction of performance deficiencies, he or she will be removed from academic probation.

If the substandard performance that led to academic probation is not corrected, the student will be subject to dismissal from the program. A recommendation for dismissal will be made by the departmental Residency Oversight Committee to the AEC’s Graduate Program Directors Subcommittee. The AEC’s Graduate Program Directors Subcommittee will consider the recommendation for dismissal and will formally dismiss the student from the program upon majority vote of the members. A student will be subject to dismissal actions without a probationary period if he or she receives a final grade of D or F for 4 (four) or more credit hours of required course work during a single grading period.

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Dental Hygiene

Dental hygienists are licensed health care professionals that specialize in preventing oral health problems and diseases. To become a licensed, registered dental hygienist requires successful completion of an ADA accredited dental hygiene program, The National Dental Hygiene Board Examination, and a state or regional examination. The primary responsibility of a dental hygienist is to treat and educate patients in the control and prevention of oral diseases. Typical functions of the clinical dental hygienist include assessment of health histories, evaluating and charting oral conditions, removing deposits (plaque, tartar, and stain) from the teeth, exposing and processing dental x-rays, applying preventive agents to the tooth surfaces such as fluoride and sealants, and providing individualized oral hygiene instruction services.

This growing career field is projected to be one of the 30 fastest growing occupations. The population growth combined with the increasing rate of retention of natural teeth will continue to stimulate the need for...
Program Policies

Academic Advising

The division director and faculty serve as student advisors. Advisors have the role of assisting students to solve problems and/or find alternatives or options. The advisor provides advice and opinions, facts or information, and clarifies policies for the student. Topics that may be addressed through faculty advising include academic issues, program policies, study problems, time management, and clinical progress, as well as the advisor’s referral to other support systems in the university or community.

Academic Warning

The Academic Performance Committee meets twice per semester to review students’ academic progress in the program. At the mid-semester meeting, students identified as performing at an unsatisfactory level in any course are sent a letter from the program director requesting that they meet with their course instructor to determine what strategies may be needed to improve their status before the end of the semester. An academic warning is an official communication between the program director and the “at risk” student. Academic warning is offered at midsemester. A student will receive an academic warning from the program director for performing unsatisfactory in any course. Academic warning is a courtesy to the student, allowing for supportive dialog between the student and the dental hygiene administration.

Advancement, Probation and Dismissal

A satisfactory rate of progress toward the degree is determined by the Academic Performance Committee (APC) for the bachelor’s degree, or the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) for the master’s degree, according to the following standards. Students may be suspended, dismissed, and/or refused readmission at any time if circumstances of an ethical, legal, moral, health, social, psychomotor skill development, or academic nature are considered to justify such an action.

Performance Review: Each student’s performance is reviewed at the middle and end of every term by the APC/COGS. At midterm the APC/COGS determines whether the student is progressing satisfactorily or whether a warning letter is indicated. Warning letters specify each course in which the student is performing unsatisfactorily and suggest that the student meet with the course director to assist in remediation strategies. Students are responsible for arranging instructor counseling and assistance in remedying any academic deficiencies.

Promotion Recommendations: At semester’s end, the APC/COGS determines the student’s promotion status. The APC/COGS evaluates other aspects of the student’s performance: (1) course grade(s), (2) attendance record, (3) professional behaviors, (4) and psychomotor skill development. The APC/COGS also may assess extenuating circumstances that might have affected student progress on an individual basis. Recommendations are forwarded to the program director for final approval. A student performing at an unsatisfactory level will receive written notification of her/his status from the Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

The policies below apply to students in the bachelor’s degree programs (entry-level and degree completion). Students in the Master of Science degree program follow policies of the Graduate School of Biomedical Science (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu), found in this Catalog.

Unconditional Advancement – A student may be considered for Unconditional Advancement if the student:

• Achieves a minimum grade point average of 2.0 each semester,
• Successfully completes all prescribed courses and semester requirements, and
• Earns a satisfactory grade in each course taken.

In addition, the faculty will consider all areas listed above under Promotion Recommendations.

Probationary Advancement – A student may be considered for Probationary Advancement if the student:

• Withdraws from a prescribed course with the approval of the department chair but meets all other conditions for Unconditional Advancement,
• Receives an unsatisfactory grade in a single course; or
• Receives an I (Incomplete) grade in any course(s).

A student who receives an unsatisfactory grade in any course may be required to repeat all or part of the academic year. When repeating any portion of the academic year the student must earn a satisfactory grade in each course or be subject to dismissal from the program.

Dismissal – Dismissal from the program may be recommended if a student receives an unsatisfactory grade(s) in:

• One or more courses in one semester,
• A course being repeated,
• A course being remediated,
• Any course taken while repeating any portion of the academic year, or
• Any course taken while on probation
• Receiving an unsatisfactory or failing grade in professionalism

Remediation – Remediation of a course in which an unsatisfactory grade was earned may be considered by the APC/COGS if recommended by the course director and/or APC/COGS. Methods for remediation are determined by the APC/COGS in consultation with the individual course instructor, and specified in writing to the student. The student is expected to complete the course(s) within the time frame specified by the APC/COGS.

In addition, the APC will consider all areas listed above under Promotion Recommendations. The APC/COGS reserves the right to make alternate recommendations as deemed appropriate.

Appeal Procedures

1. A student may appeal an Academic Performance Committee decision that recommends: a) remediation, b) repetition of the year or c) academic dismissal. The student submits written notification of his/her desire to appeal to the Dean’s office. This written request must be received by the Dean’s office within 5 days following the student’s receipt of the written notification of the Academic Performance Committee’s recommendation.

2. The Dean will consult with appropriate individuals and render a decision to uphold or overturn the Academic Performance Committee decision. The student will receive written notification of the Dean’s decision.
Student appeals and grievances are handled through established policies and procedures for the School of Dentistry, outlined in the Academic Grievance Policies (p. 49) section of the Catalog.

**Grades**

The standing of students in their work is expressed by the following grades:

- **A** = Excellent
- **B** = Above Average
- **C** = Average
- **D** = Below Average
- **F** = Failure

Grades in courses in which performance is graded an S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory) are not used in computing grades point average.

- **A** = 4 points
- **B** = 3 points
- **C** = 2 points
- **D** = 1 point
- **F** = 0 points

The symbol I (Incomplete) may be recorded for a student who has not completed course assignments at the conclusion of the course.

**Grades in Clinical Rotation and Practicums**

Clinical rotations and Practicums may be graded S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory), or may be assigned a letter grade, depending on the department policy.

A grade of S or other designations of an acceptance grade is assigned if the student successfully satisfies the criteria for clinical courses. Failure to successfully satisfy the course criteria may result in a n I (Incomplete) or a U (Unsatisfactory) or a letter grade considered unsatisfactory based on departmental policy.

Criteria and time frame for removal of an I or U or other Unsatisfactory grade in clinical courses are determined based on clinical documentation and consultation with the Clinical Supervisor/Clinical Instructor. An I or U or other unsatisfactory grade may require that the student complete an additional affiliation or other remediation that could extend the professional curriculum beyond the expected graduation date. More than one unsatisfactory grade is not allowed within the total clinical course sequence.

**Incomplete**

A grade of I (Incomplete) may be assigned when a student has not satisfactorily completed all course requirements by the conclusion of the course requirements by the conclusion of the course. Unless the student has been granted a Leave of Absence, all incomplete work must be completed within one year, at which time the grade will be changed to the appropriate letter grade. When an I is issued pending a grade in a course that is a prerequisite for another course, the I must be removed before the student will be allowed to enroll in the next sequential course.

**Dropping a Course**

There is a six course drop limit established by the Texas Senate (SB 1231). This legislation is applicable to all Texas public colleges and universities.

**Withdrawal from a Course**

From the beginning of the third week to the end of the eleventh week of classes (or first week to the seventh week for summer term), a student may withdraw from a course and receive a W (Withdrawal) on her or his transcript. Students who wish to withdraw must meet with their faculty advisor and the course instructor, fill out the course withdraw form, and obtain necessary signatures.

Between the end of the eleventh week (or the end of the seventh week for summer term) and the last day of class before finals, students who wish to withdraw from a course must petition the faculty through a written request to the course instructor. The petition must state why the student is unable to continue in the course. Acceptance reasons for the withdrawal do not include dissatisfaction with the instructor or course or with the expected grade or performance. The faculty will approve or deny the request. If approved, the student will receive a W on her or his transcript. If the request is denied, the instructor will assign a final grade in accordance with the criteria that is applied to other student in the course.

The instructor may recommend to the Department Chair that a student be administratively dropped from a course when the instructor can show that circumstances warrant such action. The Dean must approve this request. If approved a grade of W will be assigned.

Also see policies on withdrawal from all classes, leaves of absence, and dismissals.

**Master of Science in Dental Hygiene**

Dental hygienists are licensed health care professionals that specialize in preventing oral health problems and diseases. To become a licensed, registered dental hygienist requires successful completion of an ADA accredited dental hygiene program, The National Dental Hygiene Board Examination, and a state or regional examination. The primary responsibility of a dental hygienist is to treat and educate patients in the control and prevention of oral diseases. Typical functions of the clinical dental hygienist include assessment of health histories, evaluating and charting oral conditions, removing deposits (plaque, tartar, and stain) from the teeth, exposing and processing dental x-rays, applying preventive agents to the tooth surfaces such as fluoride and sealants, and providing individualized oral hygiene instruction services.

This growing career field is projected to be one of the 30 fastest growing occupations. The population growth combined with the increasing rate of retention of natural teeth will continue to stimulate the need for dental hygienist. For additional information on the profession of dental hygiene, contact the American Dental Hygienists’ Association (http://www.adha.org).

**Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Admissions Requirements**

A maximum of 6 qualified students are admitted to the Master of Science in Dental Hygiene degree program. This degree is only offered as an online program. In addition to the academic admission requirements,
non-academic factors may be considered when selecting students for admission to the MS program.

1. Bachelor’s degree from a nationally and regionally accredited institution of higher education in the United States.
2. Graduation from an accredited dental hygiene program recognized by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) within the United States and Canada.
4. Current licensure as a Registered Dental Hygienist in any state in the United States or Canada.
5. Satisfactory grades in undergraduate courses. The undergraduate grade point average should be no lower than a 3.0 on a 4.0 point scale system.
6. Complete the Graduate Record Examinations General Aptitude Test (GRE) or on the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Scores on GRE and MAT tests must be within the previous 5 years. No minimum score is required.
7. Applicants from countries where English is not the native language, are required to submit scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum score of 68 (Internet), 220 (computer), or 560 (paper) is required.

Application Requirements
Applicants must meet all qualifications and submit all required information by December 31st. Transcripts containing fall courses must be submitted by April 1st. Contact the Program Director, Melanie V. Taverna MSDH, RDH, with questions at 210-567-3858

Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Degree Requirements
A Master of Science in Dental Hygiene is awarded following successful completion of the core curriculum and electives to earn a total of 36 semester credit hours. The Master degree requires the student develop original research to be conducted and shared with the profession of dental hygiene.

Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Sample Plan of Study

Core Courses

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<td>DENH6098</td>
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All Master students are required to successfully complete all core coursework.

Course Electives

Select three or four of the following:

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Total Credit Hours 36

1. Master students should choose a minimum of 14 credit hours from the course electives. This may be accomplished by choosing courses from the Education Track, the Public Health Track, or a combination of the two tracks.

Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Objectives/Program Outcomes

Objectives are to promote a student-centered on-line learning environment that will allow dental hygienists the opportunity to further their education without relocating to San Antonio. The curriculum will allow students to gain knowledge and skills to become competent to health care educators, managers of community oral health care centers, and conduct original research. Self-evaluation and self-direction are encouraged throughout the program. Students have the opportunity to share their experiences, knowledge and skills, work cooperatively with colleagues, and explore a variety of resources to help them reach their maximum potential.

Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate proficiency in core dental hygiene principles—Students in the Graduate Program in Dental Hygiene will be able to define, explain, and apply key concepts and fundamental principles related to dental hygiene.
2. Critically review and interpret research literature—Students in the Graduate Dental Hygiene Program will be able to conduct a comprehensive systematic literature search, critically analyze and synthesize evidence gathered, and apply the research process to an identified problem.
3. Completion of required coursework (DENH5026, DENH5924, DENH5024, DENH5050 & INTD5023), manuscript Submission for Publication (DENH5022), and Thesis project (DENH 6098)
4. Communicate effectively in writing—Students in the Graduate Dental Hygiene Program will be able to demonstrate effective communication through writing using correct grammar, syntax, and purpose of thought.
5. Conduct independent research in an ethical manner—Students in the Graduate Dental Hygiene Program will be able to demonstrate ethical principles in the course of conducting research and writing a thesis.
Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

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Entry Level Track

The Bachelor of Science (BS) Entry level program may be considered by applicants wishing to become a Dental Hygienist. The Division of Dental Hygiene offers a Bachelor of Science Degree Program that prepares graduates for licensure and entry into the profession. The program consists of two academic years of upper-level coursework in dental hygiene theory, laboratory, and clinical skills. Applicants must complete specific general education prerequisite courses before entering the dental hygiene major. The Bachelor’s program requires students to successfully complete a total of 123 semester hours to earn the degree (includes Texas Core, prerequisites, and dental hygiene major courses). Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to take dental hygiene licensing examinations for eligibility to practice. The Division of Dental Hygiene is administered under the Department of Periodontics.

Application and Admission Requirements for the Entry-Level Bachelor’s Degree Program

A maximum of 30 qualified students are admitted to the Bachelor of Science degree program. In addition to the academic admission requirements, non-academic factors may be considered when selecting students for admission to the BS Entry program.

Required prerequisite courses: The Texas Core Curriculum and program prerequisites must be completed by the end of the spring semester of the year you are entering. The program specific prerequisites are listed below. Applicants must complete a minimum of 60 semester credit hours. For further information see the Texas General Education Core Web Center (http://statecore.its.txstate.edu). Applicants are encouraged to seek advisement from their college counselors.

Program Prerequisites

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<td>Psychology</td>
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<td>Elective (may be any academic course)</td>
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Total Credit Hours: 18

Application

Applicants must meet all qualifications and submit all required information by December 31. Transcripts containing fall courses must be submitted by Jan 15. Up to 6 credit hours may be in progress during the spring semester prior to admittance but must be completed and transcripts submitted by June 1.

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene – Entry Level Track Degree Requirements

Dental Hygiene Bachelor of Science degree is awarded at the successful conclusion of the program. Licensure is granted through the state of Texas following graduation, successful completion of the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination, the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), and a state Jurisprudence Examination. Other Texas licensure requirements are detailed on the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners website.

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene – Entry Level Track Sample Plan of Study

Entry-Level Bachelor’s Degree Program Curriculum

First Year

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Total Credit Hours: 18.0

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<td>DENH3034 Periodontics</td>
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<td>DENH3035 Pharmacotherapeutics</td>
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<td>DENH3040 Histology/Embryology</td>
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Second Year

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DENH4021  Community Oral Health Practicum 1  4
DENH4022  Clinic 2 Practicum  3
DENH4025  Advanced Periodontics  3
DENH4026  Healthcare Ethics  1

Total Credit Hours: 19.0

Second Year

Spring  

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<td>Community Oral Health Practicum 2</td>
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<td>DENH4111</td>
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Total Credit Hours: 12.0

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene  
– Entry Level Track Objectives/Program Outcomes

Objectives

The Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene program at the Health Science Center is designed to prepare students to have the knowledge and clinical skills to provide preventive educational and clinical dental hygiene oral health care to infants, children, adolescents, adults, and those with special health care needs.

Program Outcomes

1. Students will be able to provide clinical assessment and preventive oral health care within the scope of dental hygiene practice to infants, children, adolescents and adults.
2. Students will be able to provide clinical assessment and preventive oral health care within the scope of dental hygiene practice to the unique needs of women, the elderly and patients with physical, cognitive, emotional or development challenges.
3. Students will be have ability to assess oral and systemic risk factors related to individual health status and collaborate with other health care providers.
4. Students are prepared to provide ethically and socially responsible oral health care in compliance with the laws and regulations governing the practice of dental hygiene within the dental clinic workforce, community health clinics, and educational settings.
5. Students will be able to enhance the oral health of individuals and the community through risk assessment, prevention, promotion of healthy lifestyle and education.

Degree Completion Track

Dental hygienists are licensed health care professionals that specialize in preventing oral health problems and diseases. Dental hygienists with baccalaureate degrees may be employed in community college or university settings as teachers, public health departments or other health care facilities, oral health care businesses, and other similar job opportunities. Salaries vary, depending on the career choice.

The Bachelor of Science Degree Completion program is designed to be completed by a licensed dental hygienist (RDH) who graduated from an ADA/CODA accredited dental hygiene program in the U.S. or Canada. All didactic course work is offered online and may be taken on a part-time schedule. Generally, students who enter this program complete the remaining 30 of 123 hours toward a Bachelor of Science degree. Individual hours may vary and require a full unofficial transcript evaluation by the program director. A maximum of twelve students may be admitted to the program each year. Applications are accepted through a centralized dental hygiene application system found at: http://www.adea.org/dhcas.aspx from September – December 31 with the next class beginning early July. For more details review the “Admissions Requirements” section.

Degree Completion Track Admissions Requirements

The Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree completion may be considered by applicants who are already Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH). This program will allow you to complete a Bachelor of Science degree online. In addition to the academic admission requirements, non-academic factors may be considered when selecting students for admission.

Required prerequisite program/courses:

1. An active license as a Registered Dental Hygienist in good standing
2. Graduation from an ADA (http://www.ada.org)/CODA (http://www.ada.org/117.aspx)-accredited dental hygiene program in the U.S. or Canada. (All credits earned in the entry hygiene program will be accepted toward BS requirements)
3. A grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 for all college courses taken
4. Completion of the Texas Core Curriculum (p. 44) requirements (42 hours)
5. Completion of 18 hours Program Prerequisites
6. All course requirements for entry into the program are listed at: http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/dental/dental-hygiene-program-admissions-prerequisite-course-list
7. Pay Transcript Processing Fee to UTHSCSA, Office of the University Registrar at: http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/dental/dental-hygiene-bachelors-admission-process

The Texas Core Curriculum and 18 hours of program prerequisites must be completed by the end of the spring semester of the year you are entering. For further information see the Texas General Education Core Web Center. Applicants are encouraged to seek advisement from the program director or college counselor.

Application: Applicants must meet all qualifications and submit all required information by December 31. Transcripts containing fall courses must be submitted by Jan 15. Up to 6 credit hours may be in progress during the spring semester prior to admittance but must be completed and transcripts submitted by June 1.

Degree Completion Track Degree Requirements

Dental Hygiene Bachelor of Science degree is awarded at the successful conclusion of the program. Non-UTHSCSA graduates wishing to earn a BS degree must complete a minimum of 30 semester credit hours of elective courses in the program. UTHSCSA graduates (prior to 2005) who wish to earn a BS degree must complete from 6-9 elective credit hours.
Degree Completion Track Sample Plan of Study

Students must complete 30 semester credit hours of elective courses from the list below:

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<td>Advanced Periodontics</td>
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<td>Concepts And Practice In Teaching</td>
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**Degree Completion Track Objectives/Program Outcomes**

The Bachelor of Science Degree Completion program at the UT Health Science Center San Antonio is designed to allow dental hygienists who wish to further their knowledge an educational platform to do so, and continue working.

**Outcomes**

1. Development of professional skills to include: oral and written communication; critical thinking; problem solving; leadership
2. A more in depth understanding of the body of knowledge in the profession of dental hygiene
School of Health Professions

The School of Health Professions is a dynamic center of learning, service, research, and practice for future allied health professionals who will serve the people of Texas and the nation. Allied health represents the largest group of health care providers in the United States. There are over 100 allied health disciplines representing more than 7 million workers and constituting approximately 60% of the health care workforce.

All educational programs in the School of Health Professions are accredited by their respective specialized accrediting bodies. Information about accreditation status and the accrediting body are presented in each department’s section of this Catalog.

History

When the Board of Regents reorganized all existing biomedical units within The University of Texas System in 1972, the Health Science Center became one of four such institutions of The University of Texas System, each having a medical school, a graduate school of biomedical sciences and a school of allied health sciences, in addition to at least one of the following health professional schools: a school of nursing, a school of public health or a dental school.

Before the reorganization, San Antonio had been the site of the Medical School, the Dental School, and the School of Nursing. When the Health Science Center was established by the Board of Regents, the Medical and Dental schools and the newly established Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and School of Allied Health Sciences (SAHS) became the original components. With the integration of the School of Nursing in 1976, the institution consisted of five schools.

In 1975, The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) independently developed three allied health programs: medical technology (now clinical laboratory sciences), occupational therapy and physical therapy. As these programs began to develop at UTSA, it became apparent that a linkage with the Health Science Center was needed to satisfy accreditation standards for the three new programs. The Health Science Center and UTSA subsequently developed a jointly awarded baccalaureate degree. Administrative responsibility for these three programs was transferred to the Health Science Center School of Allied Health in 1980.

In 1991, the SAHS programs earned departmental status and program directors officially became “Department Chairs” in the spring of 1992. That same year, the School of Allied Health Sciences began awarding its own Bachelor of Science degrees in Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy, independent of the UTSA joint degree. The Department of Respiratory Care was established in 1993 to offer a Bachelor of Science degree program and began offering a Master of Science degree program and began offering a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. In 2015, the Department of Respiratory Care began offering the Master of Science in Respiratory Care.

Today the School of Health Professions includes six departments: Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Emergency Health Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Physical Therapy and Respiratory Care. Together, these departments offer one doctoral degree, three master’s degrees, three bachelor’s degrees, and seven certificates (including post-baccalaureate certificates).

Mission Statement

The mission of the School of Health Professions is to make lives better through excellence in education, research, health care and community engagement.

Strategic Objectives

1. Excellence in education
   - Educating a diverse student body to become excellent health care providers, scientists and leaders.
   - Advancing health science education through research, scholarship and practice.

2. Excellence in research and scholarship
   - Engaging in research to understand health and disease, and to commercialize discoveries, as appropriate, to benefit the public.
   - Discovering and disseminating new knowledge to advance health, health care, education and training.

3. Excellence in health care
   - Providing compassionate and culturally proficient health care, and influencing thoughtful advances in health policy.
   - Providing leadership in health and health care delivery.

4. Excellence in service and community engagement
   - Engaging our community to improve health.
   - Providing leadership for our professions.

5. Operational effectiveness
   - Ensuring faculty engagement and support.
   - Developing outstanding faculty and leaders.
   - Advancing fiscally responsible and strategic growth.
   - Ensuring sound stewardship of resources.
Vision
By 2020 the School of Health Professions at the Health Science Center will be recognized as a world class school whose programs are among the best in the United States.

School of Health Professions Application and Admission
Application and admission requirements vary by department and program; please see the respective department section in this Catalog for specific information. Applicants are advised to pay close attention to application deadlines, as they also vary by department and program. An application packet is not considered complete until all required documents have been received.

Admission to all programs within the School of Health Professions is on a competitive basis. A limited number of students are admitted each year. Applicants should be aware that the selection process usually involves choosing among highly qualified applicants rather than between qualified and unqualified applicants.

Applicants may submit transcripts for an unofficial evaluation of prerequisite coursework to the School of Health Professions Office of Admissions and Special Programs. Additional information about application and admission is available by calling (866) 802-6288 (toll-free) or (210) 567-6220.

Upon admission to any program within the School of Health Professions, these additional items are required:

Background Check
Prior to Matriculation
Acceptance is contingent upon completing and passing a background check (https://www.certifiedbackground.com). An offer of admission will not be final until the criminal background check is completed with results deemed satisfactory. Students must pay costs for the criminal background check. Directions for the background check process will be included in the offer of admission letter. Students should be advised that persons with certain types of criminal convictions may not be eligible for state licensure and/or national registry or certification. In addition, many employers perform criminal background checks and may not hire individuals with certain types of criminal convictions. Concerned students should check with the respective department for further clarification.

Clinical Rotations
Programs offered in the School of Health Professions often require that clinical rotations, practicums, internships or other learning experiences be successfully completed in hospitals and other health care facilities in order to meet program requirements. Because use of these facilities is required, students must be able to successfully complete their assigned rotations in order to fulfill the academic requirements of their program.

Hospitals and other health care facilities often have policies requiring criminal background checks for employees, students, and volunteers. These facilities may refuse to accept individuals for clinical, practicum or other experiential rotations based on past criminal convictions.

Students should be prepared to comply with the policies and procedures at any facility where they are assigned as part of their educational program and may not request facility assignments in an effort to avoid specific requirements. Students who have certain types of information in their criminal background checks may be ineligible to complete rotations in specific facilities. Students who are not allowed to participate at assigned facilities, or who are terminated from rotations based on the results of a criminal background check will be unable to complete the program requirements for graduation and will be subject to dismissal on academic grounds.

Health Insurance Coverage
Accepted students must show evidence of current health insurance, including dates of coverage. Unless proof of proper insurance coverage is provided before the first day of classes, students will be charged for a policy provided by the University. The health insurance fee is non-removable once the payment due date passes, and non-refundable once paid.

Immunizations
All required immunizations (e.g. TB skin test, tetanus, MMR, Varicella, Hepatitis B) must be completed prior to registration to protect the student's health, the health of patients, and to minimize any adverse reactions during the early part of the student's training. Be aware that it may take some time to obtain the immunizations and the information/signature from the student's health care provider. Specific immunization information can be obtained through the Student Health Clinic.

Immunization Records must be returned to the Student Health Center at least 30 days prior to registration. Students accepted less than 30 days before registration, should hand-deliver their Immunization Record to the Student Health Center as soon as possible. If accepted more than 30 days before registration, students drop off or mail completed form to:

UT Health Science Center
Student Health Center - MSC 7934
7703 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78229-3900

Tuition Deposit Fee
Payment of the $250 tuition deposit fee is required to reserve a seat in the class. The entire deposit fee will be credited to tuition when officially matriculated. Failure to enroll will result in forfeiture of the entire fee.

Texas Core Curriculum
If a student first enrolled as an undergraduate at a Texas public university or college in fall 1999 or more recently, their undergraduate degree requirements include a General Education Core Curriculum. Every public institution in Texas has a Core Curriculum, which is designed to provide a solid foundation for a college education and to make transfers between and among Texas institutions of higher education as smooth and seamless as possible.

Each undergraduate institution's Core Curriculum applies to all academic undergraduate degrees. Core curriculum requirements range from 42 to 48 credit hours, depending on the college or university. Students may choose a major which has more rigorous or more specific requirements than the Core. Most science majors have more intensive math and science requirements. In these cases, the major requirements have priority. For these and other reasons, students should not enroll in courses, Core Curriculum or otherwise, without consulting with a qualified academic advisor or counselor at the appropriate institution.

Students receiving their first baccalaureate degree from the Health Science Center must successfully complete the Texas Core Curriculum.
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International Applicants

International applicants who have completed all or part of their college-level education at schools outside the United States must:

- Have foreign transcripts evaluated by an approved Foreign Credentialing Agency. Acceptable agencies include current members of National Associate of Credential Evaluation Services (http://www.naces.org) (NACES). These evaluations should be provided to the Office of the University Registrar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar).
- Submit scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (http://www.ets.org/toefl). Required minimum scores on the TOEFL are 560 (paper test) or 68 (Internet). Official copies of TOEFL scores must be submitted to the Office of the University Registrar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar).

Non-Degree Student Status

An individual who wishes to enroll in courses offered by the School of Health Professions without entering a certificate or degree program must apply for admission as a non-degree seeking student. In general, a non-degree seeking student will have an academic background similar to those ordinarily admitted to Health Professions programs; course prerequisites and minimum grade point averages (GPA) are generally consistent with the published admissions criteria for each program. Permission to enroll as a non-degree seeking student may be granted by the Dean, Associate Dean, or Department Chair. Students will be enrolled only if space is available.

Students seeking non-degree status must:

- receive approval for registration each semester by the Dean, Associate Dean, or Department Chair and the instructor of each course
- maintain a minimum grade point average consistent with the department’s established policies for regular students; and
- enroll for no more than 9 semester credit hours during fall or spring semesters or 6 hours during the summer session.

Course grading policies and standards for non-degree seeking students are the same as those for regular students. All grades received as a non-degree seeking student will be included on the student’s transcript and used for computing the cumulative GPA if the student is subsequently admitted to a certificate or degree program. Under special circumstances, such as the computation of the GPA to determine academic probation, the Dean or Associate Dean may grant exceptions to this policy.

Transfer by Advanced Standing

Students who wish to transfer from another health professions program to an equivalent program at the School of Health Professions (example: DPT to DPT, MPAS to MPAS) may be considered on a space-available basis; placement is for highly qualified students from other institutions. Students must be in good standing and eligible for readmission at their current/ former school of health professions and have well-founded personal reasons for wishing to transfer. Not all departments accept advanced standing transfer students, so please check with the department prior to applying. Note that space must be available in the program for the transfer.

Students desiring to transfer must also:

- have completed the same prerequisites required by the program;
- meet the program GPA requirements;
- have a letter of reference from the former program director stating the student is in good standing and eligible to continue or return to the program;
- have a satisfactory criminal background check;
- have required immunizations; and
- meet all university requirements for entering and continuing students.

Students who are ineligible for Transfer by Advanced Standing:

Due to the varying requirements of each program and limited space, interested students should contact the specific department Chair for additional requirements, application requirements, deadlines and approval. The Chair may admit a student on a non-degree basis. If admitted, the student must adhere to all program and institutional policies and procedures.

Additional information about application and admission is available from the School of Health Professions Office of Admissions and Special Programs or by calling (866) 802-6288 (toll-free) or (210) 567-6220.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Course credit for specified general education and elective prerequisites may be accepted without a letter grade in the School of Health Professions certificate and degree programs if a student earns a satisfactory score on College Level Examination Program (CLEP) (http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html) examinations.

Conditions and Limitations

- Applicants and students are responsible for requesting that official CLEP scores be sent by The College Board to the Office of the University Registrar.
- CLEP credit awarded by another institution is acceptable if scores are consistent with the minimum scores. Notation of CLEP credit (CR) on an official transcript from the institution is sufficient documentation.
- CLEP credit cannot be used to establish credit for prerequisite courses for which a grade of F had been recorded.
- CLEP credit will not be recognized for prerequisite courses in which the student received college credit for the same course or its equivalent.
- Credit for CLEP exams used to satisfy requirements for entry into a program will not be listed on the transcript.

More information can be found in this Catalog under the Policy on Awarding Academic Credit, Transfers and Substitutions.
Credit By Examination

Students in some Health Professions certificate or degree programs may earn credit by examination for designated courses. Credit by examination will not be given for credit-bearing courses that the student previously failed at the Health Science Center or any other college or university.

Academic credit is awarded only to officially enrolled students or former students. With the approval of the Dean, additional eligibility requirements may be established by each department. Information about additional requirements is available from the department office or the Office of the University Registrar.

Credit by examination satisfies degree requirements in the same way as credit earned by passing a course. Credit earned by examination does not jeopardize eligibility for scholarships that require a certain class standing (e.g. junior class).

A student may be eligible for credit by examination by passing the requisite examination according to criteria set by the department. Credit by examination is reported to the Office of the University Registrar by the department upon the student’s successful completion of the specified examination. At the department’s request, the Office of the University Registrar will post the credit earned by examination on the student’s official transcript. Credits earned by examination are not included in the calculation of the student’s grade point average.

More information can be found in this Catalog under the Policy on Awarding Academic Credit, Transfers and Substitutions.

Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES)

Course credit for specified core curriculum requirements and program prerequisites may be accepted without a letter grade in the School of Health Professions if a student earns a satisfactory score on Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) (http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes_web/DANTESHOME.asp) examinations.

Conditions and Limitations

- Applicants and students are responsible for requesting that official DANTES scores be sent by DANTES to the Office of the University Registrar.
- DANTES credit awarded by another institution is acceptable if scores are consistent with the minimum scores. Notation of DANTES credit on an official transcript from the institution is sufficient documentation.
- DANTES credit cannot be used to establish credit for core curriculum or program prerequisite courses for which a grade of F had been recorded.
- DANTES credit will not be recognized for core curriculum or program prerequisite courses in which the student received college credit for the same course or its equivalent.

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Essential Functions

Many departments in the School of Health Professions have adopted statements of “essential functions” or “core performance standards” that stipulate the function level of capability required to perform competently in the education program and/or as a professional after graduation.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply to the School of Health Professions programs. It is the responsibility of the student to submit a Request for Accommodation under the American’s with Disabilities Act (ADA) form ADA-100, to the ADA Compliance Office. Reasonable accommodations will be decided by the department in concurrence with the ADA Compliance Office. For further information, see the University Handbook of Operating Procedures 4.2.3 Request for Accommodations under the ADA and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 or contact the School of Health Professions Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs.

Scholarships

A variety of scholarships are available to students in the School of Health Professions. Some are available to all students in the school and others are available only to students in a specific department. A scholarship application and supporting documentation are required on an annual basis. Information is usually sent out in the spring for scholarships to be awarded for the upcoming academic year. For more information, consult with the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees in the School of Health Professions vary by department and program; please see the department web site for specific program costs. In addition to tuition, there are required fees for all students. There are also additional program-specific fees that vary by department and course. There is no on-campus housing at the Health Science Center and program expenses do not reflect day-to-day living expenses. Travel and living expenses for local and out-of-town clinical experiences are not included in program costs. For more information on tuition and fees, contact the Office of the Bursar (http://www.uthscsa.edu/business/bursar).

School of Health Professions Policies and Regulations

Academic Advising

Students in Health Professions programs may be assigned a faculty advisor to assist the student’s progress through the program. Advisors assist students in solving problems and/or finding alternatives or options. The advisor provides advice and opinions, facts or information, and clarifies policies for the student. Topics that may be addressed through faculty advising include academic issues, professionalism, program policies, study problems, time management, and clinical progress, as well as the advisor’s referral to other support systems in the university or community. It is the student’s responsibility to meet with his or her advisor when encountering difficulties. In addition, it is highly recommended that students meet with their advisors at a least once per academic session to review their progress, address issues and prepare for the upcoming academic session or for graduation. Further information about the department’s policies and practices regarding faculty advisors is provided in each department’s student manual/handbook.

Advancement, Probation, and Dismissal

Decisions about advancement, probation, suspension and dismissal will be made on the basis of academic performance and professional behaviors. Academic standards for advancement in the certificate or degree program are determined by the faculty of each department. Failure
to meet the academic and professional standards may result in probation, suspension or dismissal from the program.

Continuation in a School of Health Professions program is dependent on maintenance of a minimum cumulative grade point average as set by the department. A student whose cumulative GPA falls below the minimum may be subject to academic probation. All decisions concerning probation or dismissal will be based on recommendations from the Student Progress Committee within the department. The faculty and the committee may recommend (1) academic probation; (2) repetition of the course when next offered; (3) suspension with repetition of the course when next offered; (4) repetition of the year or semester; or (5) dismissal.

In health professions education, professionalism is a required academic standard. Students who do not adhere to professional conduct standards may be subject to probation, suspension or dismissal from the certificate or degree program. Other standards and policies may be set forth by the faculty as described in their course syllabi or program handbook. Professional behavior and ethics standards from professional organizations may also be applied.

Students may be dismissed, suspended, or refused readmission at any time if circumstances of a legal, moral, health, social, or academic nature are considered to justify such action.

**Grades**

The standing of students in their work is expressed by the following grades:

- **A** = Excellent
- **B** = Above Average
- **C** = Average *
- **D** = Below Average (Note: some departments do not recognize a D grade; see individual departments for information regarding grading structure.)
- **F** = Failure

* some programs designate a grade of "C" as below average

Grades for courses in which performance is graded an **S** (Satisfactory) or **U** (Unsatisfactory) are not used in computing the grade point average.

The grade point average is calculated using the following grade points:

- **A** = 4 points
- **B** = 3 points
- **C** = 2 points
- **D** = 1 point
- **F** = 0 points

In some programs, students have the option of seeking exemption from certain courses in the curriculum if they have successfully completed an equivalent course in the curriculum at another college or university or demonstrated mastery of the course content via an appropriate content or practicum examination. The grade of **CR** (Credit) is recorded for a course(s) for which the student has been exempted. A minimum of 25 percent of the total credit hours of the required coursework must be instruction provided by the school granting the award.

**Grades in Clinical Rotations, Practicums, and Fieldwork Courses**

Clinical Rotations, Practicums, and Fieldwork Courses may be graded **S** (Satisfactory) or **U** (Unsatisfactory), or may be assigned a letter grade, depending on the Departmental policy. A grade of **S** or other designation of an acceptable grade is assigned if the student successfully satisfies the criteria for clinical courses. Failure to satisfy the course criteria successfully may result in an **I** (Incomplete) or a **U** (Unsatisfactory) or a letter grade considered unsatisfactory based on departmental policy.

Criteria and time frame for removal of an **I** or **U** or other unsatisfactory grade in clinical courses are determined based on clinical documentation and consultation with the clinical supervisor/clinical instructor. Any unsatisfactory grade may require that the student complete an additional clinical affiliation rotation or other remediation that could extend the professional curriculum beyond the expected graduation date.

**Incompletes**

A grade of **I** (Incomplete) may be assigned when a student has not satisfactorily completed all course requirements by the conclusion of the course due to non-academic reasons such as illness, family emergency, or other non-academic matters. Unless the student has been granted a Leave of Absence, all incomplete work must be completed within one year, at which time the grade will be changed to the appropriate letter grade. When an **I** is issued pending a grade in a course that is a prerequisite for another course, the **I** must be removed before the student is allowed to enroll in the next sequential course.

**Dropping or Adding Courses**

Students may add or drop courses prior to the official census date. The census date varies by program and semester so students must refer to their specific academic calendar. Course officially dropped before the Census date do not appear on a students transcript.

Any courses that are approved to be added or dropped outside of the official web registration dates must be documented on a completed and signed Add/Drop form.

Students adding or dropping a course may be subject to additional tuition and fees or may be eligible for a refund.

A student may drop a course and receive a grade of **W** (Withdraw) on his/her transcript if an official Add/Drop form is signed and processed after the census date and before the final course exam or, if there is no final course exam, before the final class meeting for the course.

A student can be administratively dropped from a course when the course instructor makes that recommendations to the Department Chair and can show circumstances warrant such action. If approved by the Department Chair, a grade of **W** will be assigned.

It is the student's responsibility to drop a course by the appropriate deadline. If a student fails to drop a course, even if the student does not attend the course, he/she may receive a grade of "F" in the class or the grade earned up the point of nonattendance. Faculty and staff will not drop a student from a course automatically for nonattendance; the student must initiate the process and complete any necessary steps to ensure that the class is dropped.

Students who want to drop all classes after the semester begins should refer to the Withdrawal from Program/University found below.

**Withdrawal from Program/University**

Special circumstances may require a student to voluntarily withdraw from a program. A student may withdraw from a program (drop all courses for which they are enrolled during a specific semester) and received a grade of **W** (Withdraw) on his/her transcript if the withdrawal is completed before the final course exam or, if there is no final course exam, before the final
Students are expected to:

- Demonstrate sound judgment commensurate with the level of training and experience.
- Serve all patients without discrimination.
- Recognize and respect the role and competencies of other professionals and cooperate with them to provide effective health care.
- Exhibit concern primarily for the patient’s welfare rather than for a grade.
- Exhibit an attitude of respect, concern, and cooperativeness toward peers, staff, and faculty.
- Hold in confidence the details of professional services rendered and the confidences of any patient.
- Achieve the highest degree of honesty and integrity by communicating and behaving in an honest, ethical manner.
- Practice the highest standards of academic integrity and promptly report breaches of academic integrity or ethical misconduct by others.
- Accept responsibility for own work and results; demonstrate willingness to accept suggestions or improvement.
- Maintain physical, mental, and emotional composure in all situations.
- Abide by the regulations and policies of the program and clinical training sites.
- Practice appropriate personal grooming and hygiene.
- Practice appropriate safety and aseptic techniques.
- Provide the patient with relevant information to enable the patient to participate in making decisions regarding her/his condition, prognosis, and treatment options.
- Refuse to participate in or conceal any unlawful, incompetent, or unethical practice.

Professional Attire

Students in the School of Health Professions programs must dress at all times in a manner consistent with a professional image while on campus and at practicum sites. Appropriate attire for clinical rotations, practicums, or other clinical/educational settings will vary, depending upon department requirements, facility environments, local customs and expectations. It is the student’s responsibility to inquire about dress expectations and to comply with them.

Professional Characteristics and Demeanor

Health Professions students are regarded as professional persons and are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Professionalism relates to the intellectual, ethical, and behavioral attributes necessary to perform as a health care provider. Students are expected to perform at a professional level when interacting with other students, faculty, staff, health care professionals, patients and their families, and the general public when representing the institution at clinical sites and community activities. A breach of professional conduct may be considered grounds for disciplinary action or dismissal from the program.

Additional guidelines for professional conduct may be issued by Health Professions departments and/or professional organizations. Students are responsible for knowing and adhering to these.

HIPAA and Patient Privacy

Health Science Center students have a legal and ethical responsibility to safeguard the privacy of all patients and protect confidentiality and security of all health information. Protecting the confidentiality of patient information means protecting it from unauthorized use or disclosure in any format — verbal, fax, written or electronic. Patient confidentiality is a central obligation of patient care. Any breaches in patient confidentiality or privacy is considered unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

The laboratory component of some courses may use students as simulated patients. Practicing the medical history and physical examination may place students in close contact with their peers and lead to the sharing of personal information and physical findings. Similarly students may use personal experiences in patient role-playing exercises. All shared and personal medical information and physical examination findings are to be treated with utmost confidentiality. Failure to protect the confidentiality of any information related to the activities in a course or clinical rotation may result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or dismissal.

Academic Integrity

Students in the School of Health Professions are expected to be above reproach in all professional and academic activities. Policies on academic dishonesty and integrity will be strictly enforced; students who fail to conform to standards of academic integrity and scholastic honesty are subject to disciplinary action. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on examinations or assignments, plagiarism, falsifying
Unprofessional Conduct

Students are expected to demonstrate appropriate professional characteristics and behaviors in all activities related to their training and education. Examples of critical errors in professional conduct and judgment include, but are not limited to: 1.) Failure to place the patient's safety and welfare as first priority; 2.) Failure to maintain physical, mental and emotional composure; 3.) Consistent ineffective/inefficient use of time; 4.) Failure to be honest with patients, faculty and colleagues; 5.) Critical errors in judgment which may place patients or others at risk; 6.) Scholastic dishonesty in any form; 7.) Failure to maintain patient privacy and confidentiality; 8.) Failure to serve all patients without discrimination; 9.) Failure to abide by regulations and policies set forth by the university, program, and its clinical and organizational affiliates.

Procedure for Unprofessional Conduct

In general, for issues that are not satisfactorily resolved between the instructor or preceptor and student, the following guidelines should be followed for unprofessional conduct:

Step 1. The student will have been identified as violating an established standard of professional conduct, judgment or ethical behavior, and the department chair or program director will have been notified.

Step 2. The department chair or program director will meet with the individual(s) making the allegation and the student’s faculty advisor to review the available information and determine the veracity of the allegations.

Step 3. The department chair, student and faculty advisor, whenever possible, will meet as promptly as possible after the alleged incident. The department chair will report to the student the facts and available information and will seek to authenticate or clarify the allegations where possible. If it is determined that there is no basis for the allegation, no further action will be taken.

Step 4. If it is determined that there is a basis for the allegation and that further investigation is necessary, a preliminary hearing of the departmental Student Progress Committee will be convened to review the allegations and recommend a course of action. The department chair will inform the student and the Dean in writing of the preliminary hearing and the following: a) Date b) Name of student c) Nature of the allegations d) Date of alleged incident/occurrence e) Behaviors or attributes that allegedly violate standards: skill, behavior, judgment, ethical values, or unprofessional conduct. For additional information regarding professional conduct, see the current departmental student handbook.

Incidents in the Clinical Agency

An incident occurring that affects patients’ or staff’s well-being or the patient’s prescribed care will be reported to the clinical instructor or preceptor immediately. An institutional incident report will then be completed following the policy of the health care institution or hospital in which the incident occurred. A duplicate of the hospital incident report will be requested. A memorandum of explanation from the clinical instructor or preceptor will be placed in the student’s clinical file and the department chair, program director or clinical director will be notified immediately. Incidents involving gross errors in judgment or practice on the part of the student will constitute grounds for probation, suspension or dismissal from the program.

Drugs and Alcohol

The goals of the School of Health Professions are to provide the highest quality education, research, health care, and service. To achieve these goals students must be able to fulfill their respective roles without impairment produced by intoxication or addiction to alcohol or other drugs. The unauthorized purchase, manufacture, distribution, possession, sale, storage, or use of alcohol, illegal drugs or controlled substances by students while attending classes, or while on Health Science Center property (or any property affiliated with the Health Science Center including clinical affiliates), or sites used to provide community service, will be considered unprofessional conduct which may result in academic probation, suspension or dismissal. A controlled substance is any substance so defined by federal or state statute or regulation.

School of Health Professions students may not report for their clinical assignments and/or classes impaired by the use of alcohol or controlled substances. Such impairment will be considered unprofessional conduct and may result in academic probation, suspension or dismissal.

In cases where impairment is suggested, the student's instructor or preceptor shall dismiss the student from the class and/or clinical training site, assist the student in obtaining safe transport home or to a medical facility (if indicated) and notify the program director, department chair and associate dean of academic and student affairs for follow-up action.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages on Health Science Center property is permissible only by prior written Presidential approval for specific events as described in the Handbook of Operating Procedures (see Section 8.2.3).

Nothing in this policy will preclude the medical or research use of alcohol or controlled substances. It is the underlying philosophy of the School of Health Professions that addiction to alcohol and/or other drugs represents a disease state, and treatment of such problems is a legitimate part of medical practice. Students with an addiction to drugs or alcohol are encouraged to seek help through the Student Health Center or their personal health care provider. Students who seek help through the Student Health Center will not be punished for seeking such help. However, appropriate disciplinary procedures linked to performance criteria are not precluded.

Hospitals and other health care facilities often have policies requiring drug testing for employees, students, and volunteers. Some facilities provide that students who test positive for drugs are ineligible to complete clinical, practicum or work assignments in that facility. Students should be prepared to comply with the policies and procedures at any assigned
Student Professional and Community Service Requirements

Participation in service activities is an important attribute of the health science professional. A hallmark of outstanding students and alumni is the desire and ability to make meaningful service contributions. Community service activities may include volunteer activities (health fairs and clinics, health education, provision of health services to at risk or disadvantaged populations and other outreach education or clinical activities) and service on community boards, committees, work groups and other service activities that promote the health and well-being of the community and its members. Professional service may include participation in the provision of state, national or international activities to advance the quality, access and effectiveness of health care services provided by allied health professionals. Achievement of the School of Health Professions Excellence in Community and Professional Service Goal is demonstrated in part through: 1.) Student and faculty participation in community service activities 2.) Student satisfaction with and appreciation for community service 3.) Students and faculty who provide leadership and support to professional associations, boards and committees 4.) Provision of community and professional continuing education to local, national and international audiences.

In order to support achievement of these service excellence goals and objectives, the School of Health Professions has developed a professional and community service recommendation for students as a part of their academic programs. As a requirement for program completion, each academic degree granting program may establish a minimum service requirement for each student enrolled in the program. Examples of activities that may be used to meet this requirement include participation in community health fairs; community health screening and/or health services; provision of community health education; participation in approved professional service and/or continuing education activities; and assistance with the delivery of seminars, lectures, workshops and related community or professional continuing education activities. This program requirement may be required for satisfactory course completion for at least one course in the student's prescribed course of studies. As an alternative, the requirement may be listed as a graduation requirement for the program in the catalog program handbook.

Student Academic Appeal and Grievance Procedures

The Health Science Center School of Health Professions student appeal and grievance procedures provide a mechanism whereby any student may obtain a review of a complaint of unfair treatment. The student appeal procedures should not be used to question a rule, procedure or policy established by an authorized faculty or administrative body. Rather it may be used to provide due process for those who believe that a rule, procedure or policy has been applied in an unfair or inequitable manner, or that there has been unfair or improper treatment by a person or persons. Students who are appealing an academic decision that could result in a dismissal from the university may be allowed to continue to progress in the program until the issue is resolved. If the academic decision is upheld and the student is dismissed from the university they will be withdrawn from their current classes. The withdrawal will be backdated to the beginning of the semester and the student will receive 100% tuition reimbursement for that semester.

A student wishing to appeal an academic decision should follow the process summarized below, in the sequence indicated.

Step 1. In the academic community, the responsibility for course development, course delivery, and the assessment of student achievement rests primarily with the course instructor. Any student who has a complaint of inappropriate treatment related to a course should first seek to resolve it informally with the course instructor. If the course instructor is the department chairperson, or if the complaint does not pertain to a specific course, the student should seek resolution with the department chairperson at the outset.

a. A student with such a complaint must request reconsideration, in writing, of the application of a rule, procedure, or policy or unfair or improper treatment within five (5) working days following the incident that forms the basis for the complaint (e.g., five days after grades are posted).

b. The instructor will meet with the student (or speak with the student via telephone for those students who are unable to come to the instructor's office). The instructor will notify the student in writing of his/her decision regarding the complaint.

Step 2. If resolution is not achieved informally, as described in Step 1, the student should seek resolution with the chairperson of the department in which the course is offered within five (5) working days following notification by the instructor of his/her decision.

a. The chairperson will meet with the student (or speak with the student for those students unable to come to the chairperson's office) following receipt of the student's request for resolution to discuss the problem or complaint.

b. The chairperson will notify the student of his/her decision in writing following the meeting or discussion.

Step 3. If the issue was not resolved in Step 2 the student may submit a written appeal, describing the nature of the complaint and reasons for seeking an appeal to the Student Progress Committee of the department within five (5) working days following notification by the department chairperson of his/her decision.

a. The student may appear before the committee in person, make an oral statement and answer questions from the committee. The student will not be allowed to be present during committee deliberations.

b. The committee may request that the course instructor or faculty member named in the grievance appear before the committee to make an oral statement and answer questions. The instructor or faculty member named in the grievance may not be present during committee deliberations.

c. Following review of information provided, the committee will notify the student of its decision.

Step 4. If the issue was not resolved to the students satisfaction in Step 3 the student may submit a written request seeking a hearing to the Dean within five (5) working days of receiving the department progress and promotion committee decision. The written request should include a description of the complaint and the reason the student is seeking an appeal.

a. The Dean or his/her designee will meet with the student following receipt of the written request.
b. Following the meeting with the student, the Dean may render a decision, or choose to appoint a panel to investigate the grievance and make a recommendation to the Dean.

c. Following review of the information provided and any recommendations from the panel (should one be appointed), the Dean will then notify the student of his/her decision. The decision of the Dean is final and may not be appealed.

1The dean may delegate authority to complete this step of the appeals process to the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs.

**Attendance**

Because of the nature and complexity of the health professions programs, students are expected to attend every class, laboratory, conference, demonstration, meeting, clinical assignment, and other assigned activities included as a component of the curriculum. The once-a-year offering of most courses and step-by-step format of the curriculum allow minimal or no opportunity for make-up sessions. Attendance requirements for classes, laboratories, and clinic are the option and prerogative of the course instructor and specific program. The policy regarding attendance is outlined in each course syllabus and may be found in the department’s student manual/handbook; policies are generally reviewed by the course instructor at the first class meeting.

Excused absences may be granted by the course director, program director, or department chair in cases of illness or personal emergency (e.g., extended hospitalization, death in the family). Excused absences are considered on an individual basis and verification of the reason for the absence may be required. Unexcused absences may be considered sufficient cause for course failure. Prolonged absences for any reason may not be remediable. The faculty is not required to provide make-up or additional sessions for classes missed by students, regardless of the reason for the absence. Students are responsible for all material presented when they are absent and are responsible for arranging with the course director to make up missed work, if allowed.

Attendance is a professional attribute that the faculty expects every student to demonstrate. Repeated or multiple absences, unexcused absences, and tardiness will be considered unprofessional conduct and may result in faculty review and penalties, including probation, suspension or dismissal from the program. Course grading requirements may include participation and any absence is considered non-participation. The ability of the graduating health professions student is dependent on the sum of her or his experiences during the educational and training period.

**Leave of Absence**

Under unusual circumstances, such as prolonged illness or injury, a student may request a leave of absence from a certificate or degree program. The request must be made in writing to the Department Chair. On recommendation from the department's faculty or Student Progress Committee, the Department Chair may grant a leave of absence for a period not to exceed one year. If a student is granted a leave of absence before the end of the academic term, a grade of “I” (Incomplete) may be recorded for each course that has not been completed. The student will be required to complete these courses under conditions prescribed by the faculty or the Student Progress Committee. Specific procedures for requesting a leave of absence may be established by each department within the above guidelines.

**Withdrawal from a Certificate or Degree Program**

Permission for withdrawal from a certificate or degree program in the School of Health Professions may be granted by the Dean or Associate Dean with the concurrence of the faculty. The student who wishes to withdraw must complete the Student Clearance Form (see withdrawal procedures (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar) on the Office of the University Registrar Web site), submit the form for the required signatures, and obtain authorized signature clearance from each area listed on the lower portion of the form.

Before leaving the program, the student should arrange for an exit interview with the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs. An additional exit interview is also required for students who are receiving financial aid.

In the case of withdrawal before the end of the academic semester or session, a grade of ‘W’ will be recorded for each course not completed. In the case of withdrawal at the end of the academic semester or session, the appropriate grade will be recorded for each completed course.

**Readmission**

An application for readmission by a student who has previously withdrawn from a certificate or degree program is subject to certain requirements, procedures, and readmission considerations. Although the university is under no obligation to readmit any student who has withdrawn or has been dismissed, a student may seek readmission for further study by petitioning for readmission. Whether readmission will be considered at the entry level or an advanced level will be determined on an individual basis. Students seeking readmission should contact the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs.

**School of Health Professions Departments**

For the School of Health Professions, allied health professionals are defined as those who are involved in the identification, evaluation, treatment, and prevention of diseases, injuries, and other health-related conditions, while educating the public on prevention, wellness, and self-management for healthful lifestyles.

At the School of Health Professions, educational programs are provided in the following disciplines:

**Clinical Laboratory Sciences (CLS)**
- Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Clinical Laboratory Sciences (generalist and categorical)

**Emergency Health Sciences (EHS)**
- EMT- Basic Certificate
- Advanced Practice/Community Paramedic Certificate
- Bachelor of Science in Emergency Health Sciences

**Occupational Therapy (MOT)**
- Master of Occupational Therapy

**Physical Therapy (DPT)**
- Doctorate in Physical Therapy
Physician Assistant Studies (PAS)
- Master of Physician Assistant Studies

Respiratory Care (RC)
- Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care
- Bachelor of Science Degree Completion Program
- Master of Science in Respiratory Care

Clinical Laboratory Sciences

Clinical laboratory scientists (or medical laboratory scientists) are laboratory practitioners who analyze blood, urine, tissue, or other body specimens to provide critical, objective data for disease diagnosis, treatment planning, and preventative health care.

The Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences (CLS) programs include:
- Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificates in CLS with specializations in Generalist, Clinical Chemistry, Hematology, Immunohematology, and Microbiology
- Master of Science in Toxicology

Medical Laboratory Technicians (MLT) who have completed a MLT program accredited by NAACLS, have earned an associate’s degree, and who are certified as a MLT by the Board of Certification (BOC) of the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) can be accepted into the Bachelor of Science degree program at the Health Science Center as an “Advanced Standing” CLS student. Core curriculum and all required science and math courses must be completed before advancing to the senior year. Some coursework may be offered via distance learning.

The CLS programs are accredited by The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS), 5600 N. River Road, Suite 720, Rosemont, IL 60018-5119; (773) 714-8880; e-mail info@naacls.org. Web site: http://www.naacls.org. Graduates of the CLS programs are eligible to take the national certification examinations given by the Board of Certification (BOC) of the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP). The CLS programs are located at 33 West Monroe St., Suite 1600, Chicago, IL, 60603, 1-800-267-2727.

Graduates of the CLS programs may find employment opportunities in hospital laboratories as well as private, reference, research, industrial, biotechnology, veterinary, public health, and pharmaceutical laboratories. With advanced education and experience, graduates have additional career options, including research, teaching, and management. Graduates of the Master’s program are employed in toxicology laboratories in medical examiners offices and in drug enforcement administration.

Clinical Laboratory Sciences Admissions Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences

The application deadline starting in the fall 2016 entry (August) into the CLS programs is June 15. All application materials, the application fee, official transcripts, and all supporting documents must be received by the Office of the University Registrar by the deadline. Applicants who are enrolled in college courses at the time of application should submit an official transcript showing courses in progress. An official, updated transcript must be submitted upon completion of the courses.

Bachelor of Science in CLS applicants must complete the Texas Core Curriculum (42 hours) and prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better. Certain prerequisite courses will apply towards meeting the Texas Core requirements as indicated below(*):

Texas Core Curriculum Requirement
- English Composition I & II (6 semester credit hours)
- College Algebra or higher (3 semester credit hours)
- Natural Sciences (BIOL, CHEM, PHYS or other natural science) (12 semester credit hours)
- Humanities
  - Any philosophy, language, humanities, or English literature course (3 semester credit hours)
- Visual and Performing Arts
  - Any arts, drama, or music course (3 semester credit hours)
- U.S. History I and U.S. History II (6 semester credit hours)
- Texas State & Local Government & American Government (6 semester credit hours)
- Any psychology or sociology course (3 semester credit hours)

All applicants must complete the program prerequisites listed below and no grade less than "C" will be accepted; ALL science courses must be designated for science majors.

Program Prerequisite Requirement
- General Chemistry I with lab (4 semester credit hours)
- General Chemistry II with lab (4 semester credit hours)
- Biology I with lab (4 semester credit hours)
- Biology II (3 semester credit hours)
- Microbiology with lab (for science majors) (4 semester credit hours)
- General Physiology or Human Physiology (upper division) (3 semester credit hours)
- Genetics (3 semester credit hours)
- Organic Chemistry I with lab (4 semester credit hours)
- Precalculus (3 semester credit hours)
- Statistics (math, science or psychology) (3 semester credit hours)

Clinical Laboratory Sciences Admissions Requirements for the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Clinical Laboratory Sciences

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in CLS applicants must complete a bachelor’s degree in biology, chemistry, or other closely related field that includes all math and science requirements listed below.

All applicants must complete the program prerequisites listed below and no grade less than "C" will be accepted; ALL science courses must be designated for science majors.

Program Prerequisite Requirement
- Precalculus (3 semester credit hours)
- General Chemistry I with lab (4 semester credit hours)
- General Chemistry II with lab (4 semester credit hours)
- Biology I with lab (4 semester credit hours)
- Biology II (3 semester credit hours)
- Microbiology with lab (for science majors) (4 semester credit hours)
- General Physiology or Human Physiology (upper division) (3 semester credit hours)
• Genetics (3 semester credit hours)
• Organic Chemistry I with lab (4 semester credit hours)
• Statistics (math, science or psychology) (3 semester credit hours)

Additional CLS program requirements:
• Overall GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)
• Overall Science GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)
• Completion of the Texas Common Application
• Payment of the non-refundable application fee
• Submission of official transcripts from each college and university currently or previously attended. Applicants who are enrolled in college courses at the time of application should submit an official transcript showing courses in progress. An updated transcript must be submitted upon completion of the courses. Note: Transfer credits indicated on another school’s transcript are not accepted in lieu of submitting the original institution record for that coursework. Transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be submitted in the original language and must be accompanied by a NACES Members evaluation agency English translation (course by course).
• Submission of two Reference Forms completed by former instructors (preferably science instructors) or employers
• Interview with CLS faculty
• International Applicants only: Submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (http://www.ets.org/toefl) (TOEFL) scores; minimum scores 560 (paper) or 68 (Internet).

Clinical Laboratory Sciences Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences

The Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences degree program is a four-year program that consists of a minimum of 126 semester credit hours. The third and fourth year of the program is comprised of clinical laboratory science courses and clinical practicums that are completed at the Health Science Center. The courses listed below constitute the professional curriculum for the Bachelor of Science degree in Clinical Laboratory Science.

Individualized degree plans are created for each student admitted to the program in consultation with the program director.

Post-Baccalaureate Certificates in Clinical Laboratory Sciences

The post-baccalaureate certificate programs are designed for students who hold a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university and have met all science and math program requirements prior to acceptance into the program. Certificates are available in clinical laboratory science (generalist), clinical chemistry, hematology, immunohematology and microbiology.

The curriculum includes professional clinical laboratory sciences coursework completed at the Health Science Center. The curriculum requires approximately 24 months. Individuals holding a current certification in a clinical laboratory science discipline and seeking to obtain additional certification may petition for an exemption from didactic courses taken within the last seven years and for which they can demonstrate content equivalency. Students may enroll in one or more categorical certificate programs. Curricula for these programs may be completed in 24 months.

Degree- and certificate-seeking students must complete all courses listed as required core curriculum, program requirements, and professional courses in order to graduate. The minimum grade point average required for graduation from the Bachelor of Science and certificate programs is 2.0.

Clinical Laboratory Sciences Sample Plans of Study

Bachelor of Science in CLS Curriculum - Fall 2015

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- CLSC4058 Hematology Categorical Practicum 6

Total Credit Hours 15

Additional Curriculum for Immunohematology Post-Baccalaureate Certificate - Fall 2016

- CLSC3051 Hematology 3
- CLSC3052 Hematology Laboratory 2
- CLSC3060 Immunohematology 2
- CLSC3064 Immunohematology Laboratory 2
- CLSC4055 Advanced Immunohematology 2
- CLSC4068 Immunohematology Categorical Practicum 6

Total Credit Hours 17

Clinical Laboratory Sciences Objectives/Program Outcomes

Students graduating from a Department of Clinical Laboratory Science program must meet the essential function requirements of the academic program and profession. They will complete programs consisting of academic study and clinical laboratory experiences. The student will possess the skills and attributes necessary to perform as a professional before graduation from the program. These skills and attributes are known as essential functions and include the following:

Observation

The student will be able to:

- Observe laboratory demonstrations in which laboratory procedures are performed on biological specimens (i.e., body fluids, culture materials, tissue sections, and cellular specimens).
- Characterize the color, consistency, and clarity of biological specimens and reagents.
- Characterize the macroscopic features used to distinguish bacterial and fungal cultures.
- Use a clinical grade binocular microscope to discriminate among fine differences in structure and color (hue, shading, and intensity) in microscopic specimens.
The student will be able to:

- Read and comprehend text, numbers, and graphs displayed in print, on audiovisual media and on a video monitor.

**Mobility**

The student will be able to:

- Perform laboratory testing independently while adhering to existing laboratory safety standards.
- Perform moderately taxing continuous physical work, often requiring prolonged sitting and/or standing, over several hours.
- Travel to numerous clinical laboratory practicum sites.
- Reach laboratory bench tops and shelves, patients lying in hospital beds or patients seated in specimen collection furniture.
- Grasp, hold, transport, utilize specimens, reagents, hazardous chemicals, and equipment in a safe manner as needed to perform laboratory testing.
- Obtain patient specimens in a timely, safe, and professional manner (e.g. perform phlebotomy).
- Use laboratory equipment (e.g. pipettes, inoculating loops, test tubes) and instruments to perform laboratory procedures according to established laboratory guidelines.
- Use a computer to operate laboratory instruments and to calculate, record, evaluate, and transmit laboratory information.
- Troubleshoot and correct equipment malfunctions.
- Handle all biological specimens using Standard Precautions as established by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

**Communication**

The student will be able to:

- Read and understand technical and professional materials (i.e. textbooks, journal articles, handbooks, and instruction manuals).
- Follow oral and written instructions independently.
- Clearly instruct patients regarding specimen collection.
- Demonstrate sensitivity, confidentiality and respect when speaking with or about patients or about patients’ data.
- Communicate clearly, accurately and tactfully with faculty members, student colleagues, staff and other health care professionals orally and in a recorded format (writing, typing, graphics, or telecommunication). Oral communication includes the ability to ask and respond to formal and informal questions with confidence at an appropriate professional level. Written communication includes the ability to use correct grammar and spelling as well as the appropriate level of formality.

**Intellect**

The student will be able to:

- Comprehend, measure, calculate, reason, integrate, analyze, evaluate, correlate, problem-solve and compare.
- Recognize abnormal laboratory results (e.g. patient and QC) and take appropriate action.
- Demonstrate critical-thinking and judgment skills appropriate to a given situation.
- Organize work and perform multiple tasks within given time constraints and under stressful conditions while maintaining the ability to communicate clearly.
- Demonstrate flexibility and adapt to professional and technical change.
- Recognize potentially hazardous situations and proceed safely to minimize risk to self and others.
- Support and promote activities of colleagues and other health care professionals.
- Accept and act on constructive criticism, critically evaluate self-performance, recognize and correct mistakes.
- Demonstrate honesty, compassion, responsibility, reliability and ethical behavior.
- Exercise independent judgment and accept responsibility for own work.

**Clinical Laboratory Sciences Program Policies and Information**

**Advancement to the Senior Year**

A student must have no grade lower than a C in required science and clinical laboratory sciences courses to begin the senior year and begin clinical practicums. In addition, a CLS student must file an *Intent to Enroll in Clinical Practicum* form, available from the department office at the end of the semester before practicums begin. Students who are ready for clinical practicums are placed based on availability of positions at the affiliate sites throughout South Texas. All students are expected to complete at least one practicum at an affiliate located outside of San Antonio. In the unlikely event that there are not enough sites available for the number of students ready to enter practicums, assignments will be made according to program policies. Students who must remediate a practicum will be assigned to an affiliate on a space-available basis.

**Advisement and Schedule Planning**

Applicants are encouraged to seek advisement from their college counselors or the Health Professions Office of Admissions and Special Programs (866) 802-6288 (toll-free) or (210) 567-6220. Students who complete lower-division course work at another college or university are urged to seek advisement about coursework that will fulfill program requirements well in advance of applying to the Health Science Center. Students must be advised each semester before permission is given to enroll in professional courses. For students in any Clinical Laboratory Sciences program, sequencing and completion of specific courses are very important.

**Certification**

Students who successfully complete a certificate or degree in Clinical Laboratory Sciences are eligible to take the national certification examinations given by the Board of Certification (BOC) of the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP). Awarding of the degree or certificate is not contingent on passing an external certification or licensing examination.

**Credit by Examination**

Students enrolled in the Clinical Laboratory Sciences baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate certificate programs may attempt to earn credit by examination according to the policy and procedures in the School of Health Professions section of this Catalog. Students who have college credit for MLT coursework are eligible to take “challenge examinations.” Students who are certified MLT (ASCP), have completed a MLT program...
to take challenge examinations. Challenge examinations must be passed with a grade of 70% or better for credit to be earned. For detailed information about eligible courses, fees, schedules, and procedures, contact the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

Placement Examinations

Individuals who have certification from Board of Certification (BOC) of ASCP (http://www.ascp.org) as a MLT, have graduated from an accredited MLT program with an associate degree and are entering the senior year may be given placement examinations to determine areas of discipline strengths and weaknesses.

Practicum Assignments

Clinical practicum assignments provide the student with a breadth of experiences that encompass all major content areas and exposure to laboratory technology. Assignment to clinical affiliates for practicum courses is based on availability of positions at the affiliate sites. Practicum courses typically begin in the fall semester and are completed during the spring semester.

All students are expected to complete at least one practicum at an affiliate located outside of San Antonio. If a student declines to go to an assigned affiliate, this will result in a loss of the student’s practicum position and possible delay of graduation. Students who have special needs and request specific considerations for practicum assignments must put the request in writing to the department chair at least one semester before the practicum begins. The chair will take the request to the faculty who will approve or disapprove the request.

Program Costs

In addition to required tuition and fees, there are costs for textbooks, scrubs, and equipment. Detailed information about program costs can be found on the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences website.

Transfer of Credits

Agreements for transferable coursework exist with some area colleges and universities. Students should contact the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences or the biology advisor at their institution to determine if such an agreement exists with their school.

For additional information, see the policies and procedures in the School of Health Professions section of this Catalog.

Toxicology

Master of Science in Toxicology

The Master of Science in Toxicology is a graduate degree program administered by the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS). All coursework is completed at the Health Science Center, except for a maximum of 6 semester credit hours of transfer courses that may be completed at another institution. Students in the program follow policies and procedures of the GSBS. For further information, see the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences section of this Catalog.

Master of Science in Toxicology Degree Requirements

The Master of Science in Toxicology program is designed for students who hold a bachelor’s degree in clinical laboratory sciences, biology, chemistry, or other related discipline from an accredited institution. The program offers a specialization in toxicology. Research and internship opportunities in specialized laboratories may be available in specialized laboratories at the Health Science Center and selected laboratories in South Texas.

The minimum number of semester credit hours for graduation is 37.0 and the minimum grade point average for graduation with the Master of Science degree is 3.0 (see Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences).

Master of Science in Toxicology Plan of Study

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1. Additional electives may be selected to complement the student’s career objectives and provide requisite knowledge to complete the research project. In addition to advanced clinical laboratory science courses, the student may enroll in specified courses offered by the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Practicums are scheduled at various toxicology laboratories in San Antonio and the State of Texas.

Emergency Health Sciences

Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) have fulfilled prescribed requirements by a credentialing agency to practice the art and science of out-of-hospital medicine in conjunction with medical direction. Through performance of patient assessments and providing medical care, their goal is to prevent and reduce mortality and morbidity due to illness and injury. Paramedics primarily provide care to emergency patients in an out-of-hospital setting.

Paramedics and EMTs are expected to possess the knowledge, skills, and attitudes consistent with the expectations of the public and the profession.
They are expected to recognize that they are an essential component of the continuum of care and serve as linkages among health resources. Paramedics are expected to strive to maintain high-quality, reasonable-cost health care by delivering patients directly to appropriate facilities. As advocates for patients, paramedics are expected to be proactive in affecting long-term health care by working in conjunction with other provider agencies, networks, and organizations.

The emerging roles and responsibilities of the Paramedic include public education, health promotion, and participation in injury and illness prevention programs. As the scope of service continues to expand, the Paramedic will function as a facilitator of access to care, as well as an initial emergency medical treatment provider.

The Department of Emergency Health Sciences offers certificate programs for EMT-Basic and Paramedic that, at a minimum, prepare graduates for national certification and entry into the EMS profession. The department also offers a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Health Sciences degree program for applicants already holding Paramedic certification. The certificate programs are accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) (http://www.coaemsp.org), 4101 W. Green Oaks Blvd., Suite 305-599, Arlington, Texas 76016, and by the Texas Department of State Health Services, Bureau of Emergency Management (http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/default.shtm), 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756-3199.

Within the Department of Emergency Health Sciences, there are two divisions that offer certifications.

THE DIVISION OF INITIAL EDUCATION

The Division of Initial Education offers:

- EMT certification
- Paramedic and Advanced Practice/Community Paramedic Certification options
- Bachelor of Science degree in Emergency Health Sciences

EMT-Basic Certification

The EMT program consists of 2 courses, EMSP 1501 (classroom and lab) and 1160 (clinical) for a total of 6 semester credit hours. Classroom instruction covers Basic Life Support knowledge and skills criteria, clinical and field internship. Successful completion of the course requirements prepares the student for the National Registry of EMT certification examination.

Paramedic Certification

The Paramedic Program consists of 16 courses for a total of 30 semester credit hours. This option is a 2 semester program (Fall & Spring). Classroom instruction covers anatomy, physiology, patient assessment, advanced airway shock/trauma management, cardiovascular disease recognition and management, advanced treatment protocols for trauma, medical/special patient emergencies, clinical and field internship. Successful completion of the course requirements prepares a student for the NREMT-Paramedic certification examination.

The Advanced Practice/Community Paramedic Option provides additional classroom and clinical instruction includes human diseases, advanced cardiac care, wound care, injury prevention, diagnostic testing, hemodynamic monitoring devices, pharmacology, critical care transport, and flight physiology. In addition, this program will prepare graduates to serve in expanded patient care roles and primary care services. Successful completion of the course requirements prepares a student for NREMT-Paramedic certification examination, Critical Care Paramedic, and/or Flight Paramedic Certification. This option is the 30 credit hours from the the standard Paramedic option plus an additional 12 credit hours (42 total) and is not available every year, contact the department web pages for availability.

Bachelor of Science in Emergency Health Sciences

Paramedics who have earned a paramedic certificate may choose to continue their education to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Emergency Health Sciences (EHS) offered by the Department of Emergency Health Sciences. This degree is only offered as an online program. The baccalaureate degree offers additional opportunities in the field of pre-hospital emergency medical technology in administration, teaching, or advanced level practice.

The objective of the baccalaureate degree program is to broaden the knowledge base and professional skills of emergency medical services (EMS) professionals who wish to pursue a degree that will help enable them to fulfill an advanced leadership role within the community, additionally it will help provide them with an enhanced capability to facilitate in the delivery of EMS and emergency/community health services. The EHS degree provides graduates an opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to assume positions of responsibility in the Emergency Medical Services profession to political entities, educational institutions, and private enterprises. Generally, the EHS degree program provides graduates with information on how to manage and direct EMS organizations, deliver educational and regulatory information to varied communities of interest and students. Additionally it may satisfy disaster management/planning requirements for municipalities as emergency managers.

All of the Emergency Health Sciences degrees help the graduate assume broader positions of responsibility in a variety of health care, research, business, community/educational settings, and to adapt to new rules precipitated by a changing health care delivery environment.

THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Division of Community Education offers:

- EMT-Basic certification
- Paramedic certification
- Continuing education programs for medical, nursing, EMS, and other allied health professions.

These programs are offered in off-campus locations and on dates/times that are more conducive to working adults. EMT and Paramedic certification courses are identical in length and outcomes with other department courses but are offered at flexible times typically in partnership with area fire and EMS departments. Contact the Division of Community Education (210.567.8760) for schedules and separate application procedures.
Emergency Health Sciences Admissions Requirements

Interested applicants should consult the department website for the most current modifications to these requirements, deadlines, and upcoming programs.

All applicants must meet the basic requirements for admission to the Department of Emergency Health Sciences. Admission to any EHS program does not guarantee eligibility for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or certification by Texas Department of State Health Services.

All application materials must be received by the Office of the University Registrar by the application deadlines listed below. Applicants are encouraged to seek advisement from the School of Health Professions Office of Admissions and Special Programs (http://uthscsa.edu/shp/welcome.asp).

Application Deadlines:

For EMT-B certificate program (see website for availability):
- December 1 for January enrollment (Spring semester)

For EMT-Paramedic certificate program (not Advanced Practice Program):
- June 15 for August enrollment (Fall semester)

For EMT-Paramedic Advanced Practice option (See website for availability):
- May 1 for July enrollment* (Fall semester)

For EHS BS Program:
- May 1 for July enrollment* (Fall semester, preferred)
- November 1 for January enrollment* (Spring semester)

*The Advanced Practice Paramedic Program and the EHS BS Program follow a ‘super semester’ format. The Fall term is July - December and the Spring term January - June. Applications for certificate and degree programs are reviewed as they are received.

The Emergency Health Sciences Admissions Committee reviews applications and admits students based on application review. Applicants are notified by e-mail/mail of their acceptance or non-acceptance. The number of students is limited by spaces available for clinical experience in affiliated hospitals and EMS provider organizations. Competitive selection of students may be necessary if the number of applicants exceeds the number of seats available.

In addition to non-academic factors that are considered, admission requirements for all EHS programs include:

- Completion of the Texas Common Application.
- Criminal background check.
- Some clinical sites may require students to pass a drug screen or require additional immunizations (e.g., H1N1, annual seasonal flu). Applicants/students must cover the costs of the background check, drug screen, medical insurance, and immunizations.
- First-time College Students: Submit documentation of high school diploma or GED. Note: The EMT Basic and Paramedic programs are exempt from the Texas Success Initiative requirements.
- Official transcripts from each college and university currently or previously attended.
- Applicants who are enrolled in college courses at the time of application should submit an official transcript showing courses in progress. An updated transcript must be submitted upon completion of the courses. Note: Transfer credits indicated on another school’s transcript are not accepted in lieu of submitting the original institution record for that coursework. Transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be submitted in the original language and must be accompanied by a NACES Members evaluation agency English translation.
- Minimum overall GPA of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Documentation of EMT certification for Paramedic Program enrollment. Students who currently are enrolled in an EMT course or who have completed EMT course work and are engaged in the credentialing process should provide a statement to this effect.
- International Applicants only: Submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (http://www.ets.org/toefl) (TOEFL) scores: minimum: 560 (paper), or 68 (internet).

Admission Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in EHS

The BS in EHS is a degree completion program and the Health Science Center does not offer general education courses. Texas Core Curriculum courses must be obtained from other regionally accredited institutions.

Students will be allowed to co-enroll in the program while working to complete Texas Core requirements (beginning Fall 2016). Students must have all Texas Core courses completed no later than their enrollment for the final semester in the BS in EHS program.

- English Composition I & II, 6 hours
- U.S. History I and U.S. History II, 6 semester credit hours
- Texas State & Local Government & American Government, 6 semester credit hours
- Any Philosophy, Language, Humanities, or Literature course, 3 hours
- Any Creative Arts course in Art, Music, or Drama. 3 hours
- Any Social/Behavioral Science, 3 hours
- College Algebra or higher, 3 hours
- Any 3 Science courses with Lab, 12 hours

Additional Admission Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in EHS

- Current EMT-Paramedic Certification
- Overall GPA of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Completion of the Texas Common Application
- Submission of official transcripts from each college and university currently or previously attended. Applicants who are enrolled in college courses at the time of application should submit an official transcript showing courses in progress. An updated transcript must be submitted upon completion of the courses. Note: Transfer credits indicated on another school’s transcript are not accepted in lieu of submitting
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- International Applicants only: Submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores

Emergency Health Sciences Certificate and Degree Requirements

EMT-BASIC CERTIFICATE

The EMT certificate program consists of 6 semester credit hours. Students are required to complete all didactic, laboratory, EMS, and clinical requirements. See Department website for availability.

PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATE

The Paramedic certificate program consists of 30 semester credit hours. Students are required to complete all didactic, laboratory, EMS, and clinical requirements.

ADVANCED PRACTICE/COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATE

The Advanced Practice Paramedic certificate program consists of 42 semester credit hours. Students are required to complete all didactic, laboratory, EMS, and clinical requirements. See Department website for availability.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EMERGENCY HEALTH SCIENCES (ONLINE PROGRAM)

The Bachelor of Science in Emergency Health Sciences curriculum consists of 124 semester credit hours, including an EMT-Paramedic certificate (minimum of 30 semester credit hours) and 52 semester credit hours of advanced courses completed online through the Health Science Center (the bachelor’s degree program is designed to meet individual students’ educational and career goals). Therefore, in consultation with the program director, the student may create an individualized curriculum of at least 52 semester credit hours in order to graduate.

The Paramedic certificate may be completed at other approved EMS education and training programs/facilities. Texas Core Curriculum courses must be completed at another regionally accredited college or university (see Admission Requirements for specific prerequisites).

The EMT Certificate, the Paramedic Certificate, or the Bachelor of Science degree is awarded upon the satisfactory completion of prescribed academic programs, recommendation of the Emergency Health Sciences faculty and certification of the candidate by the Dean and President to the Board of Regents. A candidate for graduation must have completed all courses at a satisfactory level and earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in the Certificates or Bachelor of Science degree program. Completion of the total unit requirement with passing grades does not necessarily assure candidates a recommendation for graduation.

Emergency Health Sciences Sample Plans of Study

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Emergency Health Sciences Objectives/Program Outcomes

Students who graduate from the Emergency Health Sciences programs will be able to:

- communicate effectively, think critically, and assimilate into their community successfully
- demonstrate personal behaviors and attitudes consistent with and appropriate to the delivery of pre-hospital emergency medical care
- meet the community’s need for advanced life support personnel in a variety of settings
- work in various occupational settings relating to emergency health services
- understand theoretical foundations of the profession, and
- synthesize knowledge from the basic sciences, social sciences, humanities, and pre-hospital emergency science to conceptualize and resolve patient and health care delivery problems

Emergency Health Sciences Program Policies

Credit by Exam/Challenge Exam (BS-EHS)

A student may be eligible to earn credit for a course by passing the examination designated and administered by the department.

The Department of Emergency Health Sciences offers two categories of students the opportunity to obtain academic credit by examination:

- certified/licensed EMS personnel who completed EMT-Basic and/or Paramedic coursework for non-credit through the Department of EHS certification program; and, students admitted to the EHS Bachelor of Science degree program.

Previous professional employment can potentially be accepted for EHS clinical course credit. A student’s work experience will be reviewed on an individual basis by the course directors and the department’s academic team. If the student fails a challenge examination/evaluation, he/she may enroll in and attend the corresponding course only during regularly scheduled course offerings in order to receive credit.

Students who wish to obtain credit by examination should contact the Department of Emergency Health Sciences at (210) 567-8760 for further information.

Program Costs

In addition to required tuition and fees, there are costs for textbooks, scrubs, and equipment. There are also costs for criminal background checks, immunization, and drug screens (if required by clinical facilities). The full-time clinical fieldwork experiences included in the curriculum may require that students relocate and/or travel outside of San Antonio for the duration of the rotations. Fieldwork expenses will vary according to individual arrangements depending on the cost of travel, temporary housing, maintenance of local accommodations, etc. Students are encouraged to budget for major expenditures that could be associated with these assignments. Detailed information about program costs can be found on the Department of Emergency Health Sciences website.

Occupational Therapy

Occupational therapy involves the assessment and treatment of individuals whose ability to perform tasks of living is threatened or impaired by developmental disability, physical disability, psychosocial dysfunction, sensory impairment, or the aging process. The occupational therapy process involves the prevention or correction of physical,
developmental, or emotional problems that affect functional performance of the individual. The goal of occupational therapy is to assist the patient in the performance of activities that provide meaning to her or his life.

Occupational therapists serve patients of all ages in a variety of settings including rehabilitation facilities, long-term care facilities, public schools, psychiatric hospitals, day care facilities, sheltered workshops, community agencies, and industrial sites.

Graduates of the M.O.T. program are eligible to take the national certification examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (http://www.nbcot.org) (NBCOT) and to apply for licensure that is required for practice in most states. A felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the NBCOT examination or attain state licensure. Please be aware that disciplinary actions in your past, either felonies or misdemeanors, should be addressed with the Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners beforehand. Waiting to report it on your application for licensure will cause a delay in issuing a license. It is recommended that applicants use this review before applying to or attending an OT program.

The M.O.T. program is accredited through the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) (http://www.aota.org). For further information about the accreditation process contact:

American Occupational Therapy Association
Accreditation Department
4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200
Bethesda, MD 20814-3449
Telephone:(301) 652-2682
www.acoteonline.org (http://www.acoteonline.org)

Occupational Therapy Admissions Requirements

The Master of Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.) consists of 101 semester credit hours of graduate-level coursework, including 6 months of full-time clinical fieldwork. A baccalaureate degree, completed by the end of the fall semester prior to admission, is required for admission to the program. Applicants are encouraged to seek advisement from their college counselors or the Health Professions Office of Admissions and Special Programs at (866) 802-6288 (toll-free) or (210) 567-6220.

Applications for the M.O.T. program are accepted between August 1 and November 1. The OTCAS Application (https://portal.otcas.org), supplemental application, official transcripts, and all supporting documents must be submitted by the application deadline of November 1. The first semester of M.O.T. coursework typically begins the last week of May.

In addition to non-academic factors that are considered, admission requirements for the Master of Occupational Therapy program include:

- Official transcripts from each college and university attended (Note: All transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be submitted in the original language and must be accompanied by a course-by-course evaluation through a NACES Members (http://www.naces.org/members.htm) agency)
- Grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on M.O.T. Program prerequisites
- Knowledge and understanding of occupational therapy gained through a minimum of 40 hours volunteer and/or observation under the general supervision of a licensed occupational therapist as documented on Documentation of Experience form
- Two Letters of Reference (http://uthscsa.edu/shp/ot/OT_DocOfExper_Web.pdf), preferably from licensed occupational therapists
- Interviews with Occupational Therapy faculty
- Completion of all M.O.T. Program prerequisites (27 hours) by the end of the fall semester prior to admission the following summer:
  - Human Anatomy with lab OR Anatomy & Physiology I, 4 hours
  - Human Physiology with lab OR Anatomy & Physiology II, 4 hours
  - Physics I Lecture (Introductory Physics), 3 hours
  - Kinesiology Lecture (to include principles of human movement), 3 hours
  - Abnormal Psychology, 3 hours
  - Development Psychology, 3 hours
  - Sociology and/or Anthropology, 3 hours
  - Statistics, 3 hours
- Medical Terminology, 1 hour (certificate of completion is acceptable)
- International Applicants only: Submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL (http://www.ets.org/toefl)) scores; minimum scores 560 (paper) or 86 (Internet).

Occupational Therapy Degree Requirements

The professional phase of the Master of Occupational Therapy curriculum consists of 101 semester credit hours taken over 30 months of study.

Occupational Therapy Sample Plan of Study

Master of Occupational Therapy Curriculum

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Upon completion of the Master of Occupational Therapy program, the student will demonstrate the attitudes, knowledge and skills necessary for competent practice. The graduating student will:

- Apply theoretical and empirical knowledge from the basic, behavioral, social, and occupational therapy sciences in planning and implementing occupational therapy practice.
- Advocate for clients, families, and the profession through employment as an OT.
- Communicate clearly and effectively in professional situations, using appropriate modes of expression, documentation and interpersonal interaction.
- Implement professional and scientific inquiry, methodology, and scholarly writing.
- Participate and contribute in the planning, development, and implementation of state of the art clinical practice.
- Demonstrate competencies in the complex, collaborative, and changing health care, educational and community environments.
- Display cultural competence in meeting the occupational performance needs of diverse populations.

• Provide occupational therapy services within the framework of legal, ethical, and professional standards.

### Occupational Therapy Program Policies and Information

#### Ethics

Ethical principles reflect the values of a profession and thereby serve as action-oriented guidelines that are designed to be preventative rather than disciplinary. Occupational therapists are expected to abide by the ethics adopted by the profession (AOTA Code of Ethics (http://www.aota.org), 2015). The Occupational Therapy Department subscribes to this ethical code and expects the behaviors of students to be consistent with these principles.

#### Fieldwork

Fieldwork is an important part of the educational process for becoming an occupational therapist. It represents the part of the program for the student to develop clinical skills through observation and experiential learning and to apply understanding of theory and techniques through extended, supervised experience.

Fieldwork occurs away from the Health Science Center at affiliated clinical institutions/sites. The majority of the fieldwork sites are located within the State of Texas. Students may complete fieldwork only at assigned facilities. The Department maintains agreements with approved fieldwork sites, and these have been carefully selected to assure compatibility with the department philosophy, objectives, and curriculum design. The Academic Fieldwork Coordinator maintains contact with the fieldwork facilities to support links between the didactic and fieldwork aspects of the curriculum. Grades are based on the student's performance, judgment, and attitude as measured by the on-site supervisor using the Fieldwork Performance Evaluation for the Occupational Therapy Student.

While students are given an opportunity to express their preferences for location of placements, the program cannot grant assurances that student will be placed in their setting of choice. Student placements are reserved many months (and in some cases, up to two years) in advance of a scheduled fieldwork experience. Students are responsible for observing therapy for the treatment of conditions relating to the concurrent semester's theory and skills courses and to fulfill assignments of the theory or lab course. The Academic Fieldwork Coordinator maintains contact with the fieldwork facilities to support links between the didactic and fieldwork aspects of the curriculum. All assigned work including observational/participatory times, written and oral assignments, and class discussion participation must be satisfactorily completed in order for the student to receive a passing grade. Grades are based on the student's performance, judgment, and attitude as measured by the on-site supervisor using the Fieldwork Performance Evaluation for the Occupational Therapy Student.

The student is responsible for making any required living arrangements and should be prepared to incur expenses for transportation, food, and lodging during required fieldwork assignments. Fieldwork students are expected to obey policies and procedures of the facility providing the fieldwork experience, and should submit all required assignments and evaluations, and other documentation as requested.

The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) requires completion of all fieldwork within 24 months following completion.
Program Costs
In addition to required tuition and fees, there are costs for textbooks, scrubs, and equipment. The full-time clinical fieldwork experiences included in the curriculum may require that students locate outside of San Antonio for the duration of the rotations. Fieldwork expenses will vary according to individual arrangements depending on the cost of travel, temporary housing, maintenance of local accommodations, etc. Students are encouraged to budget for major expenditures that could be associated with these assignments. Detailed information about program costs can be found on the Department of Occupational Therapy website.

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Standards of Practice
The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA, 2010) (http://www.aota.org) publishes minimum standards of practice. These standards are viewed as minimum expectations for therapists as they conduct their professional activities on a daily basis. Please note that standards by other agencies, whether voluntary, regulatory, or institutional, may be more specific or rigorous than those published by AOTA.

Master of Physician Assistant Studies
The mission of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies is to prepare health care providers who will contribute to the improvement of the mental, social, and physical well-being of their patients. This mission is accomplished through culturally appropriate, socially relevant education, service, research, and scholarship. In support of this mission, the department seeks to contribute to the health care needs of the underserved and vulnerable people of South Texas.

The vision of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies is to be a recognized leader in health care education, scholarship, and service. This vision includes the education and training of competent and caring health care providers who will meet the needs of society, faculty, staff, and student service to the community and region; and scholarship that will impact, advance, and add to the knowledge of humanity and health.

Students who successfully complete the program receive a Master of Physician Assistant Studies (M.P.A.S.) degree. Graduates are eligible to sit for the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE) (http://www.nccpa.net/BecomingCertified) given by the National Commission for Certification of Physician Assistants. Passing the PANCE is required for licensure in all states.

The Master of Physician Assistant Studies program is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) (http://www.arc-pa.org), 12000 Findley Road, Suite 150, Johns Creek, GA, 30097; phone (770) 476-1224, fax (770) 476-1738.

Master of Physician Assistant Studies (M.P.A.S.) Admissions Requirements
Applications for the M.P.A.S. program are accepted for each year starting in mid-April through September 1. Two separate applications; (1) CASPA application and the (2) PAS Supplemental Application are required. Both must be submitted through the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (https://portal.caspaonline.org) (CASPA).

The CASPA application, the PAS Supplemental Application, official transcripts, 2 reference letters, and all other supporting documents must be received by September 1. Prior-year applicants must submit a new application. Questions about re-application should be directed to the School of Health Professions Office of Admissions and Special Programs (http://uthscsa.edu/shp/welcome.asp) and/or CASPA.

Applicant open houses are typically offered during the spring semester. Applicants are encouraged to seek advisement from their college counselors or the Health Professions Office of Admissions and Special Programs at (866) 802-6288 (toll-free) or (210) 567-6220.

In addition to non-academic factors that are considered, admission requirements for the Master of Physician Assistant Studies program include:

- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- Completion of the CASPA application
- Completion of the Supplemental application
- Payment of the non-refundable Supplemental application fee
- Minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Minimum science GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- A grade of C or better in prerequisite coursework
- Completion of all prerequisite coursework by the application deadline of September 1 (Note: no prerequisites can be in progress after the deadline date):
  - Biology I and II with labs (no Botany, Ecology or Environmental Science), 8 hours
  - Human Anatomy with lab, 4 hours **
  - Human Physiology, 3 hours **
  - Organic Chemistry I & II with labs, 8 hours
  - Biochemistry, 3 hours
  - Microbiology, 3 hours
  - Genetics, 3 hours
  - Statistics, 3 hours
  - Psychology (general, introductory, abnormal or developmental), 3 hours

** NOTE - If a combined Human Anatomy & Physiology course is taken, applicants must complete both Anatomy & Physiology I and Anatomy & Physiology II with the appropriate laboratories. Neither Anatomy & Physiology I or II, alone, satisfies the Anatomy and Physiology requirements.

- International Applicants only: Submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL (http://www.ets.org/toefl)) scores; minimum scores 560 (paper) or 68 (Internet).

Master of Physician Assistant Studies Degree Requirements
The Master of Physician Assistant Studies (M.P.A.S.) program is an intense didactic and clinical program that consists of 126 semester credit hours. The curriculum is designed to prepare Physician Assistants who will meet the needs of the people of South Texas. The program begins in the summer semester and runs continuously for 30 months. The didactic component of the curriculum consists of classroom, laboratory, and clinical preparation. Didactic instruction is designed to prepare the student to
successfully complete clinical rotations, and ultimately, for practice as a Physician Assistant.

The M.P.A.S. program is based on traditional semesters. The final months of the program include supervised clinical practice (clinical rotations) and occur in sites throughout Texas. All students must complete a minimum of two rotations in rural or medically underserved locations. Students must be prepared to assume the expense for these rotations.

Rotations are full-time clinical experiences (minimum of 40+ hours per week). During the last few months of the program, the students will have an opportunity to participate in an area of concentration of their choice. A pass-fail summative evaluation is administered during the final four months of the program. Students must pass the summative examination to qualify for graduation.

**Grading and Advancement**

Grading standards, symbols, grade point scales, GPA determinations, and other considerations regarding the quality of work of students are the prerogative of the faculty of the program, as are issues of promotion and advancement.

The standing of students in their work is expressed by the following grades:

A = Excellent
B = Above Average
C = Average
F = Failure
I = Incomplete
IP = In progress

All coursework in the PA Studies Program must be passed with a grade of “C” or better.

If a PA curriculum course is offered by another department and that department allows a grade of “D,” the PAS Department views that grade as not meeting the “C” requirement. A grade of “D” will be treated in the same manner as a grade of “F.”

To advance each semester, **unconditionally**, students must meet all of the following:

1. pass all courses with a grade of “C” or better
2. maintain an overall (cumulative) GPA of 2.75 or greater
3. have faculty approval for advancement based on:
   a. academic performance
   b. demeanor
   c. attitude
   d. effort

To advance **unconditionally** to the Supervised Clinical Practice year, a student must also be ACLS certified.

**Graduation Requirements**

Masters degrees are awarded by the Board of Regents following the student’s completion of the prescribed course of study, the recommendation of the faculty, and the certification by the Dean of the School of Health Professions and the President of the Health Science Center that the candidate has fulfilled all requirements for the degree and certificate. Graduation from the Department of Physician Assistant Studies professional entry level graduate physician assistant program requires students to have an overall GPA of 2.75/4.0 scale.

Degrees are conferred only on official dates publicly announced. The Master Physician Assistant Studies (M.P.A.S.) will be conferred upon those students who have successfully completed all program requirements (including successful completion of the Summative Evaluation). Students will be awarded M.P.A.S. degree after completion of the program.

It is the responsibility of the student to apply for graduation online using the Student Portal in the semester prior to anticipated graduation or at registration for the final year. Notices are sent from the Office of the University Registrar.

As in any educational setting, the student has the primary responsibility for acquiring knowledge. In offering courses of study, the Health Science Center and Department of Physician Assistant Studies in no way guarantees that any student accepted for enrollment will achieve any given level of academic or professional accomplishment. This includes certification and licensure.

A student must complete all requirements in effect at the time of their enrollment, provided there has been no break in that enrollment. Policies are reviewed annually and updated. Students are responsible for reading and abiding by new policies upon publication. The Department Chair and the Dean of the School must approve any changes in a degree plan.

Students who complete training after the expected class graduation date may be required to provide justification to the Texas Physician Assistant Board (TPAB) prior to licensure. Licensure to practice as a physician assistant in the state of Texas is solely at the discretion of the TPAB and The Texas Medical Board (TMB).

**Master of Physician Assistant Studies Sample Plan of Study**

**For students graduating in June 2016**

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**Total Credit Hours:** 126.0
Manner. Students will be able to comprehend two and three-dimensional structures, and will be able to understand diagnostic testing and treatment regimens.

**Behavioral and Social Proficiency**

Students will possess the ability to establish and maintain appropriate professional relationships. This includes the ability to prioritize competing demands, to function in stressful circumstances, to exercise good clinical judgment, to act ethically, to be compassionate, empathetic, responsible, and tolerant toward patients and others.

The following outlines examples of the demands and performance requirements required of the PA student.

**Typical Physical Demands**

The PA student will possess:

- Full range of body motion including assisting patient movement, manual and finger dexterity, and eye-hand coordination
- Physical capacity to stand and walk for extended hospital and clinic visits, and during frequent and prolonged patient and professional interactions
- Physical capacity to sit for long periods during classroom and laboratory experiences
- Capability to work in physically and mentally stressful situation with long and irregular hours and with exposures to communicable diseases and body fluids

**Typical Working Conditions**

The PA student will be able to:

- Work in clinical and classroom environments with exposure to frequent communicable diseases, toxic substances, ionizing radiation, medicinal preparations, hostile individuals, and other such conditions common to the medical and surgical environments
- Interact with a diverse patient populations of all ages with a range of acute and chronic medical and surgical conditions

**Student Performance Requirements**

The PA student will be required to perform in the following situations:
Physical Therapy

Physical therapists (PTs) are healthcare professionals who diagnose and treat individuals of all ages, from newborns to the very oldest, who have medical problems or other health-related conditions, illnesses, or injuries that limit their ability to move and perform functional activities as well as they would like in their daily lives. Physical therapists examine each individual and develop a plan using treatment techniques to promote the ability to move, reduce pain, restore function, and prevent disability. In addition, PTs work with individuals to prevent the loss of mobility before it occurs by developing fitness and wellness-oriented programs for healthier and more active lifestyles.

Graduates of the D.P.T. program are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Examination, given by The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, and the Jurisprudence Exam, given by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. A license to practice physical therapy in Texas is contingent on successful completion of these examinations. The D.P.T. program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy (CAPTE), 1111 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

Physical Therapy Admission Requirements

ENTRY-LEVEL DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Applications for the Fall (July) entry-level D.P.T. program are accepted beginning July 1. The deadline for the regular Fall 2015 application cycle is November 1 and the early offer deadline is October 1. Effective for the Fall 2016 application cycle, the application deadline is October 20, 2016 and the early application deadline is September 20, 2016. Applicants are to submit their application for admission through the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) a well as complete the Physical Therapy Supplemental Application. See the PTCAS website for complete application instructions. A completed application, the application fee, supplemental application fee, official transcripts from each college or university attended, test scores and all other supporting documents must be submitted to PTCAS no later than above stated deadlines. It is the applicant’s responsibility to verify that all documents have been received before the application deadline. No incomplete applications will be considered.

A baccalaureate degree is required for admission. A baccalaureate degree can be pending at the time of application, but must be earned prior to June 1 of the enrollment year. Note that program prerequisites can be in progress at the time of application but must be completed by June 1 of the enrollment year.

All applicants must complete the program prerequisites (47 hours) and fulfill the requirements below:

- Human Anatomy Lecture and Laboratory, 4 semester hours
- Human or Mammalian Physiology Lecture and Laboratory, 4 semester hours
- Biology 1 Lecture and Laboratory, 4 semester hours
- Upper-level Biology or Biology II -Lecture and Laboratory, 4 semester hours
- Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory, 4 semester hours
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Chemistry II or Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry- Lecture and Laboratory, 4 semester hours
- Physics I & II Lecture and Laboratory, 8 semester hours
- Intro to Psychology or General Psychology, 3 semester hours
- Developmental Psychology, Motor Development, or Human Development (must cover the lifespan), 3 semester hours
- Intro to Sociology, Social Psychology, or Cultural Anthropology, 3 semester hours
- Speech – Public Speaking, 3 semester hours
- Statistics (Math, Sociology, or Psychology), 3 semester hours
- International Applicants only: Submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores; minimum scores 560 (paper) or 68 (Internet).

*****NOTE: All science courses must be designated for Science majors or pre-allied health majors. Anatomy & Physiology I and II series for a total of 8 semester hours is accepted in lieu of separate anatomy and physiology courses.

Physical Therapy Degree Requirements
ENTRY-LEVEL DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program (D.P.T.) begins in the Fall (July) semester and consists of 100 semester credit hours of professional-level courses taken over 6 semesters (36 months). The program includes 30 weeks of full-time clinical affiliations and a 4-week specialty clinical internship.

Physical Therapy Sample Plans of Study

Doctor of Physical Therapy Curriculum

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Doctor of Physical Therapy Objectives/
Program Outcomes

Students graduating from the Department of Physical Therapy must meet the essential function requirements of the academic program and profession. They will complete programs consisting of academic study and clinical laboratory experience. The student will possess the skills and attributes necessary to perform as a professional before graduation from the program. These skills and attributes are known as essential functions and include the following:

General Abilities

To provide quality health care, the student will possess functional use of the senses of vision, touch, hearing, taste, and smell. All data received by the senses must be integrated, analyzed and synthesized in a consistent and accurate manner. In addition, the student will possess the ability to perceive pain, pressure, temperature, position, equilibrium, and movement.

Observational Ability

The student will participate in and observe demonstrations and experiments in the basic sciences including but not limited to: physiologic and pharmacological demonstrations in animals, microbiologic cultures and microscopic study of organisms and tissues in normal and pathologic states. The student will meticulously observe the client at a distance and close at hand to accurately assess health/illness alteration. The student will be able to obtain visual information from clients including but not limited to movement, posture, body mechanics, and gait patterns for the purpose of evaluation of movement dysfunction. Inherent in this observation process is the functional use of the senses and sufficient motor capability to carry out the necessary assessment activities.

Communication

The student will be able to effectively communicate verbally/non-verbally while observing clients in order to elicit information, describe changes in mood, activity, and postures to perceive non-verbal communications. The student will effectively communicate to others (i.e., students, faculty, clients, peers, staff, and families) in asking questions, explaining conditions/procedures, and teaching home programs while maintaining safety in a timely manner within any/all academic and clinical settings. The student will send and receive verbal communication in life threatening situations in a timely manner within acceptable norms of clinical settings. This requires the ability to read, write, and effectively utilize the English language. The student will be able to communicate effectively and with sensitivity towards clients.

Motor Ability

The student will be able to perform gross/fine motor movements required to provide physical therapy, operate equipment to deliver care safely, and in a timely manner appropriate for the problems identified with consistency to the acceptable norms of all clinical settings. Examples of movements the student will be able to perform include lifting, turning, transferring, transporting, and exercising the clients. The student will have the psychomotor skills necessary to perform or assist with procedures, treatments, administration of medication, managing of equipment, and emergency interventions. The student will be able to maintain consciousness, equilibrium at all times, and has the physical strength and stamina to perform satisfactorily in all clinical settings.

The student will have sufficient motor function to elicit information from patients by palpation, auscultation, percussion and other diagnostic maneuvers. The student will be able to do laboratory tests and work with scientific and other instruments, including machinery utilized in the practice of physical therapy. The student will have motor skills necessary to administer emergency treatment such as CPR using the guidelines issued by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. Such actions require coordination of both fine and gross muscular movements, equilibrium, and functional use of the senses (touch and vision).

Critical Thinking Ability

The student will have the ability to develop problem-solving skills. This includes the ability to measure, calculate, analyze and synthesize objective as well as subjective data to make decisions that reflect consistent and thoughtful deliberation in their clinical judgment. In addition, the student will be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand the spatial relationships of structures.

Interpersonal Abilities

The student will have the emotional stability required to exercise sound judgment, complete assessment and intervention activities. The student will be able to establish rapport and maintain sensitive interpersonal relationships with individuals, families/groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds. The student will have the flexibility to function effectively under stress. Concern for others, integrity, accountability, interest and motivations are necessary personal qualities.

Behavioral and Social Attributes

The student will possess the emotional health required for full utilization of his/her intellectual abilities, exercise of good judgment, and prompt completion of all responsibilities. Students must be attendant to the diagnosis and care of clients while developing mature, sensitive and effective relationships with clients. Students will be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads and function effectively under stress. Students will be able to adapt to changing environments, display flexibility, and learn to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of many clients. Compassion, integrity, concern for others, interpersonal skills, interest and motivation are all personal qualities that the student will possess.

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Policies and Information

Advancement, Probation and Dismissal

Continuation as a Physical Therapy student is dependent on maintenance of a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B) while enrolled in the program. A student whose cumulative grade point average falls
below 3.0 will be subject to academic probation. While on probation, a student must maintain a B average in those courses for which he or she is registered or be considered for dismissal. A student who receives a grade of D or F in any semester may also be subject to dismissal.

The Department of Physical Therapy Student Progress Committee (SPC) may recommend dismissal, probation, repetition of the course when next offered, repetition of the year, or other actions as deemed appropriate. The student who has been dismissed may be readmitted for further study by petition from the SPC. The request will be approved or disapproved by the Dean. Under no circumstances will a student on probation be awarded a degree.

**Attendance for Academic Courses**

It is expected that students will attend all scheduled classes, laboratories, and clinical sessions. Excused absences may be granted in such cases as illness or personal emergency. With verification of an excused absence, required work that has been missed can be submitted. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the department if any absence occurs and to arrange with the faculty to make up work that is missed.

**Dropping Courses**

It is mandatory that the students adhere to the sequence of courses in the curriculum. Each course in the curriculum is built upon and is dependent upon a foundation established in a prior course. To drop a course, a student must seek permission from the course instructor and the Department Chair.

**Grades in Clinical Courses**

All clinical courses (i.e.: Clinical I, Clinical II, Clinical III, and Clinical Internship I) are graded S (Satisfactory) or U (Unsatisfactory). Clinical grades are not used in calculating the grade point average.

A grade of S is assigned if the student successfully satisfies the criteria for clinical courses. Failure to successfully satisfy the course criteria may result in one of the following grades:

- I (Incomplete) – Student performance is satisfactory on completed skills but below the minimum number required due to exceptional circumstances beyond student and/or clinic control.
- U (Unsatisfactory) – Student performance is below minimum requirement due to skill deficiency not related to exceptional circumstances or if the clinical is discontinued. A grade of U may also be assigned if the student demonstrates inappropriate behavior in the areas of professionalism or interpersonal skills. A grade of U may result in dismissal from the program.

Criteria and time frame for removal of I or U grades in clinical courses are determined based on clinical documentation and consultation with the clinical supervisor/clinical instructor. An I or U grade may require that the student complete an additional clinical affiliation or other remediation that could extend the professional curriculum beyond the expected graduation date. More than one U grade is not allowed within the total clinical course sequence.

**Program Costs**

In addition to required tuition and fees, there are costs for textbooks, scrubs, and equipment. The full-time clinical fieldwork experiences included in the curriculum may require that students locate outside of San Antonio for the duration of the rotations. Fieldwork expenses will vary according to individual arrangements depending on the cost of travel, temporary housing, maintenance of local accommodations, etc. Students are encouraged to budget for major expenditures that could be associated with these assignments. Detailed information about program costs can be found on the Department of Physical Therapy website.

**Respiratory Care**

**Respiratory Care Program Overview**

The Respiratory Care Program is designed to provide students with a unique education in preparation for a satisfying professional career as advanced respiratory care practitioners as well as to provide a foundation for leadership in management and supervision, education and clinical specialization. The Health Science Center offers both Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Respiratory Care. Prospective students have several degree and curriculum options to choose from to achieve their goal to be a respiratory therapist.

Respiratory Care, also known as respiratory therapy, is an exciting and challenging health profession responsible for providing care for patients with cardiopulmonary system deficiencies. There are a variety of opportunities to practice respiratory care in areas such as critical care, neonatal/pediatric intensive care units, cardiopulmonary diagnostics, and in alternate site care such as nursing homes, long term acute care hospitals, home care, pulmonary rehabilitation, polysomnography (sleep studies), and disease management.

The respiratory therapist works with diverse patients ranging from newborn and pediatric patients to adults and the elderly. Disease states or conditions often requiring respiratory care include asthma, emphysema, chronic obstructive lung disease, pneumonia, cystic fibrosis, shock, trauma, and postoperative surgical care.

The Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care and Master of Science in Respiratory Care programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) (http://www.coarc.com), 1248 Harwood Rd., Bedford, Texas 76021-4244, phone (817) 283-2835, fax (817) 354-8519

**Master of Science in Respiratory Care Overview**

The Health Science Center has received authorization from the State of Texas to offer a new Master of Science degree program in Respiratory Care. This new program provides an excellent career opportunity to join the FIRST approved Master of Science in Respiratory Care (M.S.R.C.) degree program in Texas. Our program is one of only four M.S.R.C. first professional degree programs in the country and provides a great opportunity to become a leader in the Respiratory Care profession.

The Master of Science degree in Respiratory Care requires a minimum of 92 hours of credit for graduation. This is an integrated program, requiring 27 semester hours of program prerequisite requirements prior to admission to the Health Science Center. The program prerequisites may be completed at any accredited college or university and includes the successful completion of a baccalaureate degree. Dedicated to clinical and academic excellence, the professional phase includes more than 1,000 hours of in-hospital clinical practice. As a leadership program in respiratory care, this course of study aspires to provide graduates with the foundation needed to assume professional leadership roles in clinical practice, clinical specialty areas, research, education and management. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible for the national board examinations in respiratory care as well as state license.
Master of Science in Respiratory Care Online Program Overview (Beginning Fall 2016)

The Master of Science in Respiratory Care Online Program is for: (1) the registered respiratory therapist (RRT) who has earned a bachelor of science in respiratory therapy/respiratory care or (2) the registered respiratory therapist (RRT) who has an earned a bachelor degree in any field and holds the RRT credential from a CoARC accredited associate degree program and has completed the required program requirements. The Master degree graduates have many option including leadership positions in clinical practice, management, education, research or further graduate education. The Master of Science in Respiratory Care Online program will require the student to complete at least 33 graduate credit hours for graduation from the Health Science Center.

Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Overview

In addition to at least 60 semester hours of general education and preprofessional prerequisite course requirements, the Bachelor of Science degree in Respiratory Care requires a minimum of 65 hours of upper division credit for graduation. This program requires 42 semester hours related to the Texas Core Curriculum and 18 semester hours of specific program preprofessional prerequisite requirements prior to admission to the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care for the professional phase. The preprofessional phase requirements may be completed at any accredited college or university. Dedicated to clinical and academic excellence, the professional phase includes more than 1,000 hours of in-hospital clinical practice. Additional elective coursework in management and education may be taken by students interested in these areas. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible for the national board examinations in respiratory care as well as state license.

Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Degree Completion Program Overview (online)

The Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Degree Completion program is for the respiratory therapist who has earned an associate degree in respiratory therapy or respiratory care from a CoARC (http://www.coarc.com) accredited program and earned the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential. These individuals will complete 32 upper division credit hours for graduation. In addition to at least 60 semester hours of general education course requirements, this program requires 42 semester hours related to the Texas Core Curriculum. These general education and Texas Core Curriculum courses may be completed at any regionally accredited college or university. Additional elective coursework in the Respiratory Care Program such as management and education may be taken by students interested in these areas.

Master of Science in Respiratory Care Admissions Requirements

Admission to the program is on a competitive basis. Student selection is based on a number of factors including overall grade point average, prerequisite grade point average, consistency of academic performance, coursework completed prior to application, and interpersonal abilities. Application deadlines June 15.

Requirements for admission to the professional phase of the Master of Science in Respiratory Care (M.S.R.C.) program include:

- Completion of a bachelor's degree in any major from a regionally accredited college/university prior to program entry.
- Completion of all required professional prerequisite courses with a "C" or better.
  - Anatomy & Physiology I & II Lectures & Laboratories (8 semester credit hours) OR Anatomy I Lecture & Laboratory AND Physiology I Lecture & Laboratory (8 semester credit hours)
  - Any Chemistry Lecture & Laboratory (4 semester credit hours)
  - Any Physics Lecture & Laboratory (4 semester credit hours)
  - Microbiology Lecture & Laboratory (4 semester credit hours)
  - Statistics Lecture OR Statistics for Psychology Lecture (3 semester credit hours)
- Senior standing at the time of application and the ability to complete all preprofessional coursework and earn a bachelor degree by the beginning of the Fall semester of the of the first year.
- Overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Completed application to the program and submission of official transcripts for all college coursework completed.
- Two letters of recommendation: attesting for applicant's readiness for graduate level studies
- Personal Interview with program faculty

International Applicants only:

- Each foreign transcript will be evaluated to ascertain that courses are equivalent in content and rigor to prerequisite courses offered by regionally accredited higher education institutions in the United States.
- Submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores
  - Minimum TOEFL scores 560 (paper) or 68 (Internet)

Application Requirements

- Completion of online Apply Texas application – www.applytexas.org (https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX)
- Submission of the following documents and information to the Office of the University Registrar at the Health Science Center:
  - All Official Transcripts from each college/university attended. Applicants who are enrolled in college courses at the time of application should submit official transcripts showing courses in progress. An updated transcript must be submitted upon completion of courses.
  - Two completed letters of recommendation
  - Note: Transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be evaluated by an acceptable NACES Members organization. For additional information – www.naces.org (http://www.naces.org)

Required Documents (if you are accepted) to the Master of Science in Respiratory Care program:

If you are made an official offer of acceptance for the Health Science Center Master of Science in Respiratory Care (M.S.R.C.) program, all of the following items are required prior to matriculation:

- Non-refundable $250.00 School of Health Professions Tuition Deposit. Directions for this process will be sent to accepted students.
- Completion of a background check. Directions for this process will be sent to accepted students.
- All Immunization records: Immunization requirements can be found at the Health Science Center Student Health Center Web Page
Application Requirements

International Applicants only:
- Respiratory Care OR hold the Registered Respiratory Therapy credential
- Registered Respiratory Therapy credential and a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care (M.S.R.C.) Online Program for a prospective student who holds the Registered Respiratory Therapy credential from the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC)
- Evidence of current health insurance showing dates of coverage. Unless proof of proper insurance coverage is provided before the first day of classes, students will be charged for a health insurance policy through the university. The fee for this policy is non-removable once the payment due date passes and is non-refundable once paid.

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Master of Science in Respiratory Care
Online Program Admissions Requirements (Beginning Fall 2016)

Admission to the program is on a competitive basis. Student selection is based on a number of factors including overall grade point average, prerequisite grade point average, consistency of academic performance, coursework completed prior to application, and interpersonal abilities.

Application deadline is June 15 for fall enrollment and November 1 for coursework completed prior to application and interpersonal abilities.

Requirements for admission to the the Master of Science in Respiratory Care (M.S.R.C.) Online Program for a prospective student who holds the Registered Respiratory Therapy credential and a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care OR hold the Registered Respiratory Therapy credential and a include:

- Holds the Registered Respiratory Therapy credential from the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC).
- Completion of a bachelor’s degree in Respiratory Care/Respiratory Therapy OR completion of a bachelor’s degree in any major from a regionally accredited college/university prior to program entry.
- Completion of all required professional prerequisite courses with a “C” or better
  - Statistics Lecture OR Statistics for Psychology Lecture (3 semester credit hours)

Senior standing at the time of application and the ability to complete all preprofessional coursework by the beginning of the Fall semester of the of the first year.

- Overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Completed application to the program and submission of official transcripts for all college coursework completed.
- Two letters of recommendation: attesting for applicant’s readiness for graduate level studies
- Personal Interview with program faculty

International Applicants only:

- Each foreign transcript will be evaluated to ascertain that courses are equivalent in content and rigor to prerequisite courses offered by regionally accredited higher education institutions in the United States.
- Submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores
  - Minimum TOEFL scores 560 (paper) or 68 (Internet)

Application Requirements

- Hold the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) from the National Board for Respiratory Care.
- Completion of online Apply Texas application –www.applytexas.org (https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX)
- Submission of the following documents and information to the Office of the University Registrar at the Health Science Center:
  - All Official Transcripts from each college/university attended.
  - Applicants who are enrolled in college courses at the time of application should submit official transcripts showing courses in progress. An updated transcript must be submitted upon completion of courses.
  - Two completed letters of recommendation
  - Note: Transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be evaluated by an acceptable NACES Members organization. For additional information –www.naces.org (http://www.naces.org)

Required Documents (if you are accepted) to the Master of Science in Respiratory Care program:

If you are made an official offer of acceptance for the Health Science Center Master of Science in Respiratory Care (M.S.R.C.) program, all of the following items are required prior to matriculation:

- Non-refundable $250.00 School of Health Professions Tuition Deposit. Directions for this process will be sent to accepted students.
- Completion of a background check. Directions for this process will be sent to accepted students.
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Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care
Admissions Requirements

Admission to the program is on a competitive basis. Student selection is based on a number of factors including overall grade point average, prerequisite grade point average, consistency of academic performance, coursework completed prior to application and interpersonal abilities.

Application deadline is June 15. Requirements for admission to the professional phase of the program in respiratory care include:

Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care applicants must complete the Texas Core Curriculum (42 hours) and Professional Prerequisite courses with a grade of a grade of “C” or better. Certain professional prerequisite courses will apply towards meeting the Texas Core requirements as indicated below (*):

Students may be allowed to co-enroll in the program while working to complete Texas Core requirements (beginning, Fall 2016). Students
must have all Texas Core courses completed no later than their enrollment for the final semester in the BS in RC program.

Texas Core Curriculum Requirements

- English Composition I & II (6 semester credit hours)
- College Algebra or higher (3 semester credit hours)
- Natural Sciences
  - (BIOL, CHEM, PHYS or other natural science) (12 semester credit hours)
- Humanities
  - Any Philosophy, Language, Humanities, or English Literature course (3 semester credit hours)
- Visual and Performing Arts
  - Any Arts, Drama, Dance or Music course (3 semester credit hours)
- History 1301 & 1302 (6 semester credit hours)
- Government 2305 & 2306 (6 semester credit hours)
- Any Psychology or Sociology course (3 semester credit hours)
- Free electives (to ensure 60 semester credit hour minimum) (9 semester credit hours)

Professional Prerequisites

- College Algebra or higher (3 semester credit hours*)
- Statistics (Math or Psychology Statistics) (3 semester credit hours*)
- Anatomy & Physiology I with laboratory and Anatomy & Physiology II with laboratory OR Anatomy with lab AND Physiology with lab (8 semester credit hours*)
- Microbiology with lab (4 semester credit hours*)
- Any Physics (3 semester credit hours)
- Any Chemistry (3 semester credit hours)

Application Requirements

- Sophomore standing or higher at the time of application (minimum of 60 hours)
- Completion of all professional prerequisite required courses with a grade of "C" or better
- A minimum overall GPA of 2.5 in coursework.
- Ability to complete all general education curriculum and program prerequisite courses by fall enrollment in the program.
- Completion of online Apply Texas application – www.applytexas.org (https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX)
- Submission of the following documents and information to the Office of the University Registrar at the Health Science Center:
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  - Personal interview with program faculty
  - International Applicants only: Submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (http://www.ets.org/toefl) (TOEFL) scores; minimum scores 560 (paper) or 68 (Internet).
  - Admission is on a competitive basis. In addition to non-academic factors that may be considered, the basis for inviting an applicant

for an interview includes the applicant’s academic performance represented by coursework grades, load, trends, and degree of difficulty.

If an official offer of acceptance for the Health Science Center Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care (B.S.R.C.) program, all of the following items are required prior to matriculation:

- Non-refundable $250.00 School of Health Professions Tuition Deposit. Directions for this process will be sent to accepted students.
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Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Degree Completion Program Admissions Requirements (online)

Admission to the program is on a competitive basis. Student selection is based on a number of factors including overall grade point average, prerequisite grade point average, consistency of academic performance, coursework completed prior to application and interpersonal abilities. Application deadline is June 15 for fall enrollment and November 1 for spring enrollment. Requirements for admission to the professional phase of the program in respiratory care include:

Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Degree Completion Program applicants must complete the Texas Core Curriculum (42 hours) and Professional courses with a grade of a grade of "C" or better. Certain professional prerequisite courses will apply towards meeting the Texas Core requirements as indicated below (*):

Students may be allowed to co-enroll in the program while working to complete Texas Core requirements (beginning, Fall 2016). Students must have all Texas Core courses completed no later than their enrollment for the final semester in the BS in RC program.

All Texas Core Requirements and Program Requirements must be completed by the semester the student is graduating

- English Composition I & II (6 semester credit hour)
- College Algebra or higher (3 semester credit hours)
- Natural Sciences
  - (BIOL, CHEM, PHYS or other natural science) (12 semester credit hours)
- Humanities
items are required prior to matriculation:

- Evidence of current health insurance showing dates of coverage.
- Completion of a background check. Directions for this process will be sent to accepted students.
- Non-refundable $250.00 School of Health Professions Tuition Deposit.
- Admission is on a competitive basis. In addition to non-academic factors that may be considered, the basis for inviting an applicant for an interview includes the applicant’s academic performance represented by coursework grades, load, trends, and degree of difficulty.

Program requirements

- Statistics (Math or Psychology Statistics) (3 semester credit hours*)

Application Requirements

- The Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential must be earned prior to matriculation.
- Completion of all required courses with a grade of "C" or better.
- A minimum overall GPA of a 2.5 in coursework.
- Ability to complete all general education curriculum and program prerequisite courses by the semester the student is to graduate.
- Completion of online Apply Texas application —www.applytexas.org (https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX)
- Submission of the following documents and information to the Office of the University Registrar at the Health Science Center:
  - All Official Transcripts from each college/university attended. Applicants who are enrolled in college courses at the time of application should submit official transcripts showing courses in progress. An updated transcript must be submitted upon completion of courses.
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- Admission is on a competitive basis. In addition to non-academic factors that may be considered, the basis for inviting an applicant for an interview includes the applicant’s academic performance represented by coursework grades, load, trends, and degree of difficulty.

If an official offer of acceptance for the Health Science Center Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care (B.S.R.C.) program, all of the following items are required prior to matriculation:

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Master of Science in Respiratory Care Degree Requirements

To graduate from the Department of Respiratory Care Master of Science in Respiratory Care program, students must:

- Complete all required respiratory care professional courses with a grade of C (75%) or better.
- Maintain a 3.0 overall GPA each semester.
- Successfully complete the self assessment examinations given by the National Board for Respiratory Care.
- Successfully complete a comprehensive end-of-semester and program competency assessment.
- Successfully complete a thesis project (create and implement an educational project, create and implement a quality improvement plan, or create and implement a research project).
- Complete all University requirements for graduation.

Master of Science in Respiratory Care Online Program Requirements

To graduate from the Department of Respiratory Care Master of Science in Respiratory Care Online program, students must:

- Complete all required respiratory care professional courses with a grade of C (75%) or better.
- Maintain a 3.0 overall GPA each semester.
- Successfully complete a thesis project (create and implement an educational project, create and implement a quality improvement plan, or create and implement a research project).
- Hold current Registered Respiratory Therapist credential.
- Complete all University requirements for graduation.

Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Degree Requirements

To graduate from the Department of Respiratory Care Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care program, students must:

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- Successfully complete all University requirements for graduation.
- Successfully complete a thesis project (create and implement an educational project, create and implement a quality improvement plan, or create and implement a research project).
- Hold current Registered Respiratory Therapist credential.
- Complete all University requirements for graduation.
• Complete all required respiratory care professional courses with a grade of C (75%) or better.
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• Successfully complete a comprehensive end-of-semester and program competency assessment.
• Complete all University requirements for graduation.

Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Degree Completion Program Requirements (online)

To graduate from the Department of Respiratory Care Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Degree Completion program, students must:

• Complete all required respiratory care professional courses with a grade of C (75%) or better.
• Complete all general education course work by the semester set to graduate; otherwise will not be able to enroll in respiratory care courses.
• Successfully complete a capstone project (create and implement an educational project, create and implement a quality improvement plan, or create and implement a research project).
• Hold current Registered Respiratory Therapist credential.
• Complete all University requirements for graduation.

Master of Science in Respiratory Care Sample Plan of Study

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Total Credit Hours: 92.0

Master of Respiratory Care Online Program for RRT with BSRC OR RRT with Bachelor degree (online) Sample Plan of Study

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### Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care

**Sample Plan of Study for entering students in Fall 2015**

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**Total Credit Hours:** 71.0

### Master of Science in Respiratory Care

**Objectives/Program Outcomes**

**Goals of the Program**

The Respiratory Care Program is designed to offer the student an environment that fosters learning through planned experiences so that the student can develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will culminate in successful employment of the graduate as a respiratory therapist.

**Program Goal for Students**

Graduates of the Respiratory Care program will be prepared to function as competent advanced level respiratory therapists.

Upon completion of the Master of Science Program, all students will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Comprehend, apply and evaluate information relevant to the role of the advanced level respiratory therapist.
2. Demonstrate technical proficiency in all skills necessary to fulfill the role of the advanced level respiratory therapist.
3. Demonstrate personal behaviors consistent with professional and employer expectations for the advanced level respiratory therapist.

In addition to the competency goals, the respiratory care program seeks to:

- Prepare strong advanced level respiratory therapists for advanced clinical practice.
- Provide leadership development in the areas of management, education and research.
- Develop clinical specialists in the following areas: adult, pediatric and neonatal critical care, chronic disease management, cardiopulmonary diagnostics, polysomnography, pulmonary rehabilitation and asthma education specialist.
- Prepare future faculty for college and university based respiratory care educational programs.
- Develop individuals who are able to formulate appropriate questions, organize and test hypotheses, and apply research results to the practice of respiratory care.
- Prepare clinical practitioners with advanced knowledge and skills.
- Prepare leaders who are able to plan, develop and deliver high quality, cost efficient health care services.

**Department of Respiratory Care Objectives:**

Graduates of the Master of Science in Respiratory Care (M.S.R.C.) program will be able to:

| RESC3030   | Respiratory Care across the Life Span | 3 |
| RESC4010   | Advanced Critical Care Management    | 5 |
| RESC4012   | Disease Management, Rehabilitation, and Extended Care | 4 |
| RESC4017   | Introduction to Research             | 3 |
| RESC4021   | Issues and Trends                    | 4 |
| RESC4040   | Capstone Project (Capstone Project)  | 4 |

**Total Credit Hours:** 32
1. Perform an accurate and comprehensive examination and evaluation on cardiopulmonary patients to determine the appropriate therapy necessary.

2. Determine and implement comprehensive evidence based care plans based on the assessment of the patient, the diagnosis, and patient’s abilities.

3. Implement and manage respiratory therapy safely and effectively.


5. Communicate effectively with patients, family members, students, and other members of the health care team and community.

6. Provide consultation or expert opinion to the health care team.

7. Perform effectively in different roles (basic care practitioner, critical care practitioner, educator, supervisor or manager, consultant, etc.) in a variety of health care environments with persons of diverse cultural backgrounds.


**Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Objectives/Program Outcomes**

Upon graduating from the Respiratory Care program, the student will possess the following abilities and competencies

**Goals of the Bachelor of Science Respiratory Care Program**

The Respiratory Care Program is designed to offer the student an environment that fosters learning through planned experiences so that the student can develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will culminate in successful employment of the graduate as a respiratory therapist.

**Program Goal for Students**

Graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care program will be prepared to function as competent respiratory therapists.

Upon completion of the Bachelor of Science Program, all students will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Comprehend, apply and evaluate information relevant to the role of the respiratory therapist.

2. Demonstrate technical proficiency in all skills necessary to fulfill the role of the respiratory therapist.

3. Demonstrate personal behaviors consistent with professional and employer expectations for the respiratory therapist.

In addition to the competency goals, the respiratory care program seeks to:

- Prepare strong respiratory therapists for clinical practice.
- Develop clinical specialists in the following areas: adult, pediatric and neonatal critical care, chronic disease management, cardiopulmonary diagnostics, polysomnography, pulmonary rehabilitation and asthma education specialist.
- Develop individuals who are able to critique the literature, apply evidence based practice to hospital based protocols.
- Contribute to the healthcare team as related to planning an collaborative decision making.
- Prepare clinical practitioners with strong knowledge and skills.

- Prepare leaders who are able to plan, develop and deliver high quality, cost efficient health care services.

**Department of Respiratory Care Objectives:**

Graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care (B.S.R.C.) program will be able to:

1. Perform an accurate and comprehensive examination and evaluation on cardiopulmonary patients to determine the appropriate therapy necessary.

2. Determine and implement comprehensive evidence based care plans based on the assessment of the patient, the diagnosis, and patient’s abilities.

3. Implement and manage respiratory therapy safely and effectively.


5. Communicate effectively with patients, family members, students, and other members of the health care team and community.

6. Provide consultation or expert opinion to the health care team.

7. Perform effectively in different roles (basic care practitioner, critical care practitioner, patient educator, etc.) in a variety of health care environments with persons of diverse cultural backgrounds.


**General Respiratory Care Program Policies and Regulations**

**Advancement, Probation and Dismissal**

**Academic**

All respiratory care courses are taught in a sequential manner and each professional course in the program serves as the prerequisite for the subsequent course. Therefore, courses must be taken in the planned sequence. If a student earns a grade of C (75%), the student may not be permitted to register for subsequent courses or semesters, and the student may be subject to dismissal from the program. (Refer to current Health Science Center Catalog for more information).

Continuation as a Respiratory Care student is dependent on maintenance of a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B) for all master of science enrolled students and an a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (C) for all Bachelor of Science enrolled students. A student whose cumulative grade point average fall below the required point will be subject to being placed on probation. A student who earns a grade of a D or F in any course in any semester may be subject to dismissal.

The Department of Respiratory Care Student Progress Committee (SPC) may recommend dismissal, probation, repetition of courses, repetition of the year or other actions as deemed appropriate by the SPC.

**Withdrawing from a Course**

Courses in the Respiratory Care Program follow a sequence that builds a foundation of knowledge and skills. The sequence is integrated and mandatory courses be taken in the determined sequence. To withdraw from a course, a student must have permission from the faculty member, and Chair of the Department. The student is cautioned to withdraw from a course as it may delay enrollment in subsequent courses until the course is offered again. If a student withdraws from a course the grade granted is a W. If this occurs the student must put the request in writing and develop a plan for continuing in the respiratory care program. The plan will be...
evaluated by the Student progress committee and a resolution will be made. It should NOT be taken for granted the proposal is implemented without the Student Progress Committees’ approval.

**Program Costs**

In addition to required tuition and fees, there are costs for textbooks, technology, scrubs, and equipment. **The clinical rotation experiences included in the curriculum may require that students locate outside of San Antonio for the duration of the rotations.** Clinical rotation expenses will vary according to individual arrangements depending on the cost of travel, temporary housing, maintenance of local accommodations, etc. Students are encouraged to budget for major expenditures that could be associated with these course experiences. Detailed information about program costs can be found on the Department of Respiratory Care website.

**Computer Requirement**

Students are required to purchase a laptop computer from the Health Science Center Computer Store (http://ims.uthscsa.edu/computer_networking/computer_store.aspx) upon matriculation. The cost of the purchase is calculated as a cost of attendance and is included in determination of financial aid eligibility.
School of Medicine

Brief History
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Mission Statement
The mission of the UT School of Medicine at San Antonio is to provide responsive and comprehensive education, research and service of the highest quality in order to meet the health-related needs of the citizens of Texas. In all aspects of fulfilling this mission, the School of Medicine is committed to fostering the broadest diversity and inclusion that ensures successful achievement of the institutional priorities to:

- Cultivate a pervasive, adaptive and respectful environment promoting diversity, inclusion, equity, professionalism, humanism and opportunity
- Provide exemplary medical education and training to a diverse body of health care professionals at all levels while fostering a commitment to scholarship, leadership and life-long learning across the educational continuum
- Build and sustain recognized leadership, and advance scholarship excellence across the biomedical and health-related research spectrum
- Deliver exemplary and compassionate health care to enhance every patient’s quality of life
- Serve as a responsive resource to address community health needs whether local or global
- Attain health equity for the diverse patient population of South Texas

Accreditation
The UT School of Medicine at San Antonio is fully accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the nationally recognized body for the accreditation of medical education programs leading to the Doctor of Medicine degree in the United States.

Confidentiality
The SOM and Health Science Center will, to the extent possible, maintain the confidentiality of information in accordance with institutional, state, and federal regulations and requirements.

Student Diversity
The UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM) offers programs that create and sustain a spirit of diversity and inclusion that will further shape undergraduate medical education by fostering an environment of cultural competency, sensitivity and awareness. All student diversity efforts are fundamentally and comprehensively rooted in intellectual vitality and cross-cultural understanding that allow our student physicians to embrace and celebrate unique perspectives and life experiences that enrich students, faculty and staff in the SOM. Attention to cultural competence and cultural sensitivity throughout medical education both in and out of the classroom has the potential to alleviate or at least ameliorate systemic disparities in access to and quality of health care. All members of the SOM uphold the principles of the SOM Diversity Policy below.

SOM Diversity Policy
We believe that inclusion of all aspects of education and medicine encompassing diversity augment the richness of an academic community, and fosters intellectual excellence. Similarly, we believe that equity and inclusion are essential to building and sustaining leadership in academic medicine, and critical to advancing health and health care. Thus, it is the SOM’s Diversity Policy that mandates/obligates all members of its communities to strive to:

- Cultivate and ingrain throughout the academic environment a culture that respects equity and nurtures inclusion, allowing an active demonstration of diversity and pluralism as priorities in the fulfillment of each part of the SOM mission.
- Recognize and embrace a broadly defined spectrum of diversity including race, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender, culture, religion, physical abilities, veteran status, sexual orientation, socioeconomic class, lifestyle preference, and political conviction. In consideration of our obligation to South Texas, we have a specific commitment to diversity as it relates to the recruitment and retention of Hispanics/ Latinos and women in our faculty, staff and student communities.
- Uphold all Health Science Center EEO/AA and Human Resources’ policies and practices for non-discrimination in recruitment and employment of any administrative and professional employee, classified staff and other employees, as well as trainees.
- Uphold all equity policies and practices for faculty recruitment and non-discrimination, and employ best practices for insuring broad outreach and inclusive searches.
- Uphold all equity policies and practices for faculty retention, professional development, advancement, and transitions across the faculty career ‘life-span,’ incorporating best practices to provide effective mentoring and a respectful, inclusive and supportive environment.
- Establish valid and reliable metrics to gauge diversity accomplishments; insure accuracy of required reports and other data management. Employ continuous quality improvement methods to ensure periodic reassessment of the SOM Diversity Policy and the SOM Diversity Action Plan (link to Diversity Strategic Plan).

The SOM’s inclusive culture also continues to seek, attract, retain, educate, train, develop and advance (although is not limited to) individuals with any of the following:

- Life experience and/or professional expertise related to health inequities and/or healthcare disparities, including women’s health and healthcare needs;
- A family of origin background inclusive of any of the following:
  - poverty
  - low educational attainment
  - rural or South Texas origin;
Diversity at our institution is defined for faculty, staff and students as a broad range of intrinsic characteristics that include lifestyles, races/ ethnicities, mental/physical abilities and characteristics, ages and genders that are encompassed within a community; all of these add value to our educational, research, clinical and community activities. These are supplemented by our acknowledged extrinsic (acquired/developed) education attainment, and family status (Figure 1). This definition is supported by the School of Medicine’s mission to “cultivate a pervasive, adaptive and respectful environment promoting diversity, inclusion, equity, professionalism, humanism and opportunity.” We believe that it is through the affirmation of one another’s experiences that we become better suited to understand each other and to achieve a greater capacity to improve the human condition and yield the best health outcomes (http://som.uthscsa.edu/aboutus.asp). Diversity and inclusion have been tied to excellence in academic and research settings, thus we endeavor to provide culturally competent education, patient care, scientific discovery, and thoughtful community service in this context.

General School of Medicine Diversity Definition

Diversity is a core value embodies inclusiveness, mutual respect, and multiple perspectives and serves as a catalyst for change resulting in health equity. In this context, we are mindful of all aspects of human differences such as socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, language, nationality, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, geography, disability and age.

School Endorsement of AAMC Group on Diversity and Inclusion Definitions

To complement our school-specific definition of diversity, we also ask our faculty and staff to recognize the operable and formal definitions of diversity, inclusion and health equity established through extensive collaboration and deliberation of the Association of American Medical Colleges’ Group on Diversity and Inclusion (https://www.aamc.org/members/gdi/):

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Inclusion

Inclusion is a core element for successfully achieving diversity. Inclusion is achieved by nurturing the climate and culture of the institution through professional development, education, policy, and practice. The objective is creating a climate that fosters belonging, respect, and value for all and encourages engagement and connection throughout the institution and community.

Health Equity

Health equity is when everyone has the opportunity to attain their full health potential and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of their social position or other socially determined circumstance.

Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)

Brief History

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Accreditation

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Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Admissions Requirements

Information about specific admission requirements is detailed online under Admissions at the UT School of Medicine at San Antonio website. Applicants must have at least 90 semester hour credits from a United States or Canadian college or university with no grade lower than a C in required course work (see http://som.uthscsa.edu/Admissions/prerequisites.asp). Applicants must take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) no later than the first week of September the year preceding anticipated matriculation. Web-based applications are available through the Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service (http://www.utsystem.edu/tmdsas) (TMDAS) in Austin. MCAT scores should be forwarded no later than October 15 of the year preceding matriculation. All MCAT scores must be reported to the TMDAS through the AAMC. MCAT scores are not automatically forwarded to TMDAS. Applicants must release their MCAT scores to TMDAS as soon as they are known to the applicant. Scores from later administrations of the MCAT may be considered for purposes of selecting students from the alternate pool.

Acceptance Requirements

The Admissions Committee evaluates each candidate’s application to make an assessment of the individual’s academic background, performance on the MCAT, the recommendation of the premedical advisor, and the nonacademic achievements. Preparation for medical school as reflected in clinical experiences and demonstration of integrity, maturity, motivation, judgment, and resourcefulness are also evaluated. Further evaluation of the most promising candidates is made by means of personal interviews, invitations for which are issued by the Admissions Committee. Only applicants who are permanent U.S. residents or American citizens will be considered for interview and acceptance. The
same criteria for evaluation are applied to all candidates. Applicants are encouraged to read the Factors Considered for Applicant Interview and Acceptance at http://SOM.uthscsa.edu/admissions/index.asp. Although certain disabilities or combination of disabilities might prevent a candidate from meeting required technical standards, this institution is committed to avoiding discrimination against an otherwise qualified individual with disabilities (see Essential Abilities for Completion of the Medical Curriculum or http://SOM.uthscsa.edu/Admissions/essentialabilities.asp). The UT School of Medicine at San Antonio will announce its initial acceptances on November 15. Acceptances will continue on a rolling basis until December 31. Those interviewed applicants not accepted may be offered positions in the entering class through the TMDSAS medical school match, the results of which are available on February 1. Candidates whose applications are rejected by the Admissions Committee with or without personal interviews shall be notified as soon as possible after the committee’s action. An applicant receiving an acceptance of admission will be requested to file a letter of intent to enroll within two weeks of receipt of acceptance. The acceptance is contingent upon clearance through a criminal background check (see Student Background Check Policy) and satisfying all coursework prerequisites.

Because some of the medical schools in Texas begin their academic year earlier than September, all LCME-accredited medical schools in Texas have agreed not to offer acceptances to candidates already enrolled at another medical school in the state after July 1.

**Facilitated Acceptance to Medical Education (FAME) Program**

As a result of the UT System Transformation in Medical Education (TIME) initiative, the UT at San Antonio (UTSA) and UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM), have partnered to create the Facilitated Acceptance to Medical Education (FAME) Program. The FAME Program is an educationally innovative dual degree (B.S./M.D.) program designed to train and graduate primary care physicians. To meet degree requirements set for all college graduates in Texas, core courses have been interwoven into a collaborative seven-year curriculum. This shared project uses traditional lectures, small group sessions, team taught courses, and innovative seminars structured on disease-related experiences. The FAME Program recruits and admits highly qualified students. These students benefit from an accelerated degree program, an innovative curriculum, early immersion into medical education and professional identity formation, and a decreased overall student debt. The FAME Program will play a positive role in helping address the healthcare needs of Texas.

To apply for the FAME Program, student will apply to UTSA online at applytexas.org and complete the UTSA and FAME application process. Applications for the FAME Program will be accepted August 15 – December 1, and invited interviews will be held in January and February of each academic year.

Once accepted in the FAME program the student must:

- Achieve a minimum overall GPA of 3.5 and a minimum science GPA of 3.5 in pre-determined course work
- Complete a minimum of 12 hours per semester at UTSA
- Complete a minimum of 72 hours within 3 years at UTSA
- Meet with his/her FAME Program coordinator every semester for academic and career advising
- Take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) at the program-designated time during the third year at UTSA.

Students who fulfill all program requirements will be guaranteed admission to the SOM. Upon successful completion of the first year of the SOM curriculum with minimum course grades of “C,” a Bachelor of Science in Biology from UTSA will be awarded. Upon successful completion of SOM curriculum, a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree will be awarded.

**Dual Degree Programs**

**M.D./Ph.D. Program**

The goals of the M.D./Ph.D. Program are:

- to prepare physician-scientists to become accomplished health care providers and investigators with problem-solving knowledge and skills
- to train physician-scientists in the conduct of clinical and translational research in culturally diverse settings
- to develop future leaders in academic health care and biomedical research

To apply for the M.D./Ph.D. program, applicants must use the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) website. Applicants who seek the M.D. program at UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM) must use the TMDSAS application system. The deadlines for these applications vary.

The M.D./Ph.D. Program is seven to eight years in length. Students usually begin with two years of the curriculum in the SOM. After successful completion of the USMLE Step 1, they enter a three to four year Ph.D. program in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS), following which they return to the SOM for two years of clinical rotations. With the guidance and approval of the M.D./Ph.D. Program Director and M.D./Ph.D. Program Advisory Committee, students select laboratory rotations, graduate program affiliation in one of many tracks, and Supervising Professors from a list of distinguished graduate faculty throughout the institution. Enrichment activities include a monthly “Bench-to-Bedside” course, and a 6-week clinical refresher course to provide smooth transition from graduate school into the remaining clinical years. Opportunities exist for student research during the fourth year of medical school. With completion of this program, M.D./Ph.D. graduates are well prepared for careers as dual-degree physician-scientists.

**M.D./M.P.H. Program**

The M.D./M.P.H. Program prepares physicians to treat individuals and populations via training in biostatistics, epidemiology, behavioral science, public policy, and environmental health. This program allows for students to accomplish the M.D. and the M.P.H. in four years; however, students
may decide to take 5 years to complete both degrees. Candidates must first be accepted to the SOM and then apply to the School of Public Health at the UT Health Science Center-Houston. If accepted into the dual degree program, students will begin coursework for the M.P.H. with online courses in the summer before starting medical school. The M.P.H. requires completion of 46 credit hours, some of which will be shared with the SOM credit hours.

**Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Curriculum**

The acronym CIRCLE (Curricular Integration, Researchers, Clinicians, Leaders, Educators) represents the integrated four-year medical school education program which is described briefly below.

**Preclinical Curriculum**

The foundational 20 month curriculum is taught in ten learning modules and three longitudinal modules. Within each module there is progression of knowledge in a systematic fashion as follows: normal structure and function, pathogenesis and pathophysiology of the condition or disorder, clinical manifestations of the condition or disorder, pharmacotherapeutic interventions for the condition or disorder, clinical and translational research and evidence-based medicine approach for the condition or disorder, epidemiology or prevention of the condition or disorder, and interpretation of diagnostic tests. Each module has a weekly thematic content which is synthesized via a small group interactive patient case.

**Learning Modules:**

1. Molecules to Medicine
2. Attack and Defense
3. Hematology
4. Respiratory Health
5. Circulation
6. Renal & Male Reproductive
7. Mind, Brain, and Behavior
8. Endocrine/Female Reproductive
9. Digestive Health and Nutrition
10. Form and Function: Skin, Bone, and Muscle

**Longitudinal Modules:**

1. Medicine, Behavior, and Society
2. Clinical Skills
3. Language of Medicine

**Clinical Curriculum**

Following successful completion of the entire pre-clinical curriculum students enter the clinical curriculum. This is comprised of 48 weeks of core clerkships, 20 weeks of electives, 8 weeks of selectives, and 4 weeks of didactics.

**Core Clerkships**

Students must complete 48 weeks of core clinical clerkships in eight different specialties. Students will rotate in 4 week blocks for Emergency Medicine and Neurology; 6 week blocks for Family Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, and Psychiatry; and in 8 week blocks for Internal Medicine and Surgery. Each student will assume increasing patient care responsibility commensurate with achievement of specific milestones and competencies defined by the Curriculum Committee. A longitudinal educational experience will be woven throughout the core clerkships to cover topics that are relevant to all disciplines.

**Electives/Selectives**

Electives and selectives expose students to additional medical specializations and/or allow the student to return to a core specialty with advanced duties and responsibilities. Students may begin electives following the completion of the pre-clinical curriculum. Selectives can be taken after the completion of the core clerkships, and consist of a four week inpatient selective and a four week ambulatory selective. Third year elective experiences allow students to explore other specialties and subspecialties or engage in research before fourth year while still consolidating core knowledge and skills.

**Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Sample Plans of Study:**

The tables below represent courses the students will take in their pre-clinical and clinical years.

**Pre-Clinical Curriculum**

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**Total Credit Hours**

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Visiting students assigned placements in an affiliated clinical facility are

to medical school and current students anticipating clinical assignments.

This policy applies to applicants who have received an offer of admission

Applicability

Policy

Applicants who have received an offer of admission must submit to and

satisfactorily complete a background check review as a condition of

matriculation to the UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM). An

offer of admission will not be final until the completion of the criminal

background check(s) with results deemed satisfactory. Admission may be

denied or rescinded based on a review of the criminal background check.

Additionally, students who are currently enrolled and who do not have

a valid criminal background check must submit to, and satisfactorily

complete, a background check review as a condition to enrolling or

participating in educational experiences at affiliated clinical sites as

required. Students who return from a leave of absence may also require a

criminal background check. Students who refuse to submit to the criminal

background check or do not pass the criminal background check review

may be dismissed from the medical education program.

Rationale

1. Health care providers are entrusted with the health, safety, and

welfare of patients, have access to controlled substances and

confidential information, and operate in settings that require the

exercise of good judgment and ethical behavior. Thus, an assessment

of an applicant’s or current student’s suitability to function in these

settings is imperative to promote the highest level of integrity in health

care services.

2. Clinical facilities are increasingly required by accreditation agencies,

such as the Joint Commission of Healthcare Organization (http://

www.jointcommission.org), to conduct background checks for security

purposes on individuals who provide services within the facility and

especially those who supervise care and render treatment. To facilitate

this requirement, educational institutions have agreed to conduct these

background checks for students and faculty.

3. Clinical rotations are essential components of the medical school

curriculum. Students who cannot participate in clinical rotations due

criminal or other adverse activities that are revealed in the criminal

background check are unable to fulfill the requirements of medical

school. Additionally, many health-care licensing agencies require

individuals to pass the criminal background check as a condition of

licensure or employment. Therefore, it is important to resolve these

issues prior to a commitment of resources by the applicant, the current

student or the SOM.

4. The SOM is obligated to meet the contractual requirements contained

in affiliation agreements between the SOM and the various clinical

facilities.

Background Check Report

1. The SOM will designate approved company(ies) to conduct the

criminal background check and issue reports directly to the SOM.

Results from a company other than those designated by the SOM

will not be accepted. Applicants who have received an offer of

admission and current students must contact a designated company

and comply with its instructions in authorizing and obtaining the

criminal background check. Applicants who have received an offer

of admission and current students are responsible for payment of

any fees charged by a designated company to provide the criminal

background check.

2. Criminal background checks include the following and cover at least

the past seven years:

a. Criminal history search, including convictions, deferred

   adjudications or judgments, and pending criminal charges
   involving felonies, Class A, Class B, and Class C violations

b. Social Security Number verification

c. Violent Sexual Offender and Predator Registry search

d. Office of the Inspector General (OIG) List of Excluded Individuals/

   Entities

e. General Services Administration (GSA) List of Parties Excluded

   from Federal Programs

f. U.S. Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), List of

   Specially Designated Nationals (SDN)

g. Applicable State Exclusion List

3. Applicants who have received an offer of admission and current

students have the right to review the information reported by a

designated company for accuracy and completeness and to request

that a designated company verify that the background information is

correct. Prior to making a final determination that will adversely affect

the applicant or current student, the SOM will provide the applicant or

student a copy of or access to the background check report in order

to question the accuracy of the report. The designated company is not

involved in any decisions made by the SOM.

Procedure

Applicants

1. Applicants must complete the required criminal background check

following the offer of admission but prior to matriculation.

2. The criminal background check report will be submitted to and

reviewed by the Office of Undergraduate Medical Education (UME).

If the report contains concerning findings, the Office of UME may

request that the applicant submit additional information related to the

finding, such as a written explanation, court documents, and/or police

reports. The UME will review all available relevant information and

determine appropriate action.

3. The SOM has authority to refuse the admission of the applicant to

the SOM. The committee decisions are final and may not be appealed.

Current Students

1. Students who did not have a valid criminal background check at the

time of admission into the medical education program must complete
the criminal background check review prior to commencement of an assignment to a clinical facility. Students who return from a leave of absence may require the criminal background check. If a legal violation occurs after matriculation, it is the student’s duty to report the violation to the Office of UME within 30 days. These students may also require satisfactory completion of the criminal background check. Violations include if you have ever been arrested, charged, or convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony. Serious traffic offenses such as reckless driving, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, hit and run, evading a peace officer, failure to appear, driving while the license is suspended or revoked MUST be reported. This list is not all-inclusive, and if in doubt as to whether an offense should be disclosed then it is better to disclose.

2. Criminal background check reports will be submitted to the Office of UME for review. If the report contains concerning findings, the Office of UME may request that the student submit additional information related to the finding, such as a written explanation, court documents and/or police reports. The Office of UME will review all available relevant information and take immediate action related to the student’s participation in clinical activities, pending full review and decision by the Student Promotions Committee (SPC).

Review Standards

In reviewing the background check reports and any submitted information, the following information may be considered in making determinations: the nature and seriousness of the offense or event, the circumstances surrounding the offense or event, the relationship between the duties to be performed as part of the medical education program and the committed offense, the age of the person when the offense or event occurred, whether the offense or event was an isolated or repeated incident, the length of time that has passed since the offense or event, past employment and history of academic or disciplinary misconduct, evidence of successful rehabilitation, and the accuracy of the information provided by the applicant who has received an offer of admission or student in the application materials, disclosure forms, or other materials. Decisions will be made bearing in mind both the safety interests of the patient and the learning environment, as well as the educational interest of the student. In reviewing background checks and supplementary information, advice may be obtained from the Health Science Center or UT System counsel, Health Science Center police, or other appropriate advisors.

Confidentiality and Record Keeping

1. Criminal background check reports and other submitted information are confidential and may only be reviewed by Health Science Center officials and affiliated clinical facilities in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

2. Students: Criminal background check reports and other submitted information will be maintained in the Office of UME in accordance with the Health Science Center’s record retention policy for student records.

3. Applicants Denied Matriculation: Criminal background check reports and other submitted information of applicants denied matriculation into the medical education program will be maintained in accordance with the Health Science Center’s record retention policy.

Other Provisions

1. The SOM shall inform the applicant/student who has concerning findings in the criminal background check report. The SOM’s decision to allow the individual to enroll in the medical education program is not a guarantee that every clinical facility will permit the student to participate at its clinical sites, or that any state will accept the individual as a candidate for registration, permit, or licensure. An assigned clinical facility may require a repeat criminal background check. The individual must accept the potential for an inability to complete medical educational degree requirements if the individual is denied participation at a clinical facility fulfilling an essential irreplaceable clinical experience. Clinical affiliates may adopt more stringent requirements than those of the SOM.

2. The SOM may require repeat criminal background checks for continuously enrolled students. A student who has a break in enrollment such as a leave of absence may be required to complete the re-entry criminal background check.

3. Falsification of information, including omission of relevant information, may result in denial of admission or dismissal from the medical education program.

4. Criminal activity that occurs while a student is in attendance at the SOM may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal, and will be addressed through the charge of the SPC.

Policy for Sharing Student Background Checks

1. Authorization to share information: Student background check reports maintained by educational institutions are records subject to FERPA. FERPA prohibits the release of educational records without the student’s written authorization unless there is a specific FERPA exception authorizing the release. Given that an affiliated clinical facility is offering educational services that would otherwise be provided by the educational institution, FERPA can be reasonably interpreted to permit the institution to release the information to the clinical facility without the student’s authorization. NOTE: HIPAA is not applicable to this scenario.

   a. A general notice will be provided to students that background check reports may be provided to affiliated clinical facilities at which students will attend as part of their required course of study.

   b. A general release will be obtained from students at the time of the criminal background check that authorizes the release of reports or results to any affiliated clinical facility to which students may be assigned.

   c. Information will be released to the affiliated clinical facility upon its request.

2. Requests for Information: Request for criminal background check reports must be submitted in writing by the affiliated clinical facility and state the reason why the information is needed. All requests will be handled by the Office for Student Affairs. Requests for information will be maintained for as long as the background check reports are maintained.

3. Transmission of Information: Educational records will be sent to the clinical facility in a confidential manner. This can be achieved either by mailing the information and marking the outside of the envelope confidential, or scanning and e-mailing the records directly to the secure e-mail address for receipt of confidential information as identified by the clinical facility, preferably in the affiliation agreement.

4. Confidentiality of Information: In releasing educational records to a clinical facility, FERPA requires that the clinical facility maintains the confidentiality of the educational records while the records are in its possession. The affiliated clinical facility will be informed in writing that:

   a. the information is confidential and subject to FERPA;

   b. the information may only be viewed by individuals who have a legitimate need to view the information to verify or audit the
Advanced Standing

The acceptance of students with advanced standing is at the sole discretion of the Office of Undergraduate Medical Education (UME). Each year the UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM) considers class size and the imperative of maintaining high quality training in deciding whether additional students with advanced standing will be admitted. In such rare cases, only students currently enrolled in an LCME (http://www.lcme.org)-accredited medical school who are in good academic standing can be considered. Preference is given to those who have not only the consent but also the active support of their schools for the proposed move. The SOM will determine in each case the viability of the proposed transfer from an academic viewpoint and establish the necessary courses and other requirements and level at which the transfer would take place. No transfers for advanced standing will occur prior to the end of traditional pre-clinical curriculum. Application forms and inquiries concerning advanced standing admission should be obtained from and addressed to the Vice Dean for UME. A nonresident of the state of Texas cannot be enrolled with advanced standing if the result of that enrollment would cause the percentage of nonresidents enrolled in the class of interest to rise above ten percent.

Grades

The UT School of Medicine at San Antonio Curriculum Committee (CC) is the body that provides central oversight and makes recommendations to the Dean of the UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM) and Dean delegates for the overall design, management and evaluation of a coherent and coordinated curriculum. The Student Promotions Committee (SPC) is charged with review of the academic progress and professional development of each student during all components of the four year medical education program, making recommendations to the Dean of the SOM and Dean delegates. The SPC has primary responsibility for recommending graduation only those candidates who have satisfactorily completed all graduation requirements and demonstrated the professional conduct appropriate for a physician.

For purposes of the policy, the pre-clinical years include modules taught from fall of the first academic year through mid-spring of second academic year. The clinical years include all core clerkships and selective/elective courses. The academic standards for successful completion of a pre-clinical module are determined by the module director, adhering to a grading rubric approved by the CC, but may be appealed to the SPC. In the clinical years, academic standards for successful completion of a clerkship or selective/elective are determined by the clerkship or course director, remaining within the bounds of applicable CC standardization and subject to SPC appeal.

The grade composition for pre-clinical modules and core clerkships is set by the module/clerkship leaders in accordance with the CC policy and UME standards. Final grades are calculated and released to students no later than 6 weeks after the end of a module, clerkship, elective, or selective. Final grades in the curriculum will be submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Medical Education and ratified by the SPC.

Grades for Modules and Core Clerkships

Grades are based on an A, B, C, F system for all pre-clinical modules and core clerkships. Grades of A, B, and C are considered passing. A=outstanding performance, B=very good performance, C=satisfactory performance and F=indicates failing performance. No grade of D will be issued. The grade of Incomplete (I) is reserved for circumstances in which academic work is not completed due to illness, family emergency, or other non-academic extenuating circumstances. A grade of I is disallowed for substandard academic performance.

For purposes of class rank, each letter grade is assigned a point value as follows:

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Remediation grades (as described below) will be classified as “Pass” or “Fail”. For purposes of class rank, a course that is remediated to a “Pass” will be given the same grade point value as a “C.”

Class rank will be calculated twice during the four year medical education program as follows: 1) at the conclusion of the pre-clinical curriculum 2) at the date that the core clerkships must be completed during the clinical years.

Grades for Electives and Selectives

Grades for electives and selectives will be based on a pass/fail system. Clinical course student assessment is based on competency and professionalism as per the elective or selective grading rubric.

Academic Progression

Student Promotions Committee

The Student Promotions Committee (SPC) monitors the progress of students throughout the four year medical education program. Students must satisfactorily complete all required modules in the pre-clinical years and all required clerkships and courses in the clinical years, as well as meet pre-determined requirements for additional selectives and electives, to progress through the medical education program and be recommended for graduation. Remediation guidelines are set by the Curriculum Committee (CC), but the SPC makes final remediation and progression decisions after a review of the individual student’s performance in modular components and previous modules. Certain
curricular component remediation guidelines state that demonstration of competency in the domain of concern during the next module is sufficient.

**Interruptions to Academic Progression**

**Interrupted Progress for Academic Reasons**

The SPC considers a variety of approaches to interrupted academic progress. These approaches may include Remediation, Repetition, and/or Dismissal.

Remediation is an academic activity designed to correct a failure in the pre-clinical years or a clerkship or course in the clinical years. Because module grades are derived from different components, students who fail to meet passing standards in any component will receive a failing grade. Module remediation policies are set jointly by the CC and SPC. Only students who have not failed another module in the same academic year or two prior modules are eligible for remediation. When remediation is approved to correct a failure, the nature of the remediation activity will be determined by the SPC according to established policy. (See section II, D, iii)

Students who are successful in remediation activities continue in their academic progression. Successful remediation of any failed curricular component will be transmitted to the registrar and recorded on a student’s official transcript as “F-Remediated to Pass”.

Repetition is a specific remediation activity that consists of repeating part or all of an academic year due to substandard academic performance. When repetition is approved to correct a failure, the nature of the remediation activity will be determined by the SPC according to established policy. (See section II, D, iii)

Dismissal means permanent separation from the SOM and will be warranted in some instances, as outlined below. (See section II, D, iii)

**Interrupted Progress for Non-Academic Reasons**

Students may elect to take a Leave of Absence (LOA) from the SOM. Some reasons for LOA include, but are not limited to, medical/health reasons, personal reasons, research/special study, etc. Students must meet with the Office of Student Affairs, complete an internal UME 'LOA Request Form', and if approved, they must then complete the ‘Student Clearance Form’ from the Office of the University Registrar. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the Office of UME for advisement 90 days prior to the agreed upon return date. Upon return from the LOA, the student will resume course/clinical work.

**Policy on Academic Progression**

**Year 1**

1. Failure of modules:
   a. one module failed in Year 1: Remediation activity
   b. two modules failed in Year 1: Repetition of all modules in Year 1
   c. three or more modules failed in Year 1: Dismissal from the SOM

2. Failure of a remediation activity:

   a. remediation activity failed in Year 1: Repetition of all modules in Year 1

**Year 2**

1. Failure of modules:
   a. one module failed in Year 2: Remediation activity
   b. two modules failed in Year 2 (excluding longitudinal modules): Repetition of all modules in Year 2 including portion of longitudinal module in Year 2
   c. two modules failed in Year 2 (including one longitudinal module): Remediation of each module
   d. three or more courses failed in Year 2: Dismissal from the SOM

2. Failure of a remediation activity:
   a. remediation activity failed in Year 2: Repetition of all modules in Year 2, including portion of longitudinal module in Year 2

3. Inadequate Performance on Comprehensive Basic Science Exam (CBSE):
   a. three failed attempts to achieve passing score: Presentation to SPC

**Core Clerkships**

1. One failure:
   a. NBME exam failed: Remediation by exam
   b. failure of clinical portion of clerkship: Repetition of all components of the clerkship

2. Two failures:
   a. two failures for any reason: Presentation to SPC and dismissal from the SOM

**Electives/Selectives**

1. One failure for any reason: No credit for rotation and presentation to SPC

2. Two failures for any reason: Presentation to SPC and dismissal from the SOM

**Failures Across Clinical Portion of Curriculum**

1. Failure of one clerkship and one elective/selective: Presentation to SPC and dismissal from the SOM

**Year 1 through Year 4**

1. Three or more courses failed Year 1 through 4: Dismissal from the SOM

2. The SPC can mandate a Leave of Absence for the student in difficulty.

3. The SPC can mandate that a struggling student be required to meet with the Deans for Student Affairs and for Curriculum.
4. Restrictions on activities for students in academic difficulty: A student with any failure (in an Academic Year) is restricted from participating in Health Science Center extracurricular activities until successful remediation has occurred. This may include being removed from an office or activity in which the student is currently participating.

**Comprehensive Basic Science Exam**

The Comprehensive Basic Science Examination (CBSE) is an assessment tool developed by the National Board of Medical Examiners and is designed to provide an effective evaluation tool and useful examinee performance data. The CBSE content is designed to match that of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1, and CBSE scores correlate with USMLE Step 1 performance. The CBSE is provided to medical schools with a legitimate interest in the education of physicians. All institutions using these examinations must comply with test administration standards, including security protocols.

Students will undergo evaluation by the CBSE immediately following successful completion of the pre-clinical curriculum. This evaluation will provide students with individual feedback on preparedness for USMLE Step 1 and an assessment of knowledge acquisition. Student promotion to the clinical curriculum can be delayed on the basis of performance in the CBSE testing pathway in accordance with CC and SPC policy.

**United States Medical Licensing Exam**

The United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) is jointly sponsored by the National Board of Medical Examiners and the Federation of State Medical Boards. A passing score on each portion of the USMLE is accepted by medical boards in every state as evidence of core competency to practice medicine. The current required exams are USMLE Step 1, USMLE Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge), USMLE Step 2 CS (Clinical Skills), and Step 3. Step 3 is taken after medical school graduation.

It is essential that medical students meet required benchmarks that lead to medical licensure. Although designed for the purpose of licensing physicians, scores on USMLE Step 1 and USMLE Step 2 CK are often used by graduate medical education programs in decisions to interview and rank medical students for residency positions. It is therefore incumbent upon the UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM) to establish policies pertaining to the timing and passage of the USMLE in order to optimize career outcomes for students and to ensure that graduates meet at least minimal licensing requirements.

**Policy on Failure of USMLE Step 1**

- Students must take and pass USMLE Step 1 in order to graduate from the SOM.
- Students must take USMLE Step 1 following these established rules:
  - Students must take USMLE Step 1 prior to December 15 of the chronological third year of the medical education program. Any student who does not meet this deadline will be forwarded to the Student Promotions Committee (SPC). The student will be allowed to continue with coursework while awaiting the scheduled exam date.
  - If the student has not made a first attempt on USMLE Step 1 by July 1 of the chronological fourth year of the medical education program, he/she will be placed on a mandatory Leave of Absence until the exam is taken. Graduation may be delayed.
  - If a passing score is not achieved on the first attempt, the student will have the option to immediately make a second attempt to pass USMLE Step 1 or to complete additional coursework prior to a second attempt.
  - If necessary, a second attempt on USMLE Step 1 must be completed by July 1 of the chronological fourth year of the medical education program. Failure to do so by this date will result in the student being placed on a mandatory Leave of Absence until the exam is taken, at which time coursework can resume. Graduation may be delayed.
  - Clinical coursework can resume while awaiting the score from a second attempt on USMLE Step 1.
  - A second failure on USMLE Step 1 will result in the student being placed on a mandatory Leave of Absence until he/she completes and receives a passing score on a third attempt on USMLE Step 1, after which time coursework can resume. Graduation may be delayed.
  - A student who fails to achieve a passing score on USMLE Step 1 within three attempts meets criteria for dismissal from the SOM.

**Policy on Failure of USMLE Step 2 CK**

- Students must take and pass USMLE Step 2 CK in order to graduate from the SOM.
- Students must take USMLE Step 2 CK following these established rules:
  - Students are strongly encouraged to take USMLE Step 2 CK by September of the chronological fourth year of the medical education program.
  - Students must take USMLE Step 2 CK by December 15 of the chronological fourth year of the medical education program. Any student who does not meet this deadline will be forwarded to the SPC. The reason for the deficiency and the schedule exam date will be provided to the SPC.
  - If the student has not taken USMLE Step 2 CK by December 15 of his/her chronological fourth year of the medical education program, he/she will be placed on a mandatory Leave of Absence until the exam is taken.
  - If a passing score is not achieved on the first attempt, the student will be placed on a mandatory Leave of Absence until the exam is taken a second time. Graduation may be delayed.
  - Clinical coursework can resume while awaiting the score from a second attempt on USMLE Step 2 CK.
  - A second failure on USMLE Step 2 CK will result in the student being placed on a mandatory Leave of Absence until he/she completes and receives a passing score on a third attempt on USMLE Step 2 CK. Graduation may be delayed.
  - If the student has not passed Step 2 CK by the graduation date, he/she will not receive a diploma for the M.D. degree with his/her class. The student will remain a fourth year student until the exam is taken and passed.
  - If the exam in not taken and passed by one year after the student’s original graduation date or by six years after matriculation into medical school (whichever comes first), the student meets criteria for dismissal from the SOM.
• A student who fails to achieve a passing score on USMLE Step 2 CK within three attempts meets criteria for dismissal from the SOM.

Policy on Failure of USMLE Step 2 CS
• Students must take and pass USMLE Step 2 CS in order to graduate from the SOM.
• Students must take USMLE Step 2 CS following these established rules:
  • Students are strongly encouraged to take USMLE Step 2 CS by October of the chronological fourth year of the medical education program.
  • Students must take Step 2 CS by November 1 of the chronological fourth year of the medical education program. Any student who does not meet the November 1 deadline will be forwarded to the SPC. The reason for the deficiency and the scheduled exam date will be provided to the SPC. The student will be allowed to continue with coursework while awaiting the scheduled exam date.
  • If a passing score is not achieved on the first attempt, the student will schedule a second attempt at the earliest time available. The student will be allowed to continue coursework while awaiting the scheduled exam date.
  • A second failure on USMLE Step 2 CS may delay graduation.
  • If a student has not passed USMLE Step 2 CS by the graduation date, he/she will not receive a diploma for the M.D. degree with his/her class. The student will remain a fourth year student until the exam is taken and passed.
  • If the exam is not taken and passed by one year after the student’s original graduation date or by six years after matriculation into medical school (whichever comes first), the student meets criteria for dismissal from the SOM.
  • The student who fails to achieve a passing score on USMLE Step 2 CS within three attempts meets criteria for dismissal from the SOM.

Academic Dismissal
Authority for decisions on dismissal for academic reasons resides with the Student Promotions Committee (SPC).

Students meet criteria for dismissal from the UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM) as per CC and SPC policy. Criteria for dismissal are described in the sections above.

Additional criteria for dismissal from the SOM for academic reasons include:

1. No more than two years may be taken to complete any one year of the medical education program.
2. Students receiving a grade of F in a module, clerkship or course being repeated due to failure.
3. No more than six years may be taken to complete the medical education program without permission from the SPC.
4. Students exhibiting egregious or a pattern of unprofessionalism.

Graduation
The degree of Doctor of Medicine is awarded by the Board of Regents upon a student’s successful completion of the graduation requirements, recommendation of the Faculty Council to the Dean of the UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM), and certification by the Dean of the SOM to the President of the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio. Candidates must:

1. be at least 18 years of age at the time the degree is awarded
2. present evidence of good moral character
3. offer evidence of having satisfactorily fulfilled all academic requirements of the four year medical education program
4. comply with all necessary legal and financial requirements

Scholastic Honors

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society
Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society is a national professional organization whose aims are the “promotion of scholarship and research in medical schools, the encouragement of a high standard of character and professionalism among medical students and graduates, and the recognition of high attainment and service in medical science, patient care, and related fields”. Election is based on academic excellence, and on activities and achievements that promote the values of AOA. The top 25 percent of the graduating medical school class is eligible for nomination to the society. From this top quartile of students, up to one-sixth of the class may be elected to the society based on academic achievement, leadership, character, community service, and professionalism. Students may be chosen in the junior or senior year.

Gold Humanism Honor Society
The Gold Humanism Honor Society, sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, recognizes students who best exemplify and manifest humanism in their interactions with patients, peers, faculty, and community. Additionally, elected students demonstrate excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service. Society membership participates in a community service project that is formulated by the group.

Code of Professional Conduct

Preamble
Because practicing medicine is an honor earned every day, we—the faculty and students of the UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM)—subscribe to the highest standards of conduct. Our aim is professional behavior beyond reproach. In particular, we subscribe to the following points of conduct:

Code
I will promote and maintain an honest and effective learning environment. I will:

• do my part to ensure that the environment promotes acquisition of knowledge and mastery of skills, including the timely submission of constructive feedback and evaluation;
• not tolerate harassment, flagrant disruption of the learning process, demeaning language or visual aids, disrespectful behavior, or lack of respect for life and living things;

...
• exhibit the highest standards of conduct, honesty, and professionalism;
• identify and report those who exhibit academic or professional misconduct; and
• appreciate each individual as a person of value and help maintain dignity during the learning process.

I will place primary emphasis on the health and welfare of patients. I will:

• attain and maintain the most current knowledge in the healing arts and the skills to apply that knowledge;
• display respect and compassion for each patient;
• foster and preserve the trust that exists between the health care professional and the patient;
• respect and maintain the confidentiality of the patient; and
• let no patient in whose care I participate suffer physically or emotionally as a consequence of unprofessional behavior by myself or others.

I will conduct myself at all times in a professional manner. I will:

• exhibit honesty, openness, and evenhandedness in dealing with others;
• maintain my personal hygiene and appearance in such a way that it does not interfere with my ability to communicate with patients, colleagues, or community;
• not engage in language or behavior which is disrespectful, abusive, or insulting;
• take responsibility for my actions, acknowledge my limitations, and ask for assistance when needed;
• assure the welfare of others is not compromised as a result of my inadequacy or impairment;
• not be deceitful or self-serving;
• achieve satisfactory balance in personal, community, and professional activities;
• not allow personal conflicts to interfere with objectivity in relationships with colleagues or patients;
• accommodate a fellow health care professional’s request for my knowledge and expertise;
• refrain from the manifestation of bias, including sexual, marital, racial, ethnic, or cultural harassment;
• support my fellow health care professionals if they should falter; and
• identify colleagues whose ability to provide care is impaired, support them as they seek rehabilitation, and help them to reintegrate into the medical community.

Administration of the Code of Professional Conduct for Students

As part of the SOM’s recent Professional Identity Development initiatives, and recognizing that professionalism is a critical physician competency, this policy is under review for congruence with professionalism goals. However, any policy modifications will respect the principles of the current policy: reports from complainant(s) and person(s) charged, witness verification of events when possible, due process (decision-making through the Student Promotions Committee-SPC), and timely resolution.

Medical students are expected to maintain the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct. Medical students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner in interaction not only with patients, but also with peers, faculty, and staff of the Health Science Center and the broader community. The SOM, Health Science Center and UT System have written expectations of professional conduct. Medical students are governed by the above Code of Professional Conduct in the SOM. Each module, clerkship or course director may also develop written expectations of professional conduct. These expectations are distributed to students, or posted for each module, clerkship or course.

A report of professional misconduct is investigated in accordance with previously established policies and procedures within the SOM, Health Science Center and the UT System:

At present a potential violation of professional conduct is reported to a Dean for Student Affairs who meets with the complainant to determine the charges and to explain the investigative process. If the charges are not in writing, the Dean for Student Affairs will prepare a statement of the charges and obtain verification of the charges from the complainant. The Dean for Student Affairs will be responsible for ensuring that no retaliation is made against the complainant. The Dean for Student Affairs will interview the accused student, allowing the accused student the opportunity to respond to the charges and to review the available evidence supporting the charges. The Dean for Student Affairs will interview others as indicated. All Health Science Center personnel and students must cooperate with the investigation. The investigation will be conducted in a timely manner. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Dean for Student Affairs will prepare a written report detailing the charges, the investigative process and the results of the investigation. The Dean for Student Affairs will present the written report to the SPC for recommendations. Any disciplinary action/sanction(s) recommended by the SPC shall be in accordance with applicable SOM and Health Science Center policies (see “sanctions” below). The decision of the SPC is final, pending further appeal to the Dean of the SOM. The sanctioned student may file a written appeal to the Dean of the SOM within five business days from receipt of the SPC written decision. Within 30 calendar days from receipt of the student’s appeal, the Dean of the SOM will provide a written decision to the student, the Vice Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education and the Chair of the SPC. The decision of the Dean of the SOM is final. Within 5 business days of the Dean of the SOM’s decision, the student may file a written appeal to a higher administrative institutional official, but only on procedural concerns (See “Medical Student Academic Grievance Procedures” for details).

The following sanctions may be assessed by the SPC or the Dean of the SOM:

1. Warning
2. Probation
3. Withholding of grades, official transcript, and/or degree

http://som.uthscsa.edu/StudentAffairs/documents/CodeofProfessionalConductSOM_000.pdf
Medical Student Grievance Procedures

Academic Grievance

An academic grievance is a complaint regarding an academic decision or action that affects the student’s academic record. Academic grievances in the UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM) may be handled by informal resolution or formal resolution.

Procedure for Informal Resolution in the Pre-Clinical Curriculum

A student who feels that he/she has an academic grievance in the pre-clinical curriculum, usually regarding an examination score, attendance record, or module grade, may attempt to informally resolve the concern by contacting the Clerkship Director/Course Director in writing within five business days from the date the student knew or should have known of the academic concern. Within 30 calendar days from receipt of the student’s written communication, the Dean for Curriculum will investigate the concern and provide the student a written decision.

Procedure for Informal Resolution in the Clinical Curriculum

A student who feels that he/she has an academic grievance in the clinical curriculum may attempt to informally resolve the concern by contacting the Clerkship Director/Course Director in writing within five business days from the date the student knew or should have known of the academic concern. The student will contact the Clerkship Director/Course Director to discuss the academic concern, usually related to narrative evaluation comments, attendance record, overall evaluation, an examination score or a course grade. The Clerkship Director/Course Director will investigate the student’s concern, employing departmental education processes such as committee review, as per departmental practice. Within 30 calendar days from receipt of the student’s written communication, the Clerkship Director/ Course Director will investigate the concern and provide the student a written decision.

Procedure for Formal Resolution (“Appeal”) in the Pre-Clinical and Clinical Curriculum

The process and procedures for formal academic grievance (“appeal”) resolution are sequenced below. Academic grievance applies to concerns adversely influencing the student’s academic status. Examples include, but are not limited to, examination score, module, course or clerkship grades, remediation, repetition, suspension, probation, professionalism sanctions, and dismissal.

1. A student must file written notice of appeal with the Dean for Student Affairs and the Chair of the Student Promotions Committee (SPC) within five business days from the date the student knew or should have known of the concern, unless the student first pursues an informal grievance process. In that instance, the student must then file the formal written notice of appeal within five business days of the written decision for the informal grievance.

If the student chooses not to attempt informal resolution of a grievance, he/she must file a formal written notice of appeal not more than five business days from the date the student knew or should have known of the academic concern.

2. The aggrieved student must meet with the Dean for Student Affairs to ensure factual accuracy of the basis for appeal, review the processes and procedures, and anticipate preparation of documentation for the SPC meeting. In the written appeal, the student must describe the rationale for the grievance in detail and propose a resolution. The entire written appeal, including all supporting documentation, must be submitted to the Dean for Student Affairs in writing within five business days of the date the student knew or should have known of the concern unless the student first pursues an informal grievance process. In that instance, the student must then file the formal grievance within ten business days of the written decision for the informal grievance.

An ad hoc group of the SPC, including the Chair of the SPC and two members of the SPC, will investigate the grievance, meeting with the student as necessary to ensure a comprehensive review. The Dean for Student Affairs will also be present to provide information as needed by the SPC ad hoc group, such as background information about SOM policies and course requirements, as well as information about a student’s global performance. The Chair of the SPC will present the student’s written statement and any supporting documentation, as well as the ad hoc investigation of the formal grievance, to the SPC at the next scheduled SPC meeting. The SPC may defer a decision if more information/documentation is required to make a responsible decision, and may request a face-to-face meeting with the student prior to rendering a decision. The SPC will provide the student a written decision within five business days after the meeting. The decision of the SPC is final, pending appeal to the Dean of the SOM. The student continues in the curriculum until the appeal process is exhausted unless the student’s continuance poses a safety concern.

3. The student may file a written secondary appeal to the Dean of the SOM within five business days from receipt of the SPC written decision. The student must also inform the Dean for Student Affairs in writing of the intent to appeal, also within the same five business days. The entire written appeal, including all supporting documentation, must be submitted within ten business days from receipt of the SPC written decision. The student’s appeal portfolio must include a justification statement for secondary appeal, and all documentation in its entirety must be provided to the Dean for Student Affairs who will submit it to the Dean of the SOM. Upon review of the student’s record and appeal portfolio, the Dean of the SOM may elect to:

   a) take no action, allowing the SPC decision to stand
Nonacademic Grievance

A student who has a nonacademic grievance concerning perceived violation of her/his student rights; discrimination based on age, color, disability*, family status, gender, national origin, race, religion, veteran status, sexual orientation; or sexual harassment/sexual assault** may seek grievance resolution. The student may file a nonacademic grievance against another student, faculty, staff or official publication of the Health Science Center via a written statement to the Dean for Student Affairs. Nonacademic grievances in the UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM) may be handled by informal resolution or formal resolution.

Procedure for Informal Resolution

A student pursuing an informal nonacademic grievance resolution must contact the Dean for Student Affairs, in writing, within five business days of the alleged grievance. If the grievance involves staff, faculty, student(s) from the broader Health Science Center community, the Dean for Student Affairs will liaison with other appropriate authorities, as indicated. The Dean for Student Affairs will assist the student in the informal resolution of the grievance, to be completed within 30 calendar days from the grievance stimulus. If an informal resolution is not achieved, the aggrieved student has an additional five business days to file a formal written grievance.

Procedure for Formal Resolution

The process and procedure for formal nonacademic grievance resolution are sequenced below.

1. A student considering pursuit of a formal nonacademic grievance must contact the Dean for Student Affairs for review of applicable policies and procedures.
2. A formal grievance must include the following information: relevant name(s), date(s), location(s), witness(es) and complete description(s) of the grievance and a proposed resolution, if possible.
3. The student must file the formal grievance, in writing, with the Dean for Student Affairs within five business days from the alleged grievance stimulus. A student initially attempting informal grievance must file the formal grievance, in writing, within five business days of the 30 calendar days allowed for informal resolution.
4. If the grievance involves/accuses Health Science Center non-medical students or employees, the Dean for Student Affairs will facilitate engagement with appropriate advocacy/ supervisory institutional authorities to ensure that coordination of investigatory and resolution processes transcend interschool and student/employee boundaries.
5. Copies of the written grievance will be made available to named parties and the appropriate advocacy/ supervisory institutional authorities.
6. The Dean for Student Affairs and appropriate institutional authorities noted above may, at her/his discretion, hold discussions with or without the involved/accused individual(s) to hear and resolve the grievance, schedule a meeting between the student and the involved/ accused individual(s) and/or involve other parties in facilitating a resolution of the grievance. This process will be afforded 30 calendar days from receipt of the formal written grievance to resolve the grievance, providing the aggrieved student a written summary of resolution.
7. If the aggrieved student is dissatisfied with the resolution, he/she may file a formal written appeal with the Dean of the SOM within five business days of receipt of the decision. The Dean of the SOM has 30 calendar days to provide a written decision to the student and to the Dean for Student Affairs. The decision of the Dean of the SOM is final.
8. Within 5 business days of receipt of the Dean of the SOM’s decision, the student may file a formal written appeal to a higher administrative institutional official, but only for procedural concerns.
9. In rare circumstances the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) will investigate student complaints. Please refer to the THECB website for more information.

*see additional related Health Science Center policies/procedures: "Nondiscrimination Policy and Complaint Procedure" at www.uthscsa.edu/ eeo/non-discrimination.asp.

**see additional related Health Science Center policies/procedures: "General Regulations and Requirements, Sexual Assault Policy" at www.uthscsa.edu/ eeo/harassment.asp.

Student Mistreatment

Mistreatment of students will not be tolerated. Mistreatment, intentional or unintentional, occurs when behavior shows disrespect for the dignity of others and interferes with the learning process. Student mistreatment may take many forms all of which impact student performance. Sexual harassment and assault, which are defined by policy through the Health Science Center's Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Office, are included in this section as forms of student mistreatment. Student access to personnel and processes for resolution without retaliation is detailed below.

Examples of behavior that are unacceptable to the UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM) and Health Science Center include:

- Physical or sexual harassment/assault
- Discrimination or harassment based on race, gender, age, ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or disability
- Disparaging or demeaning comments about an individual or group
- Loss of personal civility including shouting, displays of temper, public or private abuse, belittling, or humiliation
• Use of grading or other forms of evaluation in a punitive or retaliatory manner
• Sending students on inappropriate errands

Medical students who feel they have been mistreated may report such perceptions to any of the following:
• Dean for Student Affairs
• Director, Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Office
• Student Counseling Center
• Office of Student Services
• Course/Clerkship Director

These school representatives are empowered to informally discuss a student’s perceptions related to mistreatment, providing guidance. These school representatives should refer the student immediately to the Dean for Student Affairs for further instructions.

A grievance involving perceived mistreatment can be resolved in an informal or a formal manner. A student pursuing an informal nonacademic grievance resolution must contact the Dean for Student Affairs, in writing, within five business days of the alleged grievance. (If the grievance involves staff, faculty, student(s) from the broader Health Science Center community, the Dean for Student Affairs will liaison with other appropriate authorities, as indicated.) The Dean for Student Affairs will assist the student in the informal resolution of the grievance, to be completed within 30 calendar days from the written grievance. If an informal resolution is not achieved, the aggrieved student has an additional five business days to file a formal written grievance.

A student considering a formal nonacademic grievance must contact the Dean for Student Affairs for review of applicable policies and procedures. If the allegation is one of sexual harassment/assault, the Dean for Student Affairs will engage the Health Science Center’s Director of Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Office. (Please see additional related policies “General Regulations and Requirements, Sexual Assault Policy” at www.uthscsa.edu/eeo/harassment.asp).

The student must file a formal written grievance with the Dean for Student Affairs within five business days of the alleged incident. A student initially attempting informal grievance must file the formal grievance, in writing, within five business days of the 30 calendar days allowed for informal resolution. The formal grievance must include a detailed description of the grievance and a proposed resolution, if possible. If the grievance involves/accuses Health Science Center non-medical students or employees, the Dean for Student Affairs will facilitate engagement with appropriate advocacy/supervisory institutional authorities. Copies of the written grievance will be made available to named parties and the appropriate advocacy/supervisory institutional authorities. The Dean for Student Affairs (and appropriate institutional authorities noted above) may, at her/his discretion, hold discussions with or without the involved/accused individual(s) to hear and resolve the grievance, schedule a meeting between the student and the involved/accused individual(s) and/or involve other parties in facilitating a resolution of the grievance. This process will be afforded 30 calendar days from receipt of the written grievance to resolve the grievance, providing the aggrieved student a written summary of resolution.

If the aggrieved student is dissatisfied with the resolution, he/she may file a formal written appeal with the Dean of the SOM within 5 business days of the decision. The decision of the Dean of the SOM is final. The Dean of the SOM has 30 calendar days to provide a written decision to the student and to the Dean for Student Affairs.

**Scholastic Dishonesty**

As part of the UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM)’s recent Professional Identity Development initiatives, and recognizing that professionalism is a critical physician competency, this policy is under review for congruence with professionalism goals. However, any policy modifications will respect the principles of the current policy: reports from complainant(s) and person(s) charged, witness verification of events when possible, due process (decision-making through Student Promotions Committee-SPC), and timely resolution.

Medical students are expected to maintain the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct. Medical students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner in interaction not only with patients, but also with peers, faculty, and staff of the Health Science Center and the broader community. The SOM, Health Science Center and UT System have written expectations of professional conduct. Medical students are governed by the Code of Professional Conduct in the SOM. Each module, clerkship or course director may also develop written expectations of professional conduct. These expectations are distributed to students, or posted for each module, clerkship or course.

A student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline, after thorough investigation by a Dean for Student Affairs. Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, signing a classmate’s name for an activity or attendance, submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts. Any such act may also constitute a violation of professionalism by the student.

Students should report such acts to a Dean for Student Affairs, the module/clerkship/course director, or other faculty. If the reporting is not made directly to the Dean for Student Affairs, then it will be the module/clerkship/course director or faculty’s responsibility to report to a Dean for Student Affairs.

The conduct of the investigation of a report of scholastic dishonesty is in accordance with previously established policies and procedures within the SOM, Health Science Center and UT System:

At present a potential act of scholastic dishonesty is reported to a Dean for Student Affairs who meets with the complainant to determine the charges and to explain the investigative process. If the charges are not in writing, the Dean for Student Affairs will prepare a statement of the charges and obtain verification of the charges from the complainant. The Dean for Student Affairs will be responsible for ensuring that no retaliation is made against the complainant. The Dean for Student Affairs will interview the accused student, allowing the accused student the opportunity to respond to the charges and to review the available evidence supporting the charges. The Dean for Student Affairs will interview others as indicated. All Health Science Center personnel and students must cooperate with the investigation. The investigation will be conducted in a timely manner. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Dean for Student Affairs will prepare a written report detailing the charges, the investigative process and the results of the investigation. The Dean for Student Affairs will present the written report to the SPC for recommendations. Any disciplinary action/sanction(s) recommended by the SPC shall be in
Relationship Responsibilities in the Teacher-Learner Relationship. Both teachers and learners share the responsibility of creating and maintaining an environment free of behaviors that can adversely affect the Teacher-Learner Relationship. The institution strives to create an environment that promotes academic and professional success in learners and teachers at all levels. The following sanctions may be assessed by the SPC or by the Dean of the SOM:

- Warning
- Probation
- Withholding of grades, official transcript, and/or degree
- Bar against readmission
- Restitution or reimbursement for damage to or misappropriation of UTSystem or Health Science Center property
- Suspension of rights and privileges deriving in whole or in part for the SOM, including participation in extracurricular activities
- Suspension of eligibility for any student office or honor
- Cancellation of credit for scholastic work done
- Failing grade or reduction of a grade for an examination, assignment, or course
- Suspension from the Health Science Center for a specified period of time
- Dismissal
- Denial of degree
- Revocation of degree and withdrawal of diploma
- Formal letter of reprimand in the academic file
- Other sanction(s) as deemed appropriate under the circumstances

Standards of Conduct for the Teacher-Learner Relationship

The UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM) is committed to creating an environment that promotes academic and professional success in learners and teachers at all levels. The institution strives to create an environment free of behaviors that can adversely affect the Teacher-Learner Relationship. Both teachers and learners share the responsibility of creating and maintaining this environment of respect, fairness, and trust.

Responsibilities in the Teacher-Learner Relationship

Responsibilities of teachers:

- Treat all learners with respect, fairness, and equality regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation

Responsibilities of learners:

- Treat all fellow learners and teachers with respect, fairness, and equality regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation

Behaviors Inappropriate to the Teacher-Learner Relationship

Behaviors that demonstrate disrespect for others or lack of professionalism in interpersonal conduct are inappropriate and will not be tolerated by the institution. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- unwanted physical contact (e.g. hitting, slapping, kicking, pushing) or threat of the same
- unwanted verbal contact including loss of personal civility such as shouting, personal attacks, insults, or displays of temper (such as throwing objects)
- sexual harassment (including romantic relationships between teachers and learners in which the teacher has authority over the learner’s academic progress) or harassment based on age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, disability or sexual orientation
- discrimination of any form including in teaching and assessment based upon age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation
- requests for others to perform inappropriate personal errands unrelated to the didactic, investigational, or clinical situation at hand
- grading/evaluation on factors unrelated to performance, effort, or level of achievement

These inappropriate behaviors are presented to new Health Science Center employees in the form of a mandatory educational module through the Knowledge Center, and the information can also be found in the Handbook of Operating Procedures. Health Science Center employees review these standards of conduct in the form of a mandatory educational module through the Knowledge Center bi-yearly. Interns in all medical and surgical disciplines review policies regarding standards of conduct between teacher and learner during mandatory house staff orientation; interns, residents and faculty members review these standards of conduct during department-specific presentations designed to address ACGME core competencies.

Medical students receive education on standards of conduct between teacher and learner during orientation, including an on line EEO/AA module addressing topics such as sexual harassment and sexual misconduct and actions taken if victimized. Many clerkship orientations also review these standards of conduct as important ACGME core competencies.

If such inappropriate behaviors occur, the student is encouraged to state that to the behavior instigator. If the student is uncomfortable doing this, the next course of action is to report the inappropriate behavior to any of the following:

- Dean for Student Affairs
- Director, Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Office
- Counseling Services
- Office of Student Services
- Course/Clerkship Director

These school representatives are empowered to informally discuss the student’s perceptions related to inappropriate teacher-learner behavior,
providing guidance. These school representatives should refer the student immediately to the Dean for Student Affairs for further instructions.

A grievance involving an inappropriate teacher-learner relationship can be resolved in an informal or a formal manner. A student pursuing an informal nonacademic grievance resolution must contact the Dean for Student Affairs, in writing, within five business days of the alleged grievance. (If the grievance involves staff, faculty, student(s) from the broader Health Science Center community, the Dean for Student Affairs will liaison with other appropriate authorities, as indicated.) The Dean for Student Affairs will assist the student in the informal resolution of the grievance, to be completed within 30 calendar days from the written grievance. If an informal resolution is not achieved, the aggrieved student has an additional five business days to file a formal written grievance.

A student considering a formal nonacademic grievance must contact the Dean for Student Affairs for review of applicable policies and procedures. If the allegation is one of sexual harassment/assault, the Dean for Student Affairs will engage the Health Science Center’s Senior Director, Student Success & Title IX Director. (Please see additional related policies “General Regulations and Requirements, Sexual Assault Policy” at www.uthscsa.edu/eeo/harassment.asp).

The student must file a formal written grievance with the Dean for Student Affairs within five business days from the alleged incident. A student initially attempting informal grievance must file the formal grievance, in writing, within five business days of the 30 calendar days allowed for informal resolution. The formal grievance must include a detailed description of the grievance and a proposed resolution, if possible. If the grievance involves/accuses Health Science Center non-medical students or employees, the Dean for Student Affairs will facilitate engagement with appropriate advocacy/supervisory institutional authorities. Copies of the written grievance will be made available to named parties and the appropriate advocacy/supervisory institutional authorities. The Dean for Student Affairs (and appropriate institutional authorities noted above) may, at his/her discretion, hold discussions with or without the involved/accused individual(s) to hear and resolve the grievance, schedule a meeting between the student and the involved/accused individual(s) and/or involve other parties in facilitating a resolution of the grievance. This process will be afforded 30 calendar days from receipt of the written grievance to resolve the grievance, providing the aggrieved student a written summary of resolution.

If the aggrieved student is dissatisfied with the resolution, he/she may file a formal written appeal with the Dean of the SOM within 5 business days of the decision. The decision of the Dean of the SOM is final. The Dean of the SOM has 30 calendar days to provide a written decision to the student and to the Dean for Student Affairs. Within 5 business days of the Dean of the SOM’s decision, the student may file a written appeal to a higher administrative institutional official, but on for procedural concerns (See “Medical Student Nonacademic Grievance Procedures” for details).

Guidelines for Clinical Activities by Medical Students

Medical students rotate in the clinical setting to achieve competencies in all aspects of patient care to include the following: obtaining patient histories, performing thorough physical examinations, formulating differential diagnoses, learning to make decisions based on appropriate laboratory and radiological studies and procedures, interpreting results of special studies and treatment, communicating with patients on all aspects of disease and prognosis and collaborating with members of the health care team.

To this end, the medical student may participate in activities that include the following:

- Patient contact for obtaining a medical history, performing a physical exam, and following the inpatient and/or outpatient course
- Patient medical record review, including laboratory reports, x-ray reports, etc.
- Performance of appropriately supervised procedures as authorized by the patient’s attending physician. The student may perform procedures (such as venipuncture) for which the student is trained and deemed competent, without direct supervision.
- Performance of basic laboratory studies such as urinalysis, under appropriate supervision and review
- Writing orders for specified patients based on student clinical preparedness and graduated responsibility. All of the orders written by a medical student must be reviewed and countersigned by the responsible resident or attending physician before forwarding to the nursing service.

VERITAS is the School of Medicine’s student advising system. Each incoming student is randomly assigned to one of 20 VERITAS Groups. Each VERITAS Group is led by a clinical faculty member and three 4th year medical students (“Mentors in Medicine=MiMs”) and two 2nd year medical students (VERITAS Peer Advisors=VPA”). The groups are clustered into five societies. The structure of VERITAS allows a cohesive interclass system in which students receive consistent academic, career and personal advising in the same VERITAS groups over the four years of medical school. For career advising one resource accessed heavily is the AAMC “Careers in Medicine” program.

For students who encounter academic difficulty, the module, clerkship or course director is typically the first line of consultation. Deans for Student Affairs, in consultation with the Vice Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education, monitor students’ progress through centralized processes in order to identify problems as early as possible and provide guidance accordingly.

A primary mission of the medical education program is to promote the retention and advancement of medical students throughout the four year curriculum. As such, student services and support include a pre-matriculation program, individual and group tutoring, large-group review sessions for pre-clinical courses, a USMLE preparation course, consultation services for study skills, time management issues, test-taking assistance, and more. The Health Science Center’s Counseling Services provides aid, support and counsel to students dealing with the complex personal, social and academic demands of medical school.

Academic Advising

Academic, career and personal advising resources for medical students include: the Vice Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education, Deans for Student Affairs, Module, Clerkship and/or Course Directors, VERITAS Career Advising Leaders/Groups, and the Health Science Center’s Counseling Services. Additionally, academic and career advising activities are planned at specific junctures over the four year medical education program and delivered in many different formats.
• Writing patient progress notes in the medical chart which must be reviewed and countersigned by the responsible resident or attending physician

Medical students CANNOT write orders independently, without review and counter-signature by the responsible resident or attending physician. Medical students CANNOT give verbal orders. Medical students CANNOT be in the primary lines of communication in the critical value reporting process. Medical students CANNOT have primary responsibility for communication of vital patient related information to the patient or their family members.

Medical Student Duty Hours Policy

Duty Hours Policy for Clinical Years

1. Students will have a limit of 80 duty hours per week, with in-hospital hours during call from home counted
2. In recognition that many rotations end on a Friday and there is a weekend off between rotations, the following are minimum days off on rotations, with the distribution of the scheduled days off at the discretion of the clerkship or course director:
   • 1 day off on a 2 week rotation
   • 3 days off on a 4 week rotation
   • 5 days off on a 6 week rotation
   • 7 days off for an 8 week rotation
   • a day off is one full (24-hour) day
   • a day absent counts as a day off
3. Call will be scheduled no more than every third night
4. There is a limit of 30-hours on continuous duty
5. There must be a 10-hour minimum rest between duty periods (this does not apply to night or weekend call)
6. Students will be educated about fatigue and fatigue management
7. Students may report duty hour violations to the 24/7/365 hour hotline: 1-800-500-0333. (All calls are treated confidentially and no self-identification is necessary)
8. Clerkship directors and course directors are responsible for the enforcement of this policy

Policy adopted by the Curriculum Committee August 2007 and appended in May 2013.

Required Attire

During the pre-clinical curriculum, students spend most of their time in lectures, small group sessions, laboratories, or other activities that do not involve patient contact. At such times, students are expected to dress comfortably, but without detracting from attentiveness and learning.

When patients are present, either in a clinical setting or in the classroom, students are expected to dress professionally and to wear the white jacket with the school logo and the required student badge. Module directors should be consulted about proper attire in specific circumstances.

In the clinical setting, students are expected to dress as health care professionals, wearing both the white jacket with the school logo and the required student badge. On clinical rotations footwear must be professional; open toe footwear is never appropriate because it does not offer adequate protection from biohazards. Clerkship and course directors should be consulted if there is a question about appropriate attire.

All students are required to wear the student badge at all times in a visible manner in all pre-clinical and clinical settings.

Providers of Care to Medical Students

Purpose:

• To assure that academic evaluation/progression are independent from confidential or protected health information.
• To ensure that individuals charged with academic evaluation/progression base their decisions on agreed upon performance measures.
• To assure that medical students can obtain and receive private and confidential medical care from the Student Health Center and/or psychological/psychiatric care from the Student Counseling Center, and that health care providers of sensitive medical or psychological/psychiatric care to medical students have no role in evaluation/progression of medical students through the academic curriculum.

Policy:

The UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM) is committed to providing an educational environment that is supportive and respectful to its faculty, staff and students. This policy is established to ensure that students are evaluated based on common agreed up performance measures that are independent of confidential or protected health information. This is essential to ensure that student academic performance is evaluated properly and to ensure that students are not discouraged from seeking medical and/or psychological/psychiatric care that is held in the strictest standards of patient privacy and confidentiality, without concern for consequent adverse actions or repercussions.

Students and health care providers should follow these procedures to make certain that the appropriate care is sought and provided.

Health care professionals who provide medical and/or psychological/psychiatric care to medical students must:

• have no role in the formal academic or professionalism evaluation of medical students at the present or future time.
• have no role in advancement/progression/graduation of medical students at the present or future time.
• recuse himself/herself from the formal academic or professionalism evaluation of medical students and from academic or professionalism decisions of advancement/progression/graduation of medical students, if a dual relationship with medical students is anticipated or is discovered, and, when appropriate and without breaching confidentiality, alert a Dean for Student Affairs immediately.

Students should:

• seek medical care through the Student Health Center (Room 1.422 Nursing Building). This medical care is usually provided by Registered Nurses or Advanced Nurse Practitioners under the supervision of the Student Health Center Medical Director. The health care providers in the Student Health Center may refer medical students to other academic or community health care providers for further/follow-up care.
• seek psychological/psychiatric care through the Student Counseling Center (Room 101F Medical School). A multidisciplinary staff, who is not involved in academic or professionalism evaluation and/or decisions of advancement/progression through the curriculum, provides evaluation and short-term treatment including counseling, psychotherapy, and medication management when necessary to medical students with mental health, situational, social, or academic concerns. The health care providers in the Student Counseling Center may refer medical students to other academic or community health care providers for further/follow-up care.
• inform staff in the Student Health Center and the Student Counseling Center that they are students at the SOM.

Student Employment

Because of the intensity of the medical curriculum, students are encouraged to refrain from outside employment during the academic year. Students who feel employment is essential are advised to consult with a Dean for Student Affairs before accepting employment offers. Some opportunities for employment are available for students in good academic standing such as tutoring through the Office of Undergraduate Medical Student Education.

Student Governance

Class officers are responsible for the management of class activities and are the official class representatives in interaction with the administration of the UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM) and Health Science Center. In addition to the usual slate of officers, two students from each class are elected as representatives to the Student Government Association.

Elections are held in the spring to choose officers and representatives for the next academic year. In the case of the first year class, elections occur in October. The Office of Student Affairs supervises elections.

Committees of the SOM and the Health Science Center (both standing and ad hoc) have student representation. Appointments to SOM committees are approved by the Deans in the Office of Undergraduate Medical Education and those to Health Science Center committees by the Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs upon recommendation from the Deans for Student Affairs.

The following committees have student representation:

SOM Committees:
• Admissions
• Curriculum

Health Science Center Committees:
• Campus Health and Wellness
• Computing Resources
• Infection Policy and Education
• International Relations
• Library
• Parking & Traffic Safety
• Student Governance Association
• Student Health Advisory

Organization of Student Representatives

The Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) is the organizational entity of the Association of American Medical Colleges which deals specifically with medical student issues. This is a national organization that addresses issues common to students from all medical schools. Individual input from each school is through the class representative to the OSR. That representative is selected through the Office of Student Affairs. The selection of each class representative will occur during the second semester of the first year. Each representative serves through the fourth year.

Medical Student Organizations

Medical Student Organizations must be approved by the Office of Student Affairs and managed by the Office of Student Life in Student Services. Contact the Office of Student Life for more information on the varied organizations in which students can participate.

Scholarships

Scholarship assistance may be available within the UT School of Medicine at San Antonio (SOM). Scholarships are awarded based on need, merit, or a combination of both. The SOM determines the selection of scholarships based on criteria established by the donor. Scholarships may be renewable depending upon academic performance and/or stated scholarship conditions.

The student will apply for scholarships online through the student portal. The student must have filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid in order to be considered for scholarships. The SOM Scholarship Committee will make recommendations for selection of candidates for scholarships; these recommendations will be forwarded to the Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs for processing to student accounts. If the student receives a scholarship, after he/she has been fully awarded, the Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs may need to reduce other aid on the account in order to prevent an over-award of federal funds.

Dual Degree Programs

M.D./Ph.D.

The M.D./Ph.D. Program is under the supervision of the Deans of the School of Medicine (SOM), the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS), the M.D./Ph.D. Advisory Committee, and the M.D./Ph.D. Steering Committee. The M.D./Ph.D. Advisory Committee, with representation from the SOM and GSBS, provides direction and oversight of all activities of the M.D./Ph.D. Program. The M.D./Ph.D. Steering Committee provides strategic planning and oversight of financial support of the M.D./Ph.D. Program. An independent M.D./Ph.D. Program Promotions Board reviews the progress of M.D./Ph.D. students every six months throughout medical and graduate school enrollment. Progression is assessed on the basis of academic performance, USMLE Step 1 and 2 scores, research rotation reports, research and scholarly activities, evaluations from the Supervising Professor, and student self-assessments. Recommendations from the M.D./Ph.D. Promotions Board are reviewed at the next monthly meeting of the M.D./Ph.D. Advisory Committee.

The M.D./Ph.D. Program expects students who are pursuing the dual degree to maintain standards of academic excellence, to progress in
exposes students to life as a physician-scientist. The distinction helps work in basic, clinical, translational or social sciences. This program with an opportunity to enrich their medical school career through sustained The M.D. with Distinction in Research Program provides medical students with the right to appeal a decision of dismissal from the program. The appeal will be heard by the M.D./Ph.D. Advisory Committee. Solely on procedural concerns can a student appeal to a higher institutional administration.

M.D./M.P.H.

The M.D./M.P.H. Program prepares physicians to treat individuals and populations via training in biostatistics, epidemiology, behavioral science, public policy, and environmental health. This program allows for students to attain the M.D. and the M.P.H. concurrently; however, students may decide to take five years to complete both degrees. Candidates must first be accepted to the SOM and then apply to the School of Public Health at the UT Health Science Center–Houston (UTSPH). If accepted into the dual degree program, students will begin coursework for the M.P.H. with online courses in the summer before starting medical school. The M.P.H. requires completion of 46 credit hours, some of which will be shared with the SOM credit hours. To be a dual degree student and earn shared credits, you must begin your M.P.H. coursework by the Spring of your second year of medical school.

The UTSPH has a regional campus in San Antonio with full-time faculty, with convenient parking. Classes are offered online and in person with instructors from San Antonio and via ITV with instructors from other SPH campuses. See the San Antonio campus website at: http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/Campuses/San-Antonio.

The M.D./M.P.H. Program expects students who are pursuing the dual degree to maintain standards of academic excellence, to progress in a timely fashion toward both the M.D. and M.P.H. degrees, and to maintain professionalism. Students will be subject to the academic guidelines of both the SOM and the UTSPH. Failure to meet or achieve the established standards will result in denial of advancement and dismissal from the M.D./M.P.H. Program. A student’s academic standing and ability to progress with respect to either the SOM or the GSBS is administered through the appropriate dean’s office or their designees. M.D./Ph.D. students shall have the right to appeal a decision of dismissal from the program. The appeal will be heard by the M.D./Ph.D. Advisory Committee. Solely on procedural concerns can a student appeal to a higher institutional administration.

M.D. Degrees with Distinction

M.D. Degree with Distinction in Research

The M.D. with Distinction in Research Program provides medical students with an opportunity to enrich their medical school career through sustained work in basic, clinical, translational or social sciences. This program exposes students to life as a physician-scientist. The distinction helps students shape their career goals by building an academic track record viewed favorably by residency selection committees. Students must apply for the M.D. with Distinction in Research Program before the start of the third year. M.D./Ph.D. students are not eligible to apply. Under the supervision of their research mentor, students engage in a research project culminating in a manuscript suitable for submission to a peer-reviewed medical journal. The application includes a project description, a timeline for project completion and a mentoring plan by the faculty mentor. Students commit a minimum of four months (640 hours) during medical school to the program. Students must present a poster at an annual Health Science Center Student Research Day. Additional requirements for completion of the program include maintaining a research log and maintaining a minimum 3.25 grade point average throughout medical school. If the M.D. with Distinction in Research Committee deems the submission appropriate, and the student has completed all administrative requirements, he/she will be awarded the M.D. degree with Distinction in Research.

M.D. Degree with Distinction in Medical Education

The M.D. with Distinction in Medical Education Program provides medical students with an opportunity to spend part of their medical school career participating in activities focused on different components of teaching and educational research. The application for the M.D. with Distinction in Medical Education Program must be submitted by January 15th of the second year. The application includes a project description, a timeline for project completion and a mentoring plan by the faculty mentor. Requirements for completion of the program include working as a teaching assistant for a current course or preparation course, giving learning sessions to assess teaching style, presenting the project to the M.D. with Distinction in Medical Education Advisory Committee and submitting the project for publication to a medical educational journal or for presentation at a medical educational conference. An additional requirement includes maintaining a minimum 3.25 grade point average throughout the program. If the M.D. with Distinction in Medical Education Advisory Committee deems the project submission appropriate, and the student has completed all administrative requirements, he/she will be awarded the M.D. degree with Distinction in Medical Education.

Master of Deaf Education and Hearing Science

The Master of Deaf Education and Hearing Science Program, nationally certified by the Council on Education of the Deaf, was created in 2002 in order to provide graduate students in deaf education and medicine the opportunity to build the relationships needed to provide quality services to children with hearing loss. This program is one of only a handful in the country that provides intensive training in how to help children with hearing loss develop spoken language through the use of residual hearing, high-powered hearing aids and modern surgical procedures such as cochlear implants.

Certified teachers for children with hearing loss are in high demand. Every year positions across the nation go unfilled because of the lack of qualified professionals. In Texas alone, 20-30 teacher vacancies go unfilled annually. If you have an interest in children, language and communication, and a bachelor’s degree already, the Master of Deaf Education and Hearing Science could be the next step in your career. There are generous tuition scholarships available.
Master of Deaf Education and Hearing Science Admissions Requirements

Application for admission to Master of Deaf Education and Hearing Science (http://www.uthscsa.edu/shp/dehs) program may be completed online at https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/commonapp.WBX. Completed application, application fee, official transcripts, and supporting documents must be submitted between August 1 and February 1.

All required admissions information and documents must be submitted to the department before an applicant is considered for admission. Because applications and documents are reviewed as they are received, applicants are encouraged to apply early in the application period. Classes begin in the summer semester each year.

Admission Factors

In addition to the academic factors listed below, the following non-academic factors are considered for selecting students for the Master of Deaf Education and Hearing Science:

- Hometown or county of residence that has been designated a medically under-served and/or health professions shortage area, especially South Texas
- Employment history, especially as it occurred simultaneously with undergraduate academic preparation
- Positions of leadership held
- Public/community service or volunteer activities
- Volunteer activities in education-related areas
- Prior experience in providing educational-related services
- Extracurricular activities
- Communication skills – as demonstrated in the essay and personal interview
- Commitment/desire to serve in an underserved region of the state following graduation
- Reference letters or recommendations
- Research accomplishments
- Future goals
- Knowledge of, and preparation to enter, the profession of deaf education gained through observing or volunteering in a school setting or other setting

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the MDEHS (http://www.uthscsa.edu/shp/dehs) program, applicants must have earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, with an overall grade point average of 3.0. Incoming students must have completed a baccalaureate degree in education or a related field (e.g., communication science disorders). Depending on the applicant’s background, collateral coursework in Curriculum and Instruction from another college or university may be required. In addition, 50 hours of classroom observation and 25 hours of field experience may be required.

Master of Deaf Education and Hearing Science Sample Plan of Study

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Master of Deaf Education and Hearing Science Objectives/Program Outcomes

The MDEHS (http://www.uthscsa.edu/shp/dehs) program is based on, and committed to, teaching future teachers of the deaf the auditory-oral methods of intervention/education for children with hearing loss, as stated in the Auditory-Verbal Position Statement published by the Board of Directors of Auditory-Verbal International.

In addition, the program’s philosophy encompasses the following educational assumptions:

- Many profoundly deaf children can obtain an excellent education in an auditory-oral or auditory-verbal environment;
- At some time during the educational years, it is desirable that a child with hearing loss attend school with her/his hearing peers;
- Applicants with a baccalaureate degree in education or related fields can become effective teachers of the hearing impaired through application of previously gained knowledge and skills plus the
acquisition of procedures, techniques, and information unique to the hearing-impaired child. The MDEHS curriculum addresses topics and skills required for Texas teacher certification and national certification.

Each child with a hearing loss is a unique combination of learning styles, degrees of and adjustment to a hearing loss, motivation toward learning, home and community experiences, intellectual abilities, and personal responses to the environment. A dually prepared teacher is in an enviable position of being able to identify these factors and create a learning setting that would permit maximum attainment not only by the child with a hearing loss but also the typically developing children.

**Deaf Education Program Grading System**

**Grades**
The standing of students in their work is expressed by the following grades:

- **A** = Excellent
- **B** = Above Average
- **C** = Average
- **D** = Below Average
- **F** = Failure

Grades for courses in which performance is graded an **S** (Satisfactory) or **U** (Unsatisfactory) are not used in computing the grade point average. The symbol **I** (incomplete) may be recorded for a student who has not completed course assignments at the conclusion of the course.

In some programs, students have the option of seeking exemption from certain courses in the curriculum if they have successfully completed an equivalent course in the curriculum at another college or university or content in an examination. The symbol **CR** (Credit) is recorded for a course(s) for which the student has been exempted.

**Grades in Clinical Rotations, Practicums, and Fieldwork Courses**
Clinical Rotations, Practicums, and Fieldwork Courses may be graded **S** (Satisfactory) or **U** (Unsatisfactory), or may be assigned a letter grade, depending on the Departmental policy.

A grade of **S** or other designation of an acceptable grade is assigned if the student successfully satisfies the criteria for clinical courses. Failure to successfully satisfy the course criteria may result in an **I** (Incomplete) or a **U** (Unsatisfactory) or a letter grade considered unsatisfactory based on departmental policy.

Criteria and time frame for removal of an **I** or **U** or other unsatisfactory grade in clinical courses are determined based on clinical documentation and consultation with the clinical supervisor/clinical instructor, not to exceed one full calendar year. An **I** or **U** or other unsatisfactory grade may require that the student complete an additional clinical affiliation or other remediation that could extend the professional curriculum beyond the expected graduation date. More than one unsatisfactory grade is not allowed within the total clinical course sequence.
School of Nursing

History
The Health Science Center School of Nursing was established in 1969. The School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) was originally part of The University of Texas System School of Nursing with campuses in Galveston, Austin, Houston, San Antonio, El Paso and Tyler. All five schools followed the same curriculum. In 1976 the System School of Nursing was dissolved and each School of Nursing has since been independent and governed by the university on the campus where the school is located.

The School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) offers four degree programs, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.), Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.), and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

The School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) has a unique role in nursing education related to its placement in the South Texas Region. The region has large underserved populations with different health care needs. Cardiovascular disease, diabetes, teen pregnancy, mental illness and other chronic conditions are prevalent. We have been designated by the United States Department of Education as a Hispanic Serving Institution.

Mission
We engage with our diverse students and communities to produce the future nursing leaders who will impact local and global health and lead the transformation of health care to make lives better through education, research, practice, and community engagement.

Vision
Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Nursing acts as an integral part of the healthcare team to promote excellent healthcare as an act of social justice for individuals and their diverse communities through education, research, practice and community engagement.

Values
1. Ethics and Accountability - We believe physical, mental and social well-being is enhanced with high professional standards, by honoring the dignity of others, and through accountability for our actions.
2. Diversity and Excellence - We believe excellent health care is a right of every person.
3. Innovation - We believe in innovation to deliver leading edge health care, education, research, and community service.
4. Education - We believe education is a lifelong process based on mutual teaching, learning, and research that ultimately makes life better for those we serve.
5. Leadership - We believe through our leadership we can educate organizations and within our communities to adopt practices and policies that promote health.
6. Health - We believe in the power of professional nurses to improve the health status of people here and abroad.
7. Inter-professional Collaboration - We believe in the power of inter-professional collaboration to improve health outcomes.

Goals
- **Education**: Educate a diverse student body to become excellent nurses and nurse scientists.
- **Research**: Engage in research to increase knowledge about health and disease and health care delivery and to commercialize discoveries beneficial to the public.
- **Health Care**: Provide exemplary, innovative, culturally inclusive nursing care to our local and global communities.
- **Community Engagement**: Make a significant impact on the health of our local and global community.
- **Organizational Effectiveness**: Provide an effective, efficient and culturally inclusive infrastructure which embodies innovation, quality and professionalism to support faculty, staff and students as they fulfill the mission of the School of Nursing.

Accreditation
The Health Science Center School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu)'s baccalaureate program is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 430, Austin, Texas 78767-0430, (512) 305-6181. The baccalaureate, master's and D.N.P. programs at the Health Science Center are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036. (202) 887-6791. The School of Nursing was granted full accreditation through December 31, 2021 for its baccalaureate and master's degree programs. The D.N.P. was granted full accreditation through December 31, 2018.

Policy on Criminal Background Checks
Applicants must submit and satisfactorily complete a designated criminal background check as a condition of admission. An offer of admission will not be final until the criminal background check(s) is received and deemed favorable. Admission may be denied or rescinded based on results of the background check. In addition selected agencies where students pursue clinical experiences, may require that students placed in their agencies pass an additional criminal background check before being allowed to practice in their facilities.
Undergraduate Criminal Background Check
The Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) (http://www.tbn.state.tx.us) conducts the background checks and has legally granted power to deny permission for a candidate to take the NCLEX-RN (https://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm) examination if it is demonstrated that the individual has not demonstrated “good professional character.” The Board may refuse to:

- Approve persons to take the licensure examination.
- Issue or renew a license or certificate of registration to any individual who has been convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or engaged in conduct resulting in revocation of probation imposed pursuant to such conviction.

All nursing students must continue to show evidence of good professional character while enrolled in a nursing program.

Candidates with a positive background check will also be notified by TBON and asked to submit a petition for a “Declaratory Order.” The petition will be reviewed by the TBON. Please contact the Office of the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services.

Continuing students who are charged or convicted of an offense while enrolled in the nursing program will be required to notify the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the time of the offense and to petition TBON for a declaratory order. The student will be removed from clinical courses while obtaining the Declaratory Order, and may need to take a Leave of Absence. Failure to report any new incidents following the initial background check to the School may potentially cause the student to be dismissed from the program. The Board investigates each incident based on its own information. Many of the factors used by the Board can be viewed online (http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discard-guide.html).

Graduate Criminal Background Check
The School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) Office of Admissions and Student Services will designate an approved company to conduct the background checks for graduate students who are already licensed as a Registered Nurse. Results from a company other than those designated will not be accepted. Students and applicants must contact this designated company and comply with its instructions in authorizing and obtaining a background check. Applicants are responsible for payment of any fees charged for the certified criminal background check.

Non-Nursing Students Criminal Background Check
Non-Nursing students who wish to take a non-clinical course(s) offered at the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) must satisfy the Health Science Center criminal background check requirements. The School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services will verify with appropriate entities on behalf of the student for the acceptable background checks.

Urine Drug Screens
Urine drug screens may be required by certain clinical agencies. Students will be notified by the Office for Academic Affairs if a urine drug screen is required.

Immunization and Health Insurance
Prior to registration all students are required to complete the immunizations requirements and fill out an immunization card. For more information on immunizations see Health Science Center Student Health Clinic. See Student Services - Health Insurance (http://students.uthscsa.edu/studentlife/2013/03/health-insurance).

Professional Liability Insurance
Students enrolled in programs that involve direct patient care activities are required to purchase professional liability insurance through the university. Liability insurance purchased through the Health Science Center is applicable to the student role only. Nurse practitioner students are required to pay an additional insurance fee.

Computer Requirement
All courses in the School of Nursing have an online component or other requirements that necessitate the use of a computer. Students are required to have certain minimum computer competencies. Minimum competencies include basic familiarity with computers, use of Internet, word processing, email and presentation software. The official method of communication is via students’ Health Science Center “livemail” account.

All students admitted into the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) undergraduate program will be required to purchase a laptop computer with a privacy screen from the Health Science Center when entering the program. Windows-based and Apple platforms are available. The computer will be formatted with standard programs and online learning resources.

Graduate students are expected to have a computer that meets specifications for the School of Nursing.

Specifications can be found online (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/faq.asp).

The Microsoft Office Suite, which includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook, is available to students through the bookstore at a significant savings. The most up-to-date version of the suite is available for Windows and Mac. This software is required for all students.

Financial Aid
To determine eligibility for federal, state and private sources of financial aid, please visit The Office of Veterans’ Services and Financial Aid (http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid).

Scholarship and Stipends
For School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) Scholarships, undergraduate and graduate nursing students are encouraged to 1) submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA) and 2) a School of Nursing Scholarship application (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/finaid.asp), which must be completed every semester. Students can access scholarship applications by logging into the Student Portal during March for summer and fall awards and October for spring awards. New students submit scholarship applications with their admission paperwork. The School of Nursing Scholarship Advisory Group reviews all applications and selects recipients based on criteria for each scholarship. Scholarship recipients are required to provide a thank you note for the donor and to attend a yearly reception.

For graduate stipends, please consult the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) Office of Admissions & Student Services and the Office for Academic Affairs.

The School of Nursing Office of Admissions and Student Services works collaboratively with The Office of Veterans’ Services and Financial Aid
(VSFA) to facilitate identification of federal, state and private funding sources. Click here (http://students.uthscsa.edu/financialaid) to view services available through VSFA and the process for applying for financial aid.

Please be aware that a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed annually. Click here (http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to apply for all federal/state grants and student loans. The Renewal FAFSA is available for those who applied the previous year. The school code for the FAFSA is 003659.

**Tuition**

For details about tuition and fees, please contact the Bursar’s Office (http://uthscsa.edu/business/bursar4students).

**Independent Study**

Students may design their own Independent Study course for one to three semester hours of credit. Guidelines for design and approval of Independent Study are available from the Academic Coordinator for the undergraduate or the graduate program in the Office for Academic Affairs in the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu). The Committee on Undergraduate Studies or Committee on Graduate Studies must approve the Independent Study before a student can register for the course. Requests for approval of Independent Studies are due to the appropriate committee by April 15 for summer and fall semesters and October 15 for spring semesters.

**Full Time/Part Time Statuses**

Undergraduate students enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester credit hours (SCH) in the fall and spring semesters or 6 SCH in the summer are considered full-time students. Students enrolled in less than 12 SCH are classified as part-time.

Masters students enrolled for a minimum of 9 semester credit hours (SCH) in the fall and spring semesters and 6 SCH in the summer, are considered full time students. Students enrolled in less than 9 SCH in fall and spring or less than 6 SCH in the summer are classified as part-time.

Doctoral students enrolled for a minimum of 6 semester credit hours (SCH) in the fall, spring and summer semesters are considered full-time. Doctoral students enrolled in less than 6 semester credit hours (SCH) in the fall, spring and summer semesters are considered part-time.

Students may not change their program plan from part-time to full-time or vice versa without consultation with the Office for Academic Affairs. All requests for change will be based upon space available in the requested course(s), and availability of courses.

**Course Numbering**

Each course consists of a prefix that represents the discipline (NURS for Nursing) and a 4-digit number. The School of Nursing uses the following numbering system:

The first digit is the Level of course: 1=Freshman, 2=Sophomore, 3=Junior, 4=Senior, 5=Introductory Graduate, 6=Advanced Graduate, 7=Doctoral. The second digit is number of semester credit hours (0=variable semester credit hours). The third and fourth digits distinguish one course from another within the discipline.

**The Semester Credit Hour**

The unit measure for credit purposes is the semester credit hour (SCH). One semester credit hour of credit is given for each 15 clock hours of lecture and 45 clock hours of clinical/laboratory in the undergraduate program and 15 clock hours of lecture and 60 clock hours of clinical/laboratory in the graduate program.

**Adding and Dropping Courses**

Students are expected to pre-register for all course work. After the first day of classes and prior to census day student may add classes with the approval of the appropriate Assistant Dean.

Dropping refers to the procedure by which students remove themselves from one or more of the courses in which they are enrolled while continuing in the remainder of their courses. A student who is enrolled in only one course must either withdraw or apply for a leave of absence if he/she intends to drop the course. Please refer to the Office of the University Registrar’s section of this catalog.

**Voluntary Withdrawal**

Withdrawal refers to the procedure by which students voluntarily remove themselves from all courses in which they are enrolled. Withdrawal from all courses constitutes withdrawal from the nursing program and university unless the student is granted a leave of absence. A student wishing to withdraw from one or all courses in the School of Nursing initiates the process through consultation with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. When approved, the student must obtain a drop slip for said course(s), and, if withdrawing from the program, complete the Student Clearance Form from the Office of the University Registrar (317L MED). Failure to clear campus appropriately will affect the students’ ability to obtain transcripts, be readmitted to the program in the future, or obtain financial support.

A student who completes a semester, but does not plan to continue in the School of Nursing during the next semester, must withdraw or apply for a leave of absence.

A student who discontinues class attendance in any course without completing the formal drop or withdrawal process may receive a grade of withdraw fail (WF) for the course. See policies for administrative Leave of Absence (LOA) in the Health Science Center catalog. A student who has previously withdrawn is subject to the same admission requirements, procedures, and acceptance considerations that apply to first-time applicants.

**Procedures for Dropping a Course or Withdrawal**

If a student withdraws from school or drops a course prior to the first examination/graded assignment, a grade of W will be recorded. If the student drops after the first examination/graded assignment, either withdraw pass (WP) or withdraw fail (WF) will be recorded based upon the student’s performance in graded activities. The WP or WF will appear on the student transcript. The following procedures are to be followed:

The student discusses dropping with the clinical/course faculty. The student makes an appointment with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs through the Office for Academic Affairs to discuss the decision, explore options, and make necessary changes to the degree plan. The student will have to have an official drop form signed by the course.
coordinator/course faculty after the form has been provided and signed by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

The Office for Academic Affairs will submit the completed official drop form to the Office of the University Registrar and will notify the Registrar and Financial Aid office of the change in status and change in the student’s graduation date.

**Leave of Absence**

Any student who is in good standing (passing all required courses with a 2.0 or above GPA in undergraduate program or 3.0 in the graduate program; no incomplete grades in a course, and no failures) may, under special circumstances, take a leave of absence. A leave of absence may be granted for a maximum period of one year.

Students who are experiencing special circumstances that hinder their studies or students who receive an “F” or a “WF” in a required undergraduate course that is offered only once a year should make an appointment through the Office for Academic Affairs to discuss their issues with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and/or the appropriate Assistant Dean.

If together the student and the academic administrator agree that a leave of absence is appropriate, the student will be sent to The Office of the University Registrar to obtain the required Student Clearance Form. The student will “clear campus.” Failure to clear campus appropriately will affect the students’ ability to obtain transcripts, be readmitted to the program in the future, or obtain financial support.

The student may return to school at any time during the year, but no later than one year from the time when the leave started. The student must notify the Office for Academic Affairs at least three months prior to returning to campus. Return to school will coincide with the beginning of a semester. Courses that had not been completed at the time of initiating the leave will have to be repeated in total. Students who do not return from leave within the one-year limit will be withdrawn from the nursing program and will have to apply for admission as a new student.

**Attendance**

The School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) faculty believes that attendance at scheduled classes, examinations, clinical experiences, and clinical learning laboratory is crucial to meeting course and program objectives. Excused absences may be granted by the instructor in such cases as illness or personal emergency and are considered on an individual basis. Please see course syllabus for attendance requirement.

**Clinical Attendance**

The School of Nursing faculty expects that its students will recognize that they have entered a profession in which commitment to full participation in clinical experiences is an essential component as students are considered to be part of the nursing team. Therefore, regular attendance in clinical, laboratory and simulation experiences is mandatory. Missed hours can prevent adequate development and assessment of the required knowledge, skills, attitudes and clinical judgment. Absence from clinical/lab/simulation jeopardizes the student’s ability to successfully meet the required clinical course outcomes and competencies. Punctuality is expected in professional workplaces. Students are expected to arrive on time for clinical/lab/simulation experiences and stay for the entire time allotted for that clinical/lab/simulation experience. Important information affecting patient care is communicated to students at the start of clinical experiences. Therefore, tardiness for clinical/lab/simulation experiences jeopardizes the student’s ability to give safe nursing care.

**Learning Laboratory Attendance**

Learning Laboratory is considered clinical time. Attendance is essential and students are expected to review course syllabus regarding attendance requirement. Students arriving late for Learning Laboratory are not given extra time for skill practice or performance.

**Clinical Absences**

Absences from clinical experience are closely monitored by faculty and should occur only in rare circumstances. Clinical absences will be evaluated on an individual basis. If the student has any clinical absences during the semester, clinical may be made up through a plan developed by the clinical/lab instructor. However, the opportunity to make up absences may not be possible, depending on the length of the clinical rotation, the availability of the faculty and/or the agency to which the student is assigned and may result in inability of the student to meet course outcomes.

If it is determined by the faculty team that a student will be unable to meet course objectives due to clinical absences or if a pattern of absence develops or excessive absences exist, the appropriate course coordinator will refer the student to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs to determine progression in the program.

**Military Absences**

Under certain circumstances, a student who is required to participate in active military services is excused from scheduled classes or other required activities and will be allowed to complete an assignment or exam within a reasonable time after the absence. The excused absence is permitted only if the student will not miss more than 25% of the total number of class meetings or the contact hour equivalent (not including the final examination period) for the specific course or courses in which the student is enrolled at the beginning of the period of active military service.

Students expected to be absent from classes for active duty must obtain approval from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in order to take a Leave of Absence. All related procedures, including completion of a Student Clearance Form, must be followed.

**Incomplete Grades**

A student may be granted a grade of “Incomplete” (I) for a course when the student is unable to complete all course work within allotted semester time under certain special circumstances. The student wishing to petition for extended time to complete course requirements must request the extension, incomplete grade, from the faculty.

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Intra-semester Report

At the middle of each semester, the faculty reports the names of students doing work below the passing grade to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Students may be referred to the Student Success Center and/or the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services for advising. Students who are failing will receive a midterm fail notice.

Conduct and Discipline

Students are responsible for knowing and observing the University's procedures and regulations governing Student Conduct and Discipline and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents. In addition to these regulations, standards of professional conduct may be set by each school of the Health Science Center.

In summary, the regulations provide that: Violations of university regulations concerning standards of conduct which compromise professional integrity and/or competence shall be dealt with under Student Conduct and Discipline. The chief student affairs officer shall have responsibility for the administration of discipline in areas not directly related to the academic or professional training of the student. Procedures described in the Student Conduct and Discipline Policy of the Health Science Center will be followed.

The Associate Dean for Admissions & Student Services of each school shall have the responsibility for the administration of discipline in cases concerning scholastic dishonesty and student misconduct. The processes afforded a student subject to disciplinary sanctions are governed by Series 50101 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System and the Health Science Center's Student Conduct and Discipline Policy.

Professional Conduct Guidelines

The goal of the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) is to create nursing professionals who can access and critically examine a reliable and extensive body of knowledge and apply it consistently to maximize the clinical benefit of patients. School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) students are expected to demonstrate academic professionalism and honesty, and to maintain the highest standards of integrity according to the Board of Regents (http://www.utsystem.edu/BOR/rules/50000Series/50101.pdf) that embodies a spirit of mutual trust and intellectual honesty. The Health Science Center School of Nursing Code of Conduct Document has established that nursing students have certain rights and responsibilities, and serves as an affirmation that students are a party to the social trust shared by all in the university community.

The School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) follows the recommendations of the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics for Nurses as well as the Texas Board of Nursing, Nurse Practice Act. Professional behaviors include application of the nursing process, providing care and counsel, or health teaching to persons experiencing alterations in health based on synthesis of knowledge and understanding of basic scientific principles (Texas Board of Nursing, Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education Licensure and Practice, February, 2012).

A code of professional behavior cannot encompass all potential issues of conduct which may arise. Therefore, it is impossible to specify all behaviors deemed to be unprofessional. Students are expected to hold themselves and their peers to professional standards of behavior throughout their course of study. Included among these standards are five fundamental values of academic integrity including honesty, trust, fairness, respect and personal accountability. The principles in the code of professional conduct as outlined in the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) document signed by all students upon enrollment in the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) should be reinforced throughout the curriculum.

Professionalism

Principles of professionalism are not rules that specify behaviors, but guidelines to provide direction in identifying appropriate conduct. These principles include the safety and welfare of patients, competence in knowledge and skills, responsibility for consequences of actions, professional communication, confidentiality, and lifelong learning for maintenance of professional skills and judgments. Professionalism and professional ethics are terms that signify certain scholastic, interpersonal and behavioral expectations. Among the characteristics included in this context are the knowledge, competence, demeanor, attitude, appearance, mannerisms, integrity and morals displayed by the student to faculty, peers, patients, clients and colleagues in other health care professions.

Students are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a professional manner and to exhibit characteristics of a professional student.

The American Nurses Association Code of Ethics for Nurses is offered online (http://nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards.aspx). The Rules and Regulations of the Texas State Board of Nursing are also provided online (https://www.bon.texas.gov/laws_and_rules_rules_and_regulations.asp).

Students Rights and Responsibilities

Each individual student is responsible for their behavior and is expected to maintain standards of academic honesty. Students share the responsibility with faculty for creating an environment that supports academic honesty and principles of professionalism. Proper relationships between faculty and students are fundamental to the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) function and this relationship should be built on mutual respect and understanding together with shared dedication to the education process. It is a fundamental belief that each student is worthy of trust and each student has the right to live in an academic environment free of injustice caused by dishonesty. While students have an obligation to assist their fellow students in meeting the common goals of their education, students have an equal obligation to maintain the highest standards of personal integrity.

Click here (http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/schoolofnursing%20http://www.utsystem.edu/BOR/rules/50000Series/50101.pdf) to view Regents Rules 50101. The School of Nursing Code of Conduct (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/pdf/codeOfConduct.pdf), ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses (http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards/CodeofEthicsforNurses), and the Rules and Regulations of the Texas State Board of Nursing (https://www.bon.texas.gov/laws_and_rules_rules_and_regulations.asp) are all available online as well.

Faculty Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the faculty to specify in their syllabi the limits of acceptable resources that may be used for the purposes of the course. It is the responsibility of students to honor and adhere to those limits. The faculty should establish with the students what is considered to be academic dishonesty. Encouragement of group work varies greatly. Faculty shall convey to their students the acceptable level of individual versus collaborative work. Faculty, students, and administrators share
the responsibility for creating an environment that encourages academic honesty.

Social Media Guidelines

The purpose of this policy is to promote the safety and privacy of students, faculty, staff, patients, and visitors. Students and faculty members must comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) when using social media. These guidelines are informed by the American Nurses Association (http://www.nursingworld.org) Principles for Social Networking and the Nurse.

No student may post, release, or otherwise disclose photos, identifiable case descriptions, images, or records related to the educational, clinical, or research activities of the school via social networking sites (e.g., MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.), non-educational blogs, message boards, Internet websites, personal e-mail, or anything other than standard professional means of query and/or dissemination.

No student may post statements about the School of Nursing community (employees, staff, students, and visitors) that are defamatory, obscene, threatening or harassing.

Failure to comply with this policy may be a violation of legal, professional, and/or ethical obligations. Violation will result in disciplinary action by the School of Nursing up to and including dismissal from the professional nursing program.

The School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) assumes no duty to monitor Internet activity but reserves the right to take appropriate action in accordance with this policy.

Think twice before posting

Privacy does not exist in the world of social media. Before each posting, students are encouraged to consider how the item may reflect both on the author of the post and the School of Nursing. Something that would not be said in person should not be posted in social media. Imagine your posting on the front page of the local newspaper.

Strive for accuracy

Students should be certain that anything they post on a social media site is factual. The posting should be reviewed for grammatical and spelling errors, especially when posting on behalf of the School of Nursing.

Be respectful

Posted responses and comments should be respectful and considerate.

Photography

Students should be aware that photographs posted on social media sites can easily be accessed by visitors to those sites. Posting unauthorized photos on a website or social media network site can result in disciplinary action.

Rules

It is important to review the terms of service, privacy settings, and other policies of the social media network before use.

Scholastic Dishonesty

Nursing students are expected to maintain an environment of academic integrity. Actions involving scholastic dishonesty violate the professional code of ethics and are disruptive to the academic environment. Students found guilty of scholastic dishonesty including but not limited to plagiarism, falsification, sharing exam items, and misrepresentation violate the professional code of ethics and are subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal from the school.

Both professional misconduct and scholastic dishonesty are governed by the guidelines contained in the procedures and regulations governing Student Conduct and Discipline (p. 77) of the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu) contained in this Catalog. Any nursing student who fails to demonstrate to the faculty the intellectual, ethical, or behavioral attributes necessary for a member of the nursing profession is subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal.

Graduation

Official commencement ceremonies are held each year in December and May. Graduates may not participate in commencement prior to completion of their program. Official School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) graduation invitations are ordered at the Bookstore (http://uthscsa.bncollege.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet) on the Health Science Center's (http://www.uthscsa.edu) Long campus.

Graduates of the Ph.D. program are hooded at the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences commencement in May. Students are invited by the School of Nursing to attend and be recognized at the School of Nursing commencement.

Commencement is considered an important event which is steeped in tradition; therefore, we request graduates to adhere to the academic ceremonies protocol.

Student Concerns

Academic Appeals and Grievances

Student academic appeals and grievances are handled through established policies and procedures for the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) as outlined in the General Academic Policies (p. 49) section of this Catalog.

The Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services is available to explain, discuss, and facilitate this process with students and refer as appropriate to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and/or Assistant Dean. This office also deals with issues directly related to other student life concerns, including, governance, mentoring, counseling and resource needs, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator (EEOC) and concerns related to harassment, threat, or violence.

Procedure for Academic Review

Section I: Purpose of Procedure

The purpose of Academic Review is to provide the student who has a concern about grades with the opportunity to pursue the concern through administrative channels if initial discussions with the faculty member/s who assign the grades are not perceived as fair or equitable. A grievance is an accusation or complaint about a grade or unfair action regarding academic achievement in the nursing program. The student has the right to grieve a grade or unfair action if the student’s perception is that the grade received does not accurately, fairly or appropriately reflect the student’s performance.

A student may grieve grades on the following:
1. Clinical performance
2. Papers
3. Projects
4. Examination
5. Course

The student may appeal the same grade only once. From the time the grade is released, the student has 10 business days to initiate Step 1 of the grievance procedures. A grievance is not the same as a request for a second reader of a graded paper. Confidentiality is essential for all academic review/grievance procedures. Students may seek counsel or advice concerning the academic review process from the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services.

Section II: Procedure to be followed

Prior to initiation of an academic review or grievance, the student must contact the faculty involved to discuss the concern. If resolution is not achieved, the student may pursue an academic review or grievance.

Grade Appeal Process

Step 1

1. A written petition must be submitted by the student to the faculty of the class. This petition should contain:
   a. name of student
   b. course
   c. grade which is being challenged
   d. dates student received grade
   e. name of faculty member/s involved
   f. dates student met with the faculty
   g. student’s reason for grieving the grade and a brief statement of the student’s concerns.

2. Within seven business days (unless there are special circumstances, such as progression in the program, that require more rapid action), the faculty will respond to the student in writing with a decision. A written copy of the decision will also be provided. If the GAC recommends reconsideration of the grade, a rationale will be provided. If the GAC recommends reconsideration of the grade, the faculty member will consider the recommendation and inform the student and the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services of the action within seven business days unless there are special circumstances, such as progression in the program, that require more rapid action.

3. The student should retain a copy of the documents submitted for his or her records.

4. If the student concern is not resolved by the faculty in charge of the course then the grievance moves on to Step 2.

Step 2

1. A written petition will be submitted by the student to the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services who will engage the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

2. The petition should contain the same information included in Step 1.

3. The Associate Dean or Assistant Dean will review the grievance.

4. An informal hearing with the student filing the grievance may be called if the student, faculty, Associate Dean, or Assistant Dean feels it would be beneficial to discuss the complaint.

5. Within seven business days (unless there are special circumstances, such as progression in the program, that require more rapid action), the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will respond to the student in writing with a decision. A written copy of the decision will also be provided for the faculty in charge of the course for which the grade is gripped.

6. If the student is not satisfied with the decision, the grievance may proceed to Step 3.

Step 3

1. The written petition, including the same information as listed in Step 1, will be submitted by the student to the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services who will brief and forward the petition to the Dean of the School of Nursing.

2. Information supporting the decision in Step 2 should also be forwarded to the Dean by the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services. This petition should contain the nature of the problem as stated in Step 1. A statement that an attempt was made to resolve the issue directly with both the faculty and/or the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs must be included.

3. The student should keep a copy of the documents submitted for his or her record.

4. The Dean may convene an impartial (e.g.: faculty who are outside the course or the department and a student) Grades Appeals Committee (GAC), which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Dean. The manner of appointments and the number of members on the GAC shall be determined within the School of Nursing. The Chairperson of the GAC shall be appointed by the Dean. A decision will be made within seven business days unless there are special circumstances, such as progression in the program, that require more rapid action. The Chairperson of the GAC will make a recommendation to the Dean. The Dean will respond to the student in writing with a decision. A copy of the document stating the recommended decision will be sent to the faculty in charge of the course and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

   • The decision of the GAC will be directed specifically to the charge (grade is indicative of the student’s achievement or the grade is not indicative of the student’s achievement). A rationale will be provided. If the GAC recommends reconsideration of the grade, the faculty member will consider the recommendation and inform the student and the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services of the action within seven business days unless there are special circumstances, such as progression in the program, that require more rapid action.

   • A written report of the review is provided to the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services following the recommendation. The written record will be maintained in compliance with the records retention policy.

   • The timeline for meetings of the GAC will be conducted under the Health Science Center regular hours of operations. Under unusual circumstances deadlines may be extended.

Procedure for Second Readers of Papers and/or Projects

If a student disagrees with the grade given on a paper or project, he/she must discuss this with the faculty member who graded the paper. If an agreement is not reached, the following procedure will be followed to request a second reader.

1. The student must submit a written petition for a second reader to the faculty member in charge of the course no later than seven business days after receiving the grade. The petition should state which portions of the criteria are being challenged.

2. The student must also submit, to the faculty member in charge of the course, an unmarked and unaltered copy of the original paper. The
3. Through an impartial process, the faculty member in charge of the course will assign a faculty member, who is familiar with the course level and content, to serve as second reader.

4. The second reader’s evaluation will be returned to the original instructor for her/his consideration. The grade is reviewed by the second reader and faculty responsible for the course with the original faculty member assigning a final grade.

5. A request for a second reading may result in a final grade that is the same, higher, or lower than the first grade.

Non Academic Appeals and Grievances

Student appeals and grievances are handled through established policies and procedures for the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) as outlined in the General Information section of this Catalog. The Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Services is available to explain, discuss, and facilitate this process with students at any point in the process as well as to deal directly with any other student issues, including student life, governance, mentoring, counseling and resource needs, ADA, EEOC, and concerns related to harassment, threat, or violence.

Patient Safety

The nature of clinical nursing courses is such that students are involved in the direct or indirect delivery of patient care services. The primary purpose of any course is to provide education for students. However, when direct patient care is involved in the learning experience, the safety and well-being of patients are of paramount concern. Within the structure of nursing clinical courses, students are given the opportunity to demonstrate increasing independence and competence in providing nursing care as they progress through the program.

Students are expected to demonstrate achievement of clinical objectives by the end of a clinical course. If, in the instructor’s professional judgment, a student is consistently unable to provide safe nursing care to patients and cannot remedy the deficit in the given clinical time, the student will receive a grade of “F” for the course. Faculty, or staff in the clinical agency, has the right to remove a student from the clinical area at any time for cause.

CPR Requirements

Students are required to maintain American Heart Association Health Care Provider Basic Life Support certification in order to participate in clinical experiences. Students who do not have a current American Heart Association Health Care Provider Basic Life Support certification will not be allowed to participate in clinical experiences.

Clinical Sites

All students are expected to be prepared to provide nursing care for the patient(s) to whom they are assigned in each clinical activity. Students are expected to complete any other assignments that constitute preparation for activities in the clinical environment. The faculty has the right and an obligation to remove a student from a clinical setting/agency if the student is not prepared. Students assume responsibility and are liable for their own actions. Students also are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of all forms of patient information.

Students should be in the clinical agency only during scheduled times. The student’s faculty and the agency personnel must consent to all other visits. Students must obtain prior approval from their clinical instructor if they plan to contact any agency personnel. If the student is already assigned to an agency, and the purpose for the contact differs from the clinical assignment, clearance must also be obtained from the clinical instructor. Faculty assumes responsibility for the assignment in the clinical area or setting.

Students are expected to achieve the clinical objectives within the allotted time. In order to accomplish objectives, students are expected to attend every clinical session in its entirety. Failure to do this will jeopardize the student’s progression in the course. Classes and clinical practicum experiences may be held during the day or evening hours or on weekends. The time of day for class and clinical offerings varies from semester to semester and from course to course. Thus, a student may expect to attend a class or clinical practicum during the evening hours or weekend at some point during their program of study.

Clinical Passport

Undergraduate Students are required to maintain a clinical passport and have this on their person at all times while in the clinical setting.

Transportation

Students must provide their own transportation to the various agencies for clinical experience. Parking fees associated with clinical practice are the responsibility of the student.

Learning Laboratory and Center for Simulation Innovation

The Nursing Learning Laboratory and Center for Simulation Innovation was designed as a specific area where clinical competence and associated psychomotor skills are developed within the curriculum. Varied low, medium and high fidelity manikins programmed to mimic human reactions to health care interventions; task trainers and health care equipment are used by students to begin to learn how nurses care for patients and to develop confidence that will facilitate learning in the authentic clinical environment. Attendance in Learning Laboratory or Center for Simulation Innovation activities are considered clinical time. Learning is facilitated when students actively participate in the activities that have been carefully constructed for each laboratory period to promote acquisition of new competencies and continued advancement of competence. There are typically readings, study guides or other activities that students are expected to complete prior to arriving in the lab so that they are fully prepared to extract maximum value from the learning experience.

Students may gain extra practice in the laboratory outside of assigned laboratory periods. The course faculty, Simulation Specialist and graduate assistants are available to help students. They will monitor practice activities and demonstrate skills. They all collaborate to develop learning activities that are best suited to amplify student learning in the simulated environment.

The following requirements are designed to help students maximize the benefits of using this environment.

1. Students may only practice those nursing procedures that they have previously been taught during regular Learning Lab classes.
2. Graduate students, undergraduate students, and faculty may schedule practice labs with the Manager of the Learning Laboratory and Center for Simulation Innovation or her/his designees.
3. Scheduling of sessions is dependent upon availability of space and supplies.
4. In the interest of safety for all students, practice of invasive procedures requiring needles, syringes, and intravenous supplies must be supervised by a faculty member or one of the Simulation Specialists. Arrangements for such supervision are the student’s responsibility.

5. Practice sessions not requiring supervision must also be scheduled with Learning Laboratory and Center for Simulation Innovation personnel.

6. In light of the high volume of student activities scheduled in this environment, make-up labs for scheduled lab sessions are not offered, unless specifically scheduled by the faculty who will teach extra labs. Therefore, attendance is crucial.

Equipment, literature, audiovisual, and practice materials may be used in the Learning Lab, and many of these items may be checked out for use in other areas. Items to be checked out should be reserved in advance with the staff. The borrower is responsible for items on loan. The Learning Lab staff should be consulted for instructions on use, and they should be made aware of equipment not operating properly. Extra books and other nonessential items should be stored before the student enters the Lab. Lockers are available in the laboratory area. If equipment or supplies are damaged or lost the student is responsible for replacement cost.

Student Center
The Online Student Center via The Portal is a one stop center to provide services and information to assist students in achieving their academic goals. The Student Center allows students to review policies, procedures, and graduate handbooks, enroll in classes, view their bill, check financial aid status, make payments, view their holds, change address, enrollment verification and more all from a single anchor page.

Non-degree/Special Student Status
Non-degree/special student status may be considered under special circumstances and on a space available basis to an individual who wishes to enroll in a course(s) in the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) without entering a degree program. Students must communicate in writing their desire to enroll as a non-degree seeking student to the School of Nursing Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services.

- Students must receive approval of the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services. If approval is granted, a non-degree seeking application must be submitted.
- Availability for non-degree seeking status enrollment is provided only on a space-available circumstance as determined by current enrollment targets.
- A student may register as a non-degree student for a specified number of credit hours at the discretion of the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services.
- Non-degree seeking students who wish to pursue degree seeking status must formally apply for admission through NursingCAS.
- The application deadline for fall is March 1 and for spring is November 1
- Non-degree applicants are not guaranteed admissions as degree seeking students have priority for enrollment in courses.

Courses taken as a non-degree seeking student will be evaluated by the appropriate Assistant Dean for transfer credit. Please contact the Office of Admissions and Student Services (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students) for further details about the process. The School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) and the Office of the University Registrar work collaboratively to process non-degree/special student applications.

Students do not have to register consecutively for classes each semester and may skip a semester without penalty. The grading policies for non-degree students are the same as those for degree students and will be included in the student's transcript. Courses and grades taken as a non-degree student will be included in the computation of the cumulative GPA of the student admitted to a School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) undergraduate or graduate program.

International non-degree seeking students should follow the Health Science Center international visitor policy.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)
The Baccalaureate Nursing program is an upper division program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree. Candidates for the program take their first two (i.e. freshman and sophomore) years of general education credits at any accredited college of their choice.

There are two tracks of study in the B.S.N. program:

1. Accelerated Track (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/programs/ugrad/Tracks/accelerated.aspx) - designed to meet the learning needs of the individual who has completed a prior BS or higher degree in a field other than nursing. The Accelerated Track will require 15 months of continuous full time intensive study. The faculty recommends that students in this track do not work while in the program. Candidates will be admitted to this track once per year in May.

2. Traditional Track (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/programs/ugrad/Tracks/traditional.aspx) - an upper division completion track for individuals completing their first baccalaureate degree and who are not registered nurses. Students will complete this program in 2 years of study with summers off. Candidates are admitted in both the fall and spring semester of each year.

B.S.N. Admissions Requirements
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.): Traditional
Specialization, Program of Study: Nursing

Program Length: Completion of the track generally requires two years (four semesters) of full-time study.

General Admission Requirements
To be considered for admission to the Traditional Bachelor of Science (B.S.N.) Program the following factors are required:

- NursingCAS application service fee
- Complete 60 semester credit hours of required prerequisite courses. Students must complete all required math and science prerequisite courses at the time of application. For a list of required courses, click here (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/eqvTables.asp). If accepted, the remaining required courses (example: Introduction to Psychology, Growth & Development, and Introduction to Sociology) must be completed prior to the first day of new student orientation.
- Submit official transcript(s) from each post-secondary institution attended to NursingCAS. International transcripts must be evaluated
by an accredited foreign credential service. *For more information regarding international applicant requirements, click here (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/intApplicants.asp).

- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Minimum 3.0 math/science GPA
- Take the TEAs Version 5.0 Exam (For information regarding the TEAs exam content, click here (http://www.atitesting.com.).)
- Official copy of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score, if international applicant. TOEFL and IELTS scores can be no more than two (2) years old. A minimum TOEFL score of 550 is required on the paper examination; minimum 250 on the computer-based examination; or, minimum 68 on the internet based examination. A minimum IELTS score of 6.5 is required. TOEFL school code: 3383
- CPR certification – BLS for Healthcare Providers through American Heart Association
- Current Required Immunizations (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/shc/hc_immunization.asp)
- Proof of Current Health Insurance Coverage (http://students.uthscsa.edu/studentlife/2013/03/health-insurance)
- Clear Criminal Background Check
- Basic Computer Skills
- Supplemental application

**Application Deadline:** Deadline for fall entrance is February 1. Deadline for spring entrance is August 1

**Start Term:** Fall or Spring

**Contact:**

Office of Admissions & Student Services
School of Nursing
Floyd Curl Drive, MSC 7945
San Antonio, Texas 78229-3900
Phone: 210-567-5805
Toll Free: 877-235-0341
FAX 210-567-6189

http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/

**Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.): Accelerated**

Specialization, Program of Study: Nursing

Program Length: Completion of the track requires fifteen months of full-time study.

**General Admission Requirements**

To be considered for admission to the Accelerated Bachelor of Science (B.S.N.) Program the following factors are required:

- NursingCAS application service fee
- Hold or attain a non-nursing baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution prior to the start of the nursing program

- Complete 60 semester credit hours of required prerequisite courses. Students must complete all required math and science prerequisite courses at the time of application. For a list of required courses, click here (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/eqvTables.asp). If accepted, the remaining required courses (example: Introduction to Psychology, Growth & Development, and Introduction to Sociology) must be completed prior to the first day of new student orientation.
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- Clear Criminal Background Check
- Basic Computer Skills
- Supplemental application

**Application Deadline:** Deadline for May entrance is December 15. (Accelerated B.S.N. applications are accepted only once each year)

**Start Term:** May

**Contact:**

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School of Nursing
UT Health Science Center San Antonio
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http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/

**B.S.N. Degree Requirements and Graduation Requirements**

To be eligible for graduation, a student must have a 2.0 grade point average for the required 60 semester hours of upper-division course work.
At least 30 of the last 33 semester hours of the nursing major must be completed at the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu).

**Procedures for Degree Candidates**

A candidate for a degree must (1) register in the semester in which the degree is to be received and (2) file an Application for Graduation Form degree with the Office of the University Registrar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar) during the semester prior to the term in which the degree is to be granted.

Degrees will be conferred only on official dates publicly announced. Commencement ceremonies are held in December and May of each year.

**Graduation with Honors**

Students whose upper-division grade point average is above 3.4 will be awarded the degree with honors. The honors designation is noted on the diploma and the transcript, and honor students receive special recognition at graduation ceremonies. To receive these honors, students must complete at least 30 semester credit hours in residence.

Honors designations are based on the following scale:

- 3.4–3.59 Cum Laude
- 3.6–3.79 Magna Cum Laude
- 3.8–4.0 Summa Cum Laude

**Registration as a Professional Nurse**

A student seeking registration as a professional nurse must take and pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) (http://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm) administered by the Board of Nursing for the State of Texas (http://www.bne.state.tx.us). The Board may refuse to approve persons to take the licensure examination, may refuse to issue a temporary permit to any individual who has been arrested for anything other than a minor traffic violation.

Registration as a Professional Nurse

As of 1996, an individual applying for the NCLEX-RN (http://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm) examination must answer the questions listed below:

1. Have you ever been denied licensure by a licensing/certifying authority in any country, state, or province?
2. Have you ever had disciplinary action taken against you by any licensing/certifying authority in any country, state, or province?
3. Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than minor traffic violations?
4. Have you been diagnosed with or treated or hospitalized in the past five (5) years for schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder? (You may answer "no" if you have completed and/or are in compliance with TPAPN, Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (http://www.texasnurses.org/?page=TPAPN), for mental illness.)
5. Have you been addicted to or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug within the past five (5) years? (You may answer "no" if you have completed and/or are in compliance with TPAPN for substance abuse.)
6. Have you ever been issued any order concerning your eligibility for examination or licensure by this Board?

7. If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," the student must contact the Texas Board of Nursing (http://bon.texas.gov).

The student will receive information about Initial Licensure and instructions about FBI background checks through the School of Nursing.

All 120 hours for the degree must be completed before the student is eligible to take the NCLEX-RN (http://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm).

A student planning to take the NCLEX-RN in another state must obtain information regarding procedure from the agency responsible for professional nurse registration in that state.

**Registration**

Entering students must register and pay tuition and fees by the official dates listed in the Academic Calendar (http://students.uthscsa.edu/registrar/2013/04/academic-calendar) provided by the Office of the University Registrar. All students must register for courses every semester, excluding summer, as to be considered continuously enrolled. Students are expected to pre-register during stated Health Science Center required times. Students may register up to the Official first class day without late fees or penalties. Please refer to General Admission Requirements for the list of materials (and related policies) that must be received prior to registration. Those who do not register in the School of Nursing for three consecutive terms are considered to have withdrawn and their School of Nursing records are deactivated. Reactivated students may not register for courses, take examinations, submit Application for Degree or Degree Plan forms, or otherwise participate in the University community and the School of Nursing. Students must re-apply for admission.

The procedure for registration can be found on the Office of the University Registrar website.

**Degree Requirements**

Students are responsible for knowing degree requirements and for enrolling in courses that fit their degree programs. Students are likewise responsible for knowing the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) program regulations with regard to the standard of work required for continuance and eligibility for graduation.

**B.S.N. Curriculum and Plans of Study**

The undergraduate nursing curriculum is completed in two phases, the first of which is the 60 semester hours of basic liberal arts required for admission to the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) (Pre-nursing Course Requirements).

The second phase encompasses the major in nursing and is presented in the junior and senior years. The curriculum includes 60 semester hours of upper-division nursing courses at the School of Nursing. Taken in either the Traditional Track or Accelerated Track, these courses are designed to prepare the baccalaureate nurse for practice in a variety of settings and specialties.

Students may complete the 60 hours of required nursing courses through the Traditional Track or the Accelerated Track. The Traditional Track is designed to be completed in 2 years of full-time study fall and spring term. All coursework must be completed within a four year time limit. The Accelerated track is designed to be completed in 15 months full-time. The School of Nursing reserves the right to revise curriculum to remain current with national nursing practice standards.
**Traditional B.S.N.**

The Traditional B.S.N. track is designed for individuals entering the School of Nursing without prior nursing knowledge, experience, or skills. Completion of the track generally requires two years (four semesters) of full-time study.

**Traditional B.S.N. Program Plan -(Full-Time Study)**

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Accelerated B.S.N.

The Accelerated B.S.N. track is designed for individuals who hold a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing. Completion of the track requires 15 months of full-time study. The program may only be undertaken on a full-time basis. The SON faculty recommends that students not attempt outside employment during their studies due to the intensive nature of studies.

Accelerated B.S.N. Program Plan (Full-Time Study)

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### B.S.N. Program Outcomes

At the completion of the baccalaureate program the student will demonstrate the following:

1. Incorporate knowledge, skills, and attitudes from the liberal arts and sciences in professional nursing education and practice.
2. Apply knowledge and skills of organizational and systems leadership, quality improvement and patient safety in promoting safe, high-quality care for diverse patients across healthcare systems and environments.
3. Analyze and apply evidence from research and other information sources as a basis for nursing practice.
4. Incorporate knowledge and skills in using information systems and a range of patient-care technologies to facilitate delivery of quality patient care.
5. Advocate for financial and regulatory healthcare policies, processes, and environments that improve the nature and functioning of the healthcare delivery system and nursing practice.
6. Collaborate and communicate effectively with healthcare professionals to promote positive working relationships, improve patient health outcomes, and deliver quality, safe patient care.
7. Promote individual and population health by assessing factors that influence individual and population health and apply principles and culturally appropriate health promotion and disease-prevention strategies. Demonstrate consistent application of the core values of the discipline of nursing and the professional standards of moral, ethical, and legal conduct.
8. Demonstrate consistent application of the core values of the discipline of nursing and the professional standards of moral, ethical, and legal conduct.
9. Integrate the knowledge, skills, and attitudes expected of baccalaureate prepared nurses by providing professional nursing care to diverse patients and populations across the lifespan, healthcare settings, and healthcare environments.

### B.S.N. Program Policies

**Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI)**

The faculty of the School of Nursing has adopted the comprehensive program developed by Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC (ATI) (http://www.atitesting.com) as an assessment of student learning and preparation for success on the NCLEX-RN (https://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm) licensing examination. It is also hoped that this program will promote retention because it provides tutorial materials in book form, CD, and computerized practice tests that will help students and faculty evaluate acquisition of knowledge relative to content that may be seen in the licensing examination.

The ATI program is initiated during the application process for incoming students when the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills (http://www.atitesting.com/onlinestore/productpage.aspx?code=166&isproduct=1)) is administered and continues with learning assessments used throughout the program and ends with the completion of the ATI NCLEX Live Review. Purchase of the ATI materials at the beginning of the program is mandatory. Completion of all ATI materials/exams, as designated in each course syllabus falling within a given semester, is required for each undergraduate nursing student to meet the requirements for completing that course, receiving a grade, and progressing through either track of the Undergraduate Curriculum. In addition, students are required to purchase the ATI NCLEX Live Review during the fourth semester, two weeks prior...
to the Immersion experience. The learning and testing materials are designed to increase student confidence in computer-based testing, and to improve application of nursing process, critical thinking skills, and competencies required of new graduates in nursing to pass the NCLEX-RN (https://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm).

Our goal is to assure that students are well prepared academically and experientially for the licensing examination and practice in the rapidly changing healthcare environment. We have received very positive feedback from other schools in Texas and the nation on satisfaction with the ATI (http://www.atitesting.com) comprehensive program and the SON NCLEX pass rates have improved since instituting the ATI requirement.

Transfer Students

Individuals who wish to transfer into the B.S.N. program of the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) must have completed the 60 hours of pre-nursing coursework required by this institution and accumulated a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in required courses and an overall grade point average of 2.50. Applicants must also be in good standing and eligible for readmission at their current/former school of nursing. At least 30 of the final 33 hours of work in the nursing major must be completed at the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu) School of Nursing. Application deadlines are January 10 (fall), July 1 (spring) and November 2 (summer). The GPA of transfer students must be competitive for the current incoming class.

Please note any applicant who previously attended a school of nursing must be in good standing and eligible for readmission at their current/former school of nursing.

Grades and Progression

The standing of students in their work is expressed by five grades: A (excellent), B (above average), C (average), D (below average), F (failure). Students may also register in certain courses on a pass/fail basis, in which case the grade is recorded as either Pass (P) or Fail (F) and no letter grade is assigned. All required nursing theory courses in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program Traditional and Accelerated tracks must be taken for a letter grade. A grade may not be changed after it has been reported to the Registrar unless an error has been made by the instructor. Clinical courses are graded as P or F.

Although a grade of D can be earned in a required nursing course, it is a failing grade and a grade of C or higher is necessary for progression to the next required course in the sequence for graduation. In elective nursing courses, credit may be earned for a grade of D.

In computing the grade point average, the following scale of points per semester credit hour is used:

A = 4 points (90-100)
B = 3 points (80-89)
C = 2 points (70-79)
D = 1 point (60-69)
F = 0 points (59 or below)

Note: Final numeric grades are calculated to two decimal places and rounded mathematically as follows:

• Less than 0.50 – Round down to next whole number – (i.e.”89.49” would be rounded to “89”)

• 0.50 or greater – Round up to next whole number – “90.50” would be rounded to “91”

Students must make a “C” (70) or higher in all nursing courses to progress in the program.

Satisfactory Progress

To be considered as making satisfactory progress, a student must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above with no grade lower than C in required upper-division nursing courses.

Students will be required to take the nationally normed ATI tests throughout the program, the ATI comprehensive predictor examination at the end of the program and the ATI NCLEX Live Review prior to graduation and/or taking the licensing exam.

Dean’s List

The GPA for full-time students for Dean’s List is 3.5. Fall and spring students should be enrolled at least 12 hours, and 6 hours for summer.

Progression in the Program

Students must earn a C or above in each required course of the undergraduate program in order to progress in the program. An undergraduate student who earns a D, F, or WF in a required nursing course must repeat the course in question during the semester immediately following receipt of a failing grade or during the next semester in which the course is offered following receipt of a failing grade based on space-available. Newly admitted students, enrolled students, and students who have withdrawn in good standing have priority over other students seeking to repeat a course.

Students who receive a D, F or WF in a clinical course must request permission to repeat a clinical course. Requests to repeat the course will be reviewed by the Committee on Undergraduate Studies (COUS). Course and clinical faculty will review the performance of the failing student and will make recommendations to the COUS based on the student’s overall performance in the course in question. Students who have a documented pattern of unsafe or unprofessional clinical performance during the semester and have not improved following remediation will be rated as low priority for repeating the course and may not be permitted to repeat the course. Therefore, the student who is not granted permission to repeat a failed course in the semester immediately following a failure or during the next semester in which the course is offered due to a documented pattern of significant unprofessional or unsafe performance will be dismissed from the nursing program.

Unsafe clinical performance is defined as “an act that is harmful or potentially detrimental to the patient, self, or other health personnel (Luhanga, Yonge, and Myrick, 2008, p.1).” Unprofessional conduct is defined as the rules set forth in the Texas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulation § 217.12. Unprofessional Conduct. The purpose of these rules is to identify unprofessional or dishonorable behaviors of a nurse which the board believes are likely to deceive, defraud, or injure clients or the public. Actual injury to a client need not be established.

Students who earn a D, F, or WF in a required course, or whose average falls below C (GPA falls below 2.0), will be placed on academic probation for one semester/term. If at the end of the semester/term, the student has achieved a GPA of 2.0 or above with no grade lower than C in required nursing courses, he or she will be removed from academic probation.
Students who earn a D, F, or WF in two required nursing course (or from the same course twice) will be dismissed academically from the undergraduate nursing program and will be ineligible for readmission.

Advisement Program for Students on Academic Probation

A student who is allowed to repeat a course, or who is on academic probation will be required to participate in an advisement program. The student will be required to sign a contract with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs agreeing to participate in the advisement program. The student will also be required to meet regularly for the advisement program with the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services. Failure to comply with the contract constitutes cause for dismissal.

Scholastic Probation

A student whose GPA falls below 2.0 but has no grade lower than C in required upper-division nursing courses will be placed on scholastic probation for one semester/term. If at the end of the semester/term, the student has achieved a GPA of 2.0 or above with no grade lower than C in required nursing courses, he or she will be removed from scholastic probation.

A student who fails to remediate her or his probationary status in one semester/term will be dismissed and will be ineligible for readmission.

Examinations

Examinations must be taken on the date and time scheduled. Policies regarding missed examinations are stated in course syllabi.

Graduate Credit

Undergraduate students may be eligible to take graduate courses in nursing. These credit hours taken by undergraduate students may be applied toward the graduate degree as long as these credits are not used toward the undergraduate degree. Credit hours may be applied toward the graduate degree only after the student has been admitted to and is enrolled in the graduate program.

Outside Employment

The nursing program expects students to be enrolled full-time. Full-time students are encouraged not to plan full-time employment while enrolled in the program. A student’s combined employment and semester-hour load should not exceed 40 hours per week.

Students may be employed as unlicensed care givers such as patient care assistants and certified nursing assistants, performing functions for which they have received training in the institution and for which the institution has a clearly discernible policy either in writing or by precedent defining the scope of these functions. Any individual not licensed in the State of Texas, or a Compact State with multi-state privileges, to practice professional nursing who engages in such practice is doing so illegally and may be prosecuted accordingly. Supervision by the professional, licensed nurse does not provide protection to the student or make the student’s actions legal.

Students should be aware that: (1) the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) assumes no responsibility for their activities as an employee of an agency; (2) the students are personally responsible and liable for any activity they participate in while employed; (3) professional liability insurance purchased by students through the School of Nursing is only valid in their student roles, not their employment roles; (4) individuals who practice illegally may jeopardize their future. Persons who are convicted of violation of the Nurse Practice Act may not be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN (http://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm) and subsequently receive licensure.

Students employed in an agency have the responsibility, personally and professionally, to engage only in those activities which fall within their job description as nonprofessional workers (i.e., aides). They have a responsibility to refuse to participate in activities that they have not been legally licensed to perform (i.e., giving medication, assuming total responsibility for a division, etc.).

Students may not wear their school uniform, patch or student name badge at their place of employment.

Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)

The Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) program (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/programs/grad/msn_major.aspx) is comprised of seven majors: (1) Administrative Management, (2) Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL), (3) Family Nurse Practitioner, (4) Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, (5) Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care, (6) Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, and (7) Nursing Education. Students can enter the program as traditional Post-Baccalaureates in Nursing, completing 40-50 semester credit hours of graduate level coursework.

Students without a B.S.N. can enter the Alternate Entry Masters Degree for ADN/Diploma RNs program (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/programs/grad/msn_aem.aspx) and select from the following majors: (1) Clinical Nurse Leader, (2) Administrative Management, (3) Family Nurse Practitioner, (4) Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, (5) Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care, (6) Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, and (7) Nursing Education. Students complete 21 semester credit hours of undergraduate level coursework while beginning their graduate level courses to earn the Master’s degree.

M.S.N. Admissions Requirements

Degree: M.S.N.

Specialization, Program of Study: Nursing, Administrative Management, Clinical Nurse Leader, Nursing Education, Nurse Practitioner (Family Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner).

Program Length: 2 - 3 Years

Admissions Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) Program the following factors are required:

• Online application submitted via NursingCAS (http://nursingcas.org). View a video overview (http://www.screencast.com/t/TYbelPyAD) on completing NursingCAS application.
• NursingCAS application service fee
• Bachelor’s in Nursing
• Submit official transcript(s) from each post-secondary institution attended, even if no degree awarded, to NursingCAS. International transcripts must be evaluated by an accredited foreign credential...
service. *For more information regarding international applicant requirements, click here (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/intApplicants.asp).

- Grade Point Average of "B" (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required
- Basic statistics course
- Official copy of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score, if international applicant. TOEFL and IELTS scores can be no more than two (2) years old. A minimum TOEFL score of 550 is required on the paper examination; minimum 250 on the computer-based examination; or, minimum 68 on the internet based examination. A minimum IELTS score of 6.5 for graduate admission is required. TOEFL school code: 3383
- Licensure as a Registered Nurse in Texas or compact state with multistate privileges
- Current BLS for Healthcare Providers Certification through the American Heart Association. Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner majors will need to possess Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) certification through the American Heart Association.
- Current Required Immunizations (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/shc/hc_immunization.asp)
- Proof of Current Health Insurance Coverage (http://students.uthscsa.edu/studentlife/2013/03/health-insurance)
- Clear Criminal Background Check
- Basic Computer Skills
- Three Professional References (Submit via NursingCAS application)
- Professional Goal Statement/Essay (Submit via Supplemental Application, not via NursingCAS application)
- Current resume or curriculum vita

**Application Deadline:** Deadline for fall entrance is February 1.

**Start Term:** Fall only.

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San Antonio, Texas 78229-3900
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Toll Free: 877-235-0341
FAX 210-567-6189
http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/

**Degree: M.S.N.: Alternate-Entry**
Specialization, Program of Study: Nursing, Administrative Management, Clinical Nurse Leader, Nursing Education, Nurse Practitioner (Family Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner).

Program Length: 3 - 4 Years

**General Admission Requirements**
To be considered for admission to the Alternate Entry Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) Program the following factors are required:

- NursingCAS application service fee
- Associate's Degree or Diploma in Nursing from an NLNAC accredited program
- Submit official transcript(s) from each post-secondary institution attended to NursingCAS. International transcripts must be evaluated by an accredited foreign credential service. *For more information regarding international applicant requirements, click here (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/intApplicants.asp).
- Grade Point Average of "B" (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required
- Complete all 60 hours of required prerequisites courses. For a list of required courses, click here (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/eqvTables.asp)
- Official copy of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score, if international applicant. TOEFL and IELTS scores can be no more than two (2) years old. A minimum TOEFL score of 550 is required on the paper examination; minimum 250 on the computer-based examination; or, minimum 68 on the internet based examination. A minimum IELTS score of 6.5 for graduate admission is required. TOEFL school code: 3383
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M.S.N. Degree Requirements and Graduation

For the Master of Science in Nursing degree, a minimum of 36 semester credit hours of upper-division and graduate courses is required. All coursework must be completed within five years of enrollment in the program. A student must achieve no less than the total number of semester credit hours for the specific major/degree program, which may exceed 36 semester credit hours, in order to graduate.

The program of study includes required core courses and major courses. Graduate electives are offered in the School of Nursing or they may be taken at other universities.

To graduate, a student must have an overall minimum GPA of 3.0, at least a 3.0 average in nursing courses, no more than one C in a required course, and no incomplete grades.

The program is designed to be completed in 24 months of full-time study for entering in the fall, however, part-time enrollment is feasible within the program plan. Selected courses may be offered during summer sessions, but students should not anticipate completing the program by attending summer sessions only or by attending less than four regular semesters. A clinical preceptorship also may be required.

M.S.N. Curriculum and Plans of Study

M.S.N. Semester Credit Hour Requirements

Graduate courses required for the M.S.N. vary per major. All master’s students are required to take 24 hours of coursework in residence. The program is completed through full-time or part-time enrollment.

M.S.N. Required Core Courses

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Alternate Entry - Master of Science in Nursing Option

The Alternate Entry M.S.N. for ADN/Diploma RNs requires completion of 21 semester credit hours of undergraduate nursing courses at the School of Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu) with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Of the minimum 40 semester credit hours of upper-division and graduate courses required for the M.S.N., 24 credit hours of coursework must be taken in residence. Full or Part-time enrollment is available.

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Total Credit Hours: 180.0

Clinical Nurse Leader Alternate Entry option requires a total of 61 semester credit hours and 675 clinical hours (includes BSN and MSN requirements).

Nurse Practitioner option requires a total of 71 semester credit hours and 840 clinical hours (includes BSN and MSN requirements).

1 Administrative Management Alternate Entry option requires a total of 64 semester credit hours and 720 clinical hours (includes BSN and MSN requirements).

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2 60 clinical hours in health assessment for each nurse practitioner major are not applicable for certification

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP)

The role of the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP) is to provide advanced nursing care across the continuum of health care services to meet the specialized physiologic and psychological needs of patients with complex acute, critical, and chronic health conditions.

AG-ACNP Courses - taken in addition to core courses

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Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)

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**Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Major Courses**

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1 600 clinical hours apply to certification requirements.

*The Theoretical Core Courses for All Graduate Students courses and the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Major Courses are required for a total of 50 semester credit hours. In the post-graduate option, each applicant is evaluated individually.*

**Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)**

This major addresses populations from newborns to the aging in primary care settings. Applicants for the FNP clinical major are encouraged to...
make a commitment to work with medically underserved populations, as defined by federal guidelines, upon completion of the program.

**FNP Courses - taken in addition to core courses**

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NURS5339 Leadership For Quality, Safety And Health Policy 3

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1 600 clinical hours apply to certification requirements

The Theoretical Core Courses for All Graduate Students courses and the Family Nurse Practitioner Major Courses are required for a total of 50 semester credit hours. In the post-graduate option, each applicant is evaluated individually.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)

This major addresses primary care of patients or persons with mental health or psychiatric problems.

PMHNP Courses - taken in addition to core courses

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The Theoretical Core Courses for All Graduate Students courses and the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Major Courses are required for a total of 50 semester credit hours. In the post-graduate option, each applicant is evaluated individually.

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care (PNPPC)

This major focuses on primary care for newborns through adolescents.
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Total Credit Hours: 660.0

1 600 clinical hours apply to certification requirements

The Theoretical Core Courses for All Graduate Students courses and the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Major Courses are required for a total of 50 semester credit hours. In the post-graduate option, each applicant is evaluated individually.

Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL)

The Clinical Nurse Leader is prepared to be a direct care provider accountable for the care outcomes of a clinical population or a specified group of patients/clients in a health care system. Clinical Nurse Leader graduates must complete a total of 40 semester credit hours.

Standards for the Clinical Nurse Leader M.S.N. program are established by The American Association of the Colleges of Nursing (AACN). Graduates are eligible for certification as a CNL.

CNL Courses - taken in addition to core courses

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**Total Credit Hours:**

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1. 450 clinical hours apply to certification requirements

The Theoretical Core Courses for All Graduate Students courses and the Clinical Nurse Leader Major Courses are required for a total of 40 semester credit hours.

### Administrative Management

The Administrative Manager is prepared to lead and manage nursing care departments and service lines across the continuum of care.

Administrative Management graduates must complete 43 semester credit hours.

2. Standards for nursing administrative M.S.N. programs are established by the specialty organization, The American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) (http://www.aone.org). Graduates are eligible for certification as a Certified Nurse Manager Leader for the credential, CNML; and from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (http://www.nursecredentialing.org) as a Nurse Executive for the credential, NE-BC.

**Administrative Management Courses - taken in addition to core courses**

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### Nursing Education Courses

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M.S.N. Program Outcomes

At the completion of the program Masters of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) graduates will demonstrate the following:

1. Integrate scientific findings from nursing and related sciences, including genetics and genomics, into the delivery of advanced nursing care to populations in diverse settings.
2. Demonstrate organizational and systems leadership to assure ethical and critical decision making at all systems' levels for quality and patient safety.
3. Incorporate performance improvement technologies for quality, safety, and patient-centered care delivery.
4. Use improvement science to achieve optimal patient care and care environmental outcomes.
5. Integrate meaningful and usable information systems and healthcare technologies to support and improve safe, quality patient care and healthcare systems effectiveness.
6. Advocate for policy changes that influence health care at appropriate levels.
7. Lead interprofessional teams using collaborative strategies to effect quality patient care and population health outcomes.
8. Analyze and incorporate broad ecological and social health determinants to design and deliver evidence-based clinical prevention and population health care and services to individuals, families, and aggregates/identified populations.
9. Integrate the advanced competencies expected of a master's-prepared nurse to design, deliver, and evaluate outcomes of systems of care for individuals, families, and diverse populations.
Advisement

After acceptance, each student enrolled in the graduate program is assigned a faculty advisor and an advisor in the Office for Academic Affairs. Each student is expected to contact her/his advisor at least once a semester at the time of preregistration for the subsequent semester. Please see School of Nursing Graduate Student Handbook for details about the advisement process.

Independent Study

Graduate students may design their own independent study courses for one to four semester hours of credit. Guidelines for design and approval of Independent Studies are available from the Office for Academic Affairs. CGS must approve the Independent Study before the student may register for the course. Courses for summer and fall must be approved in the spring; courses for spring must be approved during the fall semester.

Dissertation

The Graduate School Instructions for Preparation and Submission of Thesis, Dissertations, and Dissertation Abstracts and forms for advisor approval are available from the GSBS (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu) website. Doctoral students should obtain a copy of the Guidelines that provide information about the dissertation process.

Teaching Assistants

Opportunities are available for graduate nursing students enrolled part-time to work as teaching assistants in the School of Nursing. Interested applicants should contact the Office of Admissions and Student Services in the School of Nursing for additional information.

Transfer of Credit

Academic work for the Master of Science in Nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practice are usually completed within the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu). However, students may, with the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS), transfer from another accredited institution a maximum of six semester credit hours (9 quarter hours) of graduate credit to their course of study leading toward the Master of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice or Ph.D. in Nursing degrees. Students in the DNP Public Health Nurse Leader track may transfer any eligible University of Texas School of Public Health (UTSPH) course. Only one eligible UTSPH course with a grade of ‘C’ will be accepted provided that the student has not earned a C in another required course in the DNP program. Transfer of all other eligible UTSPH credits must show a grade of ‘A’ or ‘B’.

Additional graduate courses may be transferred from other accredited institutions upon the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS), with the number not to exceed an additional six semester credit hours. Approval of courses beyond the six semester hours or courses to be accepted in lieu of required, clinical major or minor courses must be submitted to COGS. The student may obtain additional information about materials that must be submitted with the petition from the Office for Academic Affairs. Approval of any course for transfer, prior to registration for the course, is strongly recommended. Ph.D. students must consult with their advisor prior to registering for cognate courses taken outside the School of Nursing.

Approval of transfer credit requires that the student be enrolled in the graduate program. The student must complete a Request for Transfer of Credit form and submit it to the Office for Academic Affairs with an official course description from the Catalog and must make certain that an official transcript, sent directly from the college or university attended, is in her/his file or request that a transcript be sent as soon as the course is completed. All courses must have been completed not more than five years before the degree is awarded. Courses in which a grade of C or less has been earned will not be accepted for transfer (see exception for students enrolled in the DNP Public Health Nurse Leader).

Correspondence Courses

Courses completed by correspondence are not accepted for graduate credit.

Honors

A graduate nursing student whose grade point average is 4.0 is awarded her/his degree with Honors.

Grades and Grade Point Average

The standing of students in their work is expressed by five grades: A (above average graduate work), B (average graduate work), C (below average graduate work), D (failing graduate work), and F (failing graduate work). D and F grades are not acceptable for graduate credit. Students may also register in certain courses on a pass/fail basis, in which case the grade is recorded as either Pass (P) or Fail (F) and no letter grade is assigned.

Other symbols used in reporting the standing of students in their classes are: WP=withdrawal from course passing; WF=withdrawal from course failing; I=incomplete; IP=in progress (for selected courses); S=satisfactory; U=unsatisfactory; AU records an audited course.

Courses in which a student receives a D or F will not be counted toward the total number of courses and/or hours required for a graduate degree in the School of Nursing or the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. However, all grades (A to F) are included in the computation of the grade point average. In computing the grade point average, the following scale of points per semester credit hour is used:

- A = 4 points (90-100)
- B = 3 points (80-89)
- C = 2 points (70-79)
- D = 1 point (60-69)
- F = 0 points (Below 60)

Progression in the Graduate Program

To continue in the graduate program, a student must:

- absolve any contingencies related to admission to the program within the time period stated in the letter of admission, or within the first semester if not stated;
- maintain satisfactory progress (B average in first 9 hours) if conditionally admitted;
- receive no more than one C in any required course;
- maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of B (3.0) for all courses taken while enrolled in the graduate program.
Should a student fail to meet the criteria for continuance in the program, her/his progress will be reviewed by the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) which may:

- impose conditions as requirements for continuation in the program, or
- terminate the student’s enrollment in the program, with the consent of the Dean of the School of Nursing or the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu).

Scholastic Probation
A student whose cumulative grade point average or nursing grade point average falls below 3.0 will be placed on probation and warned that continuation in the graduate program is in jeopardy.

The probation period shall extend no longer than two consecutive semesters of enrollment. No more than one probationary period shall be permitted. NURE (elective) courses may not be taken during the probationary period, and the student may not drop any course after the first class day.

To be removed from probation, the student must achieve a 3.0 cumulative grade point average by the completion of the probationary period. Failure to accomplish the required average will result in the student’s dismissal from the program.

The progress of students on probation will be reviewed by the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) each semester. A student on probation will not be admitted to candidacy nor awarded a degree. Satisfactory progress toward the degree is required throughout the student’s enrollment. The Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) may terminate a student’s enrollment at any time if the student does not meet the criteria for continuance in the program.

Probation Policy and Procedure
1. Definition: Probation is the status of the student whose progression in the program may be delayed, interrupted or conditional due to the criteria listed below.

2. Criteria for Probation in the Nursing Program includes any one of the following:
   a. Earning a grade of “C” in a graduate course required for the program
   b. Earning a grade in a required graduate course that drops the GPA below 3.0
   c. Failure to meet any of the School of Nursing Policies related to academic or professional conduct
   d. Failure to meet the terms of professional integrity standards defined in the current University Catalog (http://catalog.uthscsa.edu), the Texas State Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/npa.html), the Texas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/rr.html) and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics (http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards/CodeofEthicsforNurses)

3. Probation Procedure
   a. Initial Review of Recommendation for Probation
      i. The faculty member of record for each course will notify, in writing, a student who meets the criteria set forth in provision 2 and refer the student to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs within 2 business days of the occurrence of the criteria set forth in provision 2.
      ii. The student may present his/her case to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, if requested in writing, within 3 business days of notification of the probation recommendation. If the student wishes to bring a person outside of the School of Nursing to the meeting, he/she must indicate this in the request to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. If the person attending the meeting with the student is an attorney, the meeting will be held with the University attorney present.
      iii. The final decision for probation and the terms of the probation may include, but are not limited, any one of the following:
         • Referral of the student to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
         • Referral of the student to the faculty to devise a written plan for academic success
         • Referral of the student to the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services for non-academic support
   b. If the review results in validation of the criteria set forth in provision 2, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will recommend in writing one or more of the following actions to the Dean of the School of Nursing:
      i. Earning a Grade of C or a grade that drops the GPA below 3.0
      1. A written “Probation Letter of Expectation” that determines the length and conditions of the probation period which may include, but are not limited, any one of the following:
         • Referral of the student to resources and support services for academic success
         • Referral of the student to the faculty to devise a written plan for academic success.
         • Referral of the student to the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services for non-academic support
      ii. Failure to meet School of Nursing Policies or failure to meet the terms of professional integrity standards defined in the current University Catalog, the Texas State Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/npa.html), the Texas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/rr.html) and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics (http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards/CodeofEthicsforNurses)

   1. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will present a recommendation for the “Probation Letter of Expectation” that determines the length and conditions of the probation to the Committee on Graduate Studies.
   2. The Committee on Graduate Studies will act on the recommendation for the “Probation Letter of Expectation”.

   iii. The final decision for probation and the terms of the probation will be made by the Committee on Graduate Studies and will be delivered to the student in writing by certified letter to the student’s address of record and copied to the Dean of the School of Nursing.
   iv. When indicated, the incident will be reported to the local law enforcement agency and/or other appropriate agencies, institutions, and/or regulatory bodies by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.
   v. If the review of the recommendation for probation results in a recommendation for dismissal, the policy and procedure for dismissal will supersede the policy and procedure for probation.

Dismissal Policy and Procedure
1. Definition: Dismissal is the removal of a student from the School of Nursing Graduate Program. A student who is dismissed from the
2. Criteria for Dismissal from the Graduate Nursing Program includes any one of the following:
   a. Earning a grade of “D”, “F”, “WF” or “Fail” in any required graduate course
   b. Earning a grade of “C” in 6 or more credit hours of required graduate coursework regardless of cumulative GPA or in two required graduate courses regardless of the number of credit hours and cumulative GPA
   c. Failure to meet the conditions of the School of Nursing “Probation Letter of Expectation”
   d. Failure to meet the terms of professional integrity and ethical standards defined in the current University Catalog, the Texas State Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/npa.html), the Texas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/rr.html) and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics (http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards/CodeofEthicsforNurses). When indicated, the incident will be reported to the local law enforcement agency and/or other appropriate agencies, institutions, and/or regulatory bodies.
   e. Failure to notify the school of non-matriculation for two consecutive semesters (excluding summers). Students must re-apply for admission.

3. Dismissal Procedure
   a. The faculty member of record for each course will notify, in writing, a student who meets the criteria set forth in provision 2 and refer the student to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs within 2 business days of the occurrence of the criteria set forth in provision 2.
   b. When a student meets criteria in provision 2 above, he or she will be dismissed from his or her program. The student will receive notification of dismissal via a certified letter from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, with copies sent to the student’s advisor, the Dean of the School of Nursing, the student’s file in the Graduate Office and to the Registrar for the student’s permanent record. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs has full authority to proceed autonomously according to policy, but may choose to seek input from the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS).
   A student who is dismissed from his or her program is not eligible to register for additional courses. If the student has already registered for subsequent courses, the student will be required to unenroll.

4. Student Appeal of Dismissal
   a. In the event of extenuating circumstances, a student may choose to appeal dismissal from his or her program. All appeals are presented to and reviewed by the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS).

   A request for appeal of dismissal and presentation to COGS must be sent by the student in writing to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs within 3 business days of receiving the certified letter of dismissal. The student must indicate in the request if he or she wishes to bring a person outside of the School of Nursing to the meeting. If the person attending the meeting with the student is an attorney, the meeting will be held with the University attorney present. The student may also request to bring his or her academic advisor or other appropriate faculty to the meeting with COGS. The Committee on Graduate Studies may request University employees or supervising clinical agency personnel attend the appeal or meet with them prior to deliberating. A review of the student’s records may also be conducted.

   The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will notify the student, in writing, that his or her case will be presented to the Committee on Graduate Studies. The written communication will include the date and time of the presentation. Student presentations are limited to a maximum of 15 minutes.

   b. After the student presentation is concluded, and any additional information deemed appropriate to the situation is obtained, the Committee on Graduate Studies will review all information related to the criteria set forth in provision 2 for adherence to process and outcome actions. The faculty voting members of the Committee on Graduate Studies, in closed deliberation with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, can recommend one or more of the following actions:
      i. Uphold the decision to dismiss the student from the School of Nursing Graduate Program
      ii. Amend the dismissal decision to probation in the Graduate Nursing Program per explicit terms and expectations deemed appropriate by COGS and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
      iii. Reconsideration of dismissal due to adherence concerns with process; including next steps

   c. A written recommendation from the Chairperson of the Committee on Graduate Studies will be made to the Dean of the School of Nursing.

   d. The final decision will be made by the Dean and will be delivered to the student in writing by certified letter to the student’s address of record. A student who receives probation in the Graduate Nursing Program is not eligible to re-enroll in courses the semester immediately following the semester in which the student originally met criteria for dismissal. A student who is dismissed from the School of Nursing may not continue in the Graduate Nursing Program and is not eligible for readmission.

Petition

Students may petition the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) for the consideration of relevant issues influencing program progression and/or completion. Students who wish to petition COGS should consult with their advisors, and then complete the Student Petition Form that is available from the Office for Academic Affairs. Decisions regarding the petition will be communicated in writing to the students.

Petitions for reconsideration of the decision of COGS are reviewed by the Dean of the School of Nursing. The Dean’s decisions are final.

Repetition of a Course

Credit for courses in which a D or F is received may not be repeated and is grounds for dismissal as indicated in the dismissal policy.

The Semester Credit Hour

The unit of measure for credit purposes is the semester credit hour. One semester credit hour is given for each one clock hour of class or one clock hour of seminar for didactic courses. Three clock hours per one semester credit hour of laboratory/practicum/computer lab experience per week, per semester is given in the Administrative Management and Clinical Nurse
Leader (CNL) majors. Four clock hours per one semester credit hour of laboratory/practicum/computer lab experience per week, per semester is given in the Nurse Practitioner majors, Nursing Education major, and all tracks in the DNP Program. For selected sessions and summer sessions during which the class, seminar, and practicum hours are concentrated, equivalent clock hours are provided.

**Thesis and Dissertation Course Report**

Thesis and dissertation courses may be reported as In Progress (IP) until the work is completed. Thesis and dissertation courses are not counted in the grade point average.

**Examinations**

Examinations must be taken on the date and time scheduled. If extenuating circumstances prevent the student from taking an examination, prior approval must be granted by the course instructor to postpone the examination. If a student misses an examination without prior approval by the instructor, a grade of F will be recorded for the examination.

**Readmission**

Individuals who have previously been enrolled in graduate nursing courses should complete an Application for Readmission. Transcripts from any colleges or universities attended since the time of the previous enrollment in the graduate programs must be submitted. Applicants may be requested to provide recent professional references. Proof of current licensure as a registered nurse in Texas is also required.

Individuals who have not registered in three consecutive terms, excluding summers, must apply for readmission unless they were previously granted official permission for leave of absence.

Those seeking readmission are subject to all requirements, procedures, and acceptance considerations outlined in this Catalog.

**Post-Graduate Certificate**

MSN-prepared nurses interested in obtaining a Post-Graduate Certificate (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/programs/grad/msn_post.aspx) as a Nurse Practitioner may select from four areas of specialization: (1) Adult Gerontology-Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, (2) Family Nurse Practitioner, (3) Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care, and (4) Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Students can expect to take a minimum of 26 semester credit hours towards their certificate. However, total semester credit hours needed for completion is determined on a case-by-case basis once admission is offered.

MSN-prepared nurses interested in obtaining a Post Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education must complete a minimum of 15 semester credit hours towards their certificate. However, total semester credit hours needed for completion is determined on a case-by-case basis once admission is offered.

**Post-Graduate Certificate Admissions Requirements**

**Specialization, Program of Study:** Family Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Nursing Education

**Length:** 1 to 2 years

**General Admission Requirements:**

- Online application submitted via NursingCAS (http://nursingcas.org). View a video overview (http://www.screencast.com/t/TYbeIyPyAD) on completing NursingCAS application.
- NursingCAS application fee
- Master’s in Nursing
  - Completion of a graduate course in health assessment with a grade of “B” or better.
  - Completion of a graduate pathophysiology course with a grade of “B” or better.
  - Completion of a graduate pharmacology course with a grade of “B” or better.
- Submit official transcript(s) from each post-secondary institution attended, even if no degree awarded, to NursingCAS. International transcripts must be evaluated by an accredited foreign credential service. For more information regarding international applicant requirements, click here (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/intApplicants.asp).
  - Grade Point Average of “B” (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required
  - Basic statistics course
  - Official copy of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score, if international applicant. TOEFL and IELTS scores can be no more than two (2) years old. A minimum TOEFL score of 550 is required on the paper examination; minimum 250 on the computer-based examination; or, minimum 68 on the internet based examination. A minimum IELTS score of 6.5 for graduate admission is required. TOEFL school code: 3383
  - Licensure as a Registered Nurse in Texas or Compact State with multi-state privileges
  - Current BLS for Healthcare Providers Certification through the American Heart Association. Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner majors will need to possess Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) certification through the American Heart Association.
  - Current Required Immunizations (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/shc/hc_immunization.asp)
  - Proof of Current Health Insurance Coverage (http://students.uthscsa.edu/studentlife/2013/03/health-insurance)
  - Clear Criminal Background Check
  - Basic Computer Skills
  - Three Professional References (Submit via NursingCAS application)
  - Professional Goal Statement/Essay (Submit via Supplemental Application, not via NursingCAS application)
  - Current resume or curriculum vita

**Application Deadline:** Deadline for summer entrance is February 1

**Start Term:** Summer or Spring

**Contact:**

Office of Admissions & Student Services
School of Nursing
UT Health Science Center at San Antonio
7703 Floyd Curl Drive, MSC 7945
San Antonio, Texas 78229-3900
Post-Graduate Certificate Requirements and Graduation

The Post Graduate Certificate Program option is available for students who hold a Master's degree in nursing and desire a Nurse Practitioner specialization in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care, Family, Pediatric Primary Care, Psychiatric Mental Health, or Nursing Education.

Students must complete the following pre-requisites

- A graduate course in health assessment with a grade of “B” or better.
- A graduate pathophysiology course with a grade of “B” or better.
- A graduate pharmacology course with a grade of “B” or better.

Post-Graduate Certificate Curriculum and Plans of Study

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Post-Graduate Certificate students are subject to general and graduate policies of the Master’s degree program and the School of Nursing. Students who complete the certificate program are eligible to take National credentialing boards.

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Graduate Program Policies

General Information

Information about academic progression, policies, or procedures, as well as curriculum information, may be obtained from the Office for Academic Affairs.

Ph.D. students should refer to the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu) Catalog.

Current Licensure as a Registered Nurse

Each graduate nursing student is required to maintain current licensure in good standing as a registered nurse in Texas, or a Compact State with multistate privileges, throughout the graduate program. Students must provide a copy of the license verification to the Office for Academic Affairs. Failure to maintain a current license in good standing or to produce proof of current licensure in good standing is grounds for dismissal from the program. International students in the Ph.D. program should contact the Ph.D. program director regarding applicable licensure requirements.

Advisement

After acceptance, each student enrolled in the graduate program is assigned a faculty advisor and an advisor in the Office for Academic Affairs. Each student is expected to contact her/his advisor at least once a semester at the time of preregistration for the subsequent semester. Please see School of Nursing Graduate Student Handbook for details about the advisement process.

Independent Study

Graduate students may design their own independent study courses for one to four semester hours of credit. Guidelines for design and approval of Independent Studies are available from the Office for Academic Affairs. COGS must approve the Independent Study before the student may register for the course. Courses for summer and fall must be approved in the spring; courses for spring must be approved during the fall semester.

Dissertation

The Graduate School Instructions for Preparation and Submission of Thesis, Dissertations, and Dissertation Abstracts and forms for advisor approval are available from the GSBS (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu) website. Doctoral students should obtain a copy of the Guidelines that provide information about the dissertation process.

Teaching Assistants

Opportunities are available for graduate nursing students enrolled part-time to work as teaching assistants in the School of Nursing. Interested applicants should contact the Office of Admissions and Student Services in the School of Nursing for additional information.

Transfer of Credit

Academic work for the Master of Science in Nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practice are usually completed within the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu). However, students may, with the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS), transfer from another accredited institution a maximum of six semester credit hours (9 quarter hours) of graduate credit applicable to their course of study leading toward the Master of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice or Ph.D. in Nursing degrees. Students in the DNP Public Health Nurse Leader track may transfer any eligible University of Texas School of Public Health
(UTSPH) course. Only one eligible UTSPH course with a grade of ‘C’ will be accepted provided that the student has not earned a C in another required course in the DNP program. Transfer of all other eligible UTSPH credits must show a grade of ‘A’ or ‘B’.

Additional graduate courses may be transferred from other accredited institutions upon the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS), with the number not to exceed an additional six semester credit hours. Approval of courses beyond the six semester hours or courses to be accepted in lieu of required, clinical major or minor courses must be submitted to COGS. The student may obtain additional information about materials that must be submitted with the petition from the Office for Academic Affairs. Approval of any course for transfer, prior to registration for the course, is strongly recommended. Ph.D. students must consult with their advisor prior to registering for cognate courses taken outside the School of Nursing.

Approval of transfer credit requires that the student be enrolled in the graduate program. The student must complete a Request for Transfer of Credit form and submit it to the Office for Academic Affairs with an official course description from the Catalog and must make certain that an official transcript, sent directly from the college or university attended, is in her/his file or request that a transcript be sent as soon as the course is completed. All courses must have been completed not more than five years before the degree is awarded. Courses in which a grade of C or less has been earned will not be accepted for transfer (see exception for students enrolled in the DNP Public Health Nurse Leader).

Correspondence Courses

Courses completed by correspondence are not accepted for graduate credit.

Honors

A graduate nursing student whose grade point average is 4.0 is awarded her/his degree with High Honors.

Grades and Grade Point Average

The standing of students in their work is expressed by five grades: A (above average graduate work), B (average graduate work), C (below average graduate work), D (failing graduate work), and F (failing graduate work). D and F grades are not acceptable for graduate credit. Students may also register in certain courses on a pass/fail basis, in which case the grade is recorded as either Pass (P) or Fail (F) and no letter grade is assigned.

Other symbols used in reporting the standing of students in their classes are: WP=withdrawal from course passing; WF=withdrawal from course failing; I=incomplete; IP=in progress (for selected courses); S=satisfactory; U=unsatisfactory; AU records an audited course.

Courses in which a student receives a D or F will not be counted toward the total number of courses and/or hours required for a graduate degree in the School of Nursing or the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. However, all grades (A to F) are included in the computation of the grade point average. In computing the grade point average, the following scale of points per semester credit hour is used:

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Progression in the Graduate Program

To continue in the graduate program, a student must:

- absolve any contingencies related to admission to the program within the time period stated in the letter of admission, or within the first semester if not stated;
- maintain satisfactory progress (B average in first 9 hours) if conditionally admitted;
- receive no more than one C in any required course;
- maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of B (3.0) for all courses taken while enrolled in the graduate program.

Should a student fail to meet the criteria for continuance in the program, her/his progress will be reviewed by the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) which may:

- impose conditions as requirements for continuation in the program, or
- terminate the student’s enrollment in the program, with the consent of the Dean of the School of Nursing or the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu).

Scholastic Probation

A student whose cumulative grade point average or nursing grade point average falls below 3.0 will be placed on probation and warned that continuation in the graduate program is in jeopardy.

The probation period shall extend no longer than two consecutive semesters of enrollment. No more than one probationary period shall be permitted. NURE (elective) courses may not be taken during the probationary period, and the student may not drop any course after the first class day.

To be removed from probation, the student must achieve a 3.0 cumulative grade point average by the completion of the probationary period. Failure to accomplish the required average will result in the student’s dismissal from the program.

The progress of students on probation will be reviewed by the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) each semester. A student on probation will not be admitted to candidacy nor awarded a degree. Satisfactory progress toward the degree is required throughout the student’s enrollment. The Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) may terminate a student’s enrollment at any time if the student does not meet the criteria for continuance in the program.

Probation Policy and Procedure

1. Definition: Probation is the status of the student whose progression in the program may be delayed, interrupted or conditional due to the criteria listed below.

2. Criteria for Probation in the Nursing Program includes any one of the following:

   a. Earning a grade of “C” in a graduate course required for the program
   b. Earning a grade in a required graduate course that drops the GPA below 3.0
   c. Failure to meet any of the School of Nursing Policies related to academic or professional conduct
3. Probation Procedure

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         • Referral of the student to resources and support services for academic success
         • Referral of the student to the faculty to devise a written plan for academic success.
         • Referral of the student to the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services for non-academic support
   ii. Failure to meet School of Nursing Policies or failure to meet the terms of professional integrity standards defined in the current University Catalog, the Texas State Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/npa.html), the Texas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/rr.html), and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics (http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards/CodeofEthicsforNurses).

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2. Criteria for Dismissal from the Graduate Nursing Program includes any one of the following:
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Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Program

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Nursing (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/programs/grad/phd.aspx) prepares students for careers as clinical nurse scientists and faculty. Admission into the program is only offered once a year, with an application deadline of February 1st for students to begin classes in Fall. Admission can occur at the Post-BSN or Post-MSN levels. Individuals with MSN degrees will receive advanced
placement related to their graduate coursework. In contrast to the practice-based DNP, this doctoral program is rooted in foundations of theory and research with the expectation of students to become teachers and disseminators of knowledge in the field of Nursing.

Ph.D. Admissions Requirements

Degree: Ph.D.

Specialization, Program of Study: Nursing Science

Program Length: 3 – 6 Years

Admissions Requirements:
To be considered for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Program the following factors are required:

- NursingCAS application fee
- Bachelors in Nursing and/or Masters in Nursing from a nationally accredited school of nursing (NLNAC, CCNE)
- Submit official transcript(s) from each post-secondary institution attended, even if no degree awarded, to NursingCAS. International transcripts must be evaluated by an accredited foreign credential service. *For more information regarding international applicant requirements, click here (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/intApplicants.asp).
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- Clear Criminal Background Check
- Basic Computer Skills
- Three Professional References (Submit via NursingCAS Application)
- Official results from the GRE exam taken within the last 5 years should indicate strong verbal, quantitative and analytic potential.
- Professional Goal Statement/Essay (Submit via Supplemental Application, not via NursingCAS application)
- Current resume or curriculum vita
- Interview

Application Deadline: Deadline for fall entrance is February 1 (Ph.D. applications are accepted only once each year)

Start Term: Fall

Contact:
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FAX 210-567-6189
http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/

Graduate Ph.D. Degree Requirements and Graduation
Students may enter the Ph.D. program post baccalaureate degree in nursing or post master’s degree in nursing.

Full-time and part-time study options are available. Part-time study for doctoral students is defined as six credit hours or two courses per semester.

Students complete 81 semester credit hours (which includes previous graduate course work) in three to six years.

All policies of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu are applicable to this program of study.

Graduate Curriculum and Plans of Study
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Program of Study

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### Graduate Ph.D. Program Outcomes

At the completion of the doctoral program the student will:

1. Advance the discipline of nursing through the generation of new knowledge and theory.
2. Demonstrate excellence as a clinical researcher in the health sciences in a focal area of nursing.
3. Synthesize theories from natural and/or behavioral sciences for application to a specified area of nursing.
5. Assume nurse scientist roles within academic health centers and other interdisciplinary health sciences and educational institutions.
6. Evaluate the value and knowledge components of philosophical and ethical dimensions of issues confronting health care and nursing.
The Ph.D. in nursing program is offered by the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu) School of Nursing (UTHSCSA-SON) (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu). The Ph.D. degree is awarded by the Health Science Center Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu).

Graduate Program Policies

General Information

Information about academic progression, policies, or procedures, as well as curriculum information, may be obtained from the Office for Academic Affairs.

Ph.D. students should refer to the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu) Catalog.

Current Licensure as a Registered Nurse

Each graduate nursing student is required to maintain current licensure in good standing as a registered nurse in Texas, or a Compact State with multistate privileges, throughout the graduate program. Students must provide a copy of the license verification to the Office for Academic Affairs. Failure to maintain current licensure in good standing or to produce proof of current licensure in good standing is grounds for dismissal from the program. International students in the Ph.D. program should contact the Ph.D. program director regarding applicable licensure requirements.

Advisement

After acceptance, each student enrolled in the graduate program is assigned a faculty advisor and an advisor in the Office for Academic Affairs. Each student is expected to contact her/his advisor at least once a semester at the time of preregistration for the subsequent semester. Please see School of Nursing Graduate Student Handbook for details about the advisement process.

Independent Study

Graduate students may design their own independent study courses for one to four semester hours of credit. Guidelines for design and approval of Independent Studies are available from the Office for Academic Affairs. COGS must approve the Independent Study before the student may register for the course. Courses for summer and fall must be approved in the spring; courses for spring must be approved during the fall semester.

Dissertation

The Graduate School Instructions for Preparation and Submission of Thesis, Dissertations, and Dissertation Abstracts and forms for advisor approval are available from the GSBS (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu) website. Doctoral students should obtain a copy of the Guidelines that provide information about the dissertation process.

Teaching Assistants

Opportunities are available for graduate nursing students enrolled part-time to work as teaching assistants in the School of Nursing. Interested applicants should contact the Office of Admissions and Student Services in the School of Nursing for additional information.

Transfer of Credit

Academic work for the Master of Science in Nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practice are usually completed within the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu). However, students may, with the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS), transfer from another accredited institution a maximum of six semester credit hours (9 quarter hours) of graduate credit applicable to their course of study leading toward the Master of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice or Ph.D. in Nursing degrees. Students in the DNP Public Health Nurse Leader track may transfer any eligible University of Texas School of Public Health (UTSPH) course. Only one eligible UTSPH course with a grade of ‘C’ will be accepted provided that the student has not earned a C in another required course in the DNP program. Transfer of all other eligible UTSPH credits must show a grade of ‘A’ or ‘B’.

Additional graduate courses may be transferred from other accredited institutions upon the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS), with the number not to exceed an additional six semester credit hours. Approval of courses beyond the six semester hours or courses to be accepted in lieu of required, clinical major or minor courses must be submitted to COGS. The student may obtain additional information about materials that must be submitted with the petition from the Office for Academic Affairs. Approval of any course for transfer, prior to registration for the course, is strongly recommended. Ph.D. students must consult with their advisor prior to registering for cognate courses taken outside the School of Nursing.

Approval of transfer credit requires that the student be enrolled in the graduate program. The student must complete a Request for Transfer of Credit form and submit it to the Office for Academic Affairs with an official course description from the Catalog and must make certain that an official transcript, sent directly from the college or university attended, is included with her/his file or request that a transcript be sent as soon as the course is completed. All courses must have been completed not more than five years before the degree is awarded. Courses in which a grade of C or less has been earned will not be accepted for transfer (see exception for students enrolled in the DNP Public Health Nurse Leader).

Correspondence Courses

Courses completed by correspondence are not accepted for graduate credit.

Honors

A graduate nursing student whose grade point average is 4.0 is awarded her/his degree with High Honors.

Grades and Grade Point Average

The standing of students in their work is expressed by five grades: A (above average graduate work), B (average graduate work), C (below average graduate work), D (failing graduate work), and F (failing graduate work). D and F grades are not acceptable for graduate credit. Students may also register in certain courses on a pass/fail basis, in which case the grade is recorded as either Pass (P) or Fail (F) and no letter grade is assigned.

Other symbols used in reporting the standing of students in their classes are: WP=withdrawal from course passing; WF=withdrawal from course failing; I=incomplete; IP=in progress (for selected courses); S=satisfactory; U=unsatisfactory; AU=records an audited course.

Courses in which a student receives a D or F will not be counted toward the total number of courses and/or hours required for a graduate degree in the School of Nursing or the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. However, all grades (A to F) are included in the computation of the grade point average. In computing the grade point average, the following scale of points per semester credit hour is used:
A = 4 points (90-100)
B = 3 points (80-89)
C = 2 points (70-79)
D = 1 point (60-69)
F = 0 points (Below 60)

**Progression in the Graduate Program**

To continue in the graduate program, a student must:

- absolve any contingencies related to admission to the program within the time period stated in the letter of admission, or within the first semester if not stated;
- maintain satisfactory progress (B average in first 9 hours) if conditionally admitted;
- receive no more than one C in any required course;
- maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of B (3.0) for all courses taken while enrolled in the graduate program.

Should a student fail to meet the criteria for continuance in the program, her/his progress will be reviewed by the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) which may:

- impose conditions as requirements for continuation in the program, or
- terminate the student’s enrollment in the program, with the consent of the Dean of the School of Nursing or the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu).

**Scholastic Probation**

A student whose cumulative grade point average or nursing grade point average falls below 3.0 will be placed on probation and warned that continuation in the graduate program is in jeopardy.

The probation period shall extend no longer than two consecutive semesters of enrollment. No more than one probationary period shall be permitted. NURE (elective) courses may not be taken during the probationary period, and the student may not drop any course after the first class day.

To be removed from probation, the student must achieve a 3.0 cumulative grade point average by the completion of the probationary period. Failure to accomplish the required average will result in the student’s dismissal from the program.

The progress of students on probation will be reviewed by the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) each semester. A student on probation will not be admitted to candidacy nor awarded a degree. Satisfactory progress toward the degree is required throughout the student’s enrollment. The Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) may terminate a student’s enrollment at any time if the student does not meet the criteria for continuance in the program.

**Probation Policy and Procedure**

1. Definition: Probation is the status of the student whose progression in the program may be delayed, interrupted or conditional due to the criteria listed below.
2. Criteria for Probation in the Nursing Program includes any one of the following:
   - a. Earning a grade of “C” in a graduate course required for the program
   - b. Earning a grade in a required graduate course that drops the GPA below 3.0
   - c. Failure to meet any of the School of Nursing Policies related to academic or professional conduct
   - d. Failure to meet the terms of professional integrity standards defined in the current University Catalog (http://catalog.uthscsa.edu), the Texas State Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/rr.html), the Texas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/npa.html) and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics (http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards/CodeofEthicsforNurses).

3. **Probation Procedure**
   a. Initial Review of Recommendation for Probation
      i. The faculty member of record for each course will notify, in writing, a student who meets the criteria set forth in provision 2 and refer the student to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs within 2 business days of the occurrence of the criteria set forth in provision 2.
      ii. The student may present his/her case to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, if requested in writing, within 3 business days of notification of the probation recommendation. If the student wishes to bring a person outside of the School of Nursing to the meeting, he/she must indicate this in the request to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.
   b. If the review results in validation of the criteria set forth in provision 2, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will recommend in writing one or more of the following actions to the Dean of the School of Nursing:
      i. Earning a Grade of C or a grade that drops the GPA below 3.0
         1. A written “Probation Letter of Expectation” that determines the length and conditions of the probation period which may include, but are not limited, any one of the following:• Referral of the student to resources and support services for academic success
• Referral of the student to the faculty to devise a written plan for academic success
• Referral of the student to the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services for non-academic support
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2. The Committee on Graduate Studies will act on the recommendation for the “Probation Letter of Expectation”:

   iii The final decision for probation and the terms of the probation will be made by the Committee on Graduate Studies and will be delivered to the student in writing by certified letter to the student’s address of record and copied to the Dean of the School of Nursing.

   iv When indicated, the incident will be reported to the local law enforcement agency and/or other appropriate agencies, institutions, and/or regulatory bodies by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

   v If the review of the recommendation for probation results in a recommendation for dismissal, the policy and procedure for dismissal will supersede the policy and procedure for probation.

Dismissal Policy and Procedure

1. Definition: Dismissal is the removal of a student from the School of Nursing Graduate Program. A student who is dismissed from the graduate program may not continue in the graduate nursing program and is not eligible for readmission.

2. Criteria for Dismissal from the Graduate Nursing Program includes any one of the following:

   a. Earning a grade of “D”, “F”, “WF” or “Fail” in any required graduate course

   b. Earning a grade of “C” in 6 or more credit hours of required graduate coursework regardless of cumulative GPA or in two required graduate courses regardless of the number of credit hours and cumulative GPA

   c. Failure to meet the conditions of the School of Nursing “Probation Letter of Expectation”

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   e. Failure to notify the school of non-matriculation for two consecutive semesters (excluding summers). Students must re-apply for admission.

3. Dismissal Procedure

   a. The faculty member of record for each course will notify, in writing, a student who meets the criteria set forth in provision 2 and refer the student to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs within 2 business days of the occurrence of the criteria set forth in provision 2.

   b. When a student meets criteria in provision 2 above, he or she will be dismissed from his or her program. The student will receive notification of dismissal via a certified letter from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, with copies sent to the student’s advisor, the Dean of the School of Nursing, the student’s file in the Graduate Office and to the Registrar for the student’s permanent record. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs has full authority to proceed autonomously according to policy, but may choose to seek input from the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS).

   A student who is dismissed from his or her program is not eligible to register for additional courses. If the student has already registered for subsequent courses, the student will be required to unenroll.

4. Student Appeal of Dismissal

   a. In the event of extenuating circumstances, a student may choose to appeal dismissal from his or her program. All appeals are presented to and reviewed by the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS).

   A request for appeal of dismissal and presentation to COGS must be sent by the student in writing to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs within 3 business days of receiving the certified letter of dismissal. The student must indicate in the request if he or she wishes to bring a person outside of the School of Nursing to the meeting. If the person attending the meeting with the student is an attorney, the meeting will be held with the University attorney present. The student may also request to bring his or her academic advisor or other appropriate faculty to the meeting with COGS. The Committee on Graduate Studies may request University employees or supervising clinical agency personnel attend the appeal or meet with them prior to deliberating. A review of the student’s records may also be conducted.

   The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will notify the student, in writing, that his or her case will be presented to the Committee on Graduate Studies. The written communication will include the date and time of the presentation. Student presentations are limited to a maximum of 15 minutes.

   b. After the student presentation is concluded, and any additional information deemed appropriate to the situation is obtained, the Committee on Graduate Studies will review all information related to the criteria set forth in provision 2 for adherence to process and outcome actions. The faculty voting members of the Committee on Graduate Studies, in closed deliberation with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, can recommend one or more of the following actions:

      i Uphold the decision to dismiss the student from the School of Nursing Graduate Program

      ii Amend the dismissal decision to probation in the Graduate Nursing Program per explicit terms and expectations deemed appropriate by COGS and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

      iii Reconsideration of dismissal due to adherence concerns with process; including next steps

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Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/programs/grad/dnp.aspx) is designed as the highest possible degree for nurses committed to clinical work. The DNP is an outgrowth of increasingly complex healthcare system that requires advanced practice nurses to understand leadership, policy, economics, quality and safety issues, apply and translate research into practice, and to be leaders of multidisciplinary practice initiatives. The program is for students who already hold a master's degree in nursing. Three leadership tracks are available: Advanced Practice Leadership, Executive Administrative Management, Public Health Nurse Leader. The Post-MSN pathway ranges between 41-51 semester credit hours depending on the track chosen. Part-time and full-time study options are available.

The DNP requires that all students must have 1,000 clinical/practicum hours post bachelors to DNP. Clinical/practicum hour requirements for nurses in the HSC Post-Master’s DNP program are: Advanced Practice Leadership: 360 hours, Executive Administrative Management: 540 hours and Public Health Nurse Leader: 360 hours. More hours may be required to complete the total 1,000 hour requirement depending on review of hours completed at the Masters level.

DNP Admissions Requirements

Degree: DNP

Specialization, Program of Study: Nursing Practice Doctorate including tracks in Advanced Practice Leadership, Executive Administrative Management, and Public Health

Program Length: 2 – 3 Years

General Admissions Requirements:

To be considered for admission to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program the following factors are required:

- Online application submitted via NursingCAS (http://nursingcas.org).
- View a video overview (http://www.screencast.com/t/TYbelPyAD) on completing NursingCAS application.
- NursingCAS application fee
- Master’s in Nursing from a nationally accredited school of nursing (NLNAC, CCNE)
- It is recommended that students applying to the Executive Administrative Management track have a master’s degree in administrative management or a master’s degree in nursing with equivalent experience in a healthcare leadership position and seek preparation as an executive level nurse leader.
- Applicants to the Post-Masters Advanced Practice Leadership track must hold national certification as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or eligibility to sit for certification.
- Submit official transcript(s) from each post-secondary institution attended, even if no degree awarded, to NursingCAS. International transcripts must be evaluated by an accredited foreign credential service. *For more information regarding international applicant requirements, click here (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/intApplicants.asp).
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- Current resume or curriculum vita
- May be invited for an interview

Application Deadline: Deadline for fall entrance is February 1 (DNP applications are accepted only once each year)

Start Term: Fall

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DNP Degree Requirements and Graduation

Clinical/Practicum Hours
The Doctor of Nursing Practice requires that all students must have 1,000 clinical/practicum hours post bachelors to DNP. Clinical/practicum hour requirements for nurses in the Post-Master’s DNP program for the Advanced Practice Leadership track and Public Health tracks are 360 hours and the Executive Administrative Management track are 540 hours. More hours may be required to complete the total 1,000 hour requirement depending on review of hours completed at the Masters level.

DNP Project
A hallmark of the practice doctorate is the DNP project demonstrating the student’s in-depth knowledge of one’s area of specialty practice and the synthesis of the student’s coursework and practice application. The inquiry project is guided and evaluated by a faculty advisor and inquiry project committee. The inquiry project results in a scholarly paper and presentation.

The focus of all DNP projects is on knowledge translation at multiple system levels. During the first semester, students work with faculty to begin exploring concepts related to their area of interest while evaluating sources of evidence related to the problem/need. The inquiry will be further defined throughout the program and the proposal written during the DNP Advanced Nursing Seminar course. Based upon an assessment and evaluation of the evidence, the plan and design will be developed for a DNP project initiative.

DNP Curriculum and Plans of Study

Curriculum
Currently, the DNP program has three post master’s tracks in Advanced Practice Leadership, Executive Administrative Management and Public Health Nurse Leader. The DNP program is designed to prepare nursing leaders for the highest level of professional nursing practice beyond the initial preparation in the discipline. The curriculum is based on the Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice developed by the American Association Colleges of Nursing (AACN, 2006).

Advanced Practice Leadership
The Advanced Practice Leadership¹ track is for nurses who are nationally certified nurse practitioners and hold Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) licensure with the Board of Nursing (41 credit hours). The DNP can be earned in 5 semesters as a full time student and in 7 semesters as a part time student.

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¹ The focus of all DNP projects is on knowledge translation at multiple system levels. During the first semester, students work with faculty to begin exploring concepts related to their area of interest while evaluating sources of evidence related to the problem/need. The inquiry will be further defined throughout the program and the proposal written during the DNP Advanced Nursing Seminar course. Based upon an assessment and evaluation of the evidence, the plan and design will be developed for a DNP project initiative.
Executive Administrative Management

The Executive Administrative Management track is for students with a master’s degree in nursing in administrative management or an equivalent degree in nursing who seek preparation as an executive level nurse leader (48 credit hours). The DNP can be earned in 6 semesters as a full time student and 8 semesters as a part time student.

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### Public Health Nurse Leader

The Public Health Nurse Leader track is for students with a master's degree in nursing who desire leadership preparation in population-based public health nursing. Nurses in this track receive a Public Health Certificate from the University of Texas Houston School of Public Health concurrent with the SON DNP degree (48 Credits). The DNP can be earned in 7 semesters as a full time student and 9 semesters as a part time student.

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NURS7312 DNP Practice Inquiry Seminar 3  
NURS7313 DNP Practice Inquiry: Clinical Application 180 3  

Total Credit Hours: 0.0 480.0 0.0 0.0 35.0

1 Please view individual course descriptions for information on required prerequisites or co-requisites. Also, the Doctor of Nursing Practice requires that all students must have 1,000 clinical/practicum hours post bachelors to DNP. Clinical/practicum hour requirements for nurses in the UTHSCSA Post-Master's DNP program are 480 hours for all tracks. More hours may be required to complete the total 1,000 hour requirement depending on review of hours completed at the Masters level.

Courses in these tracks are not listed in sequence.

DNP Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program students will:

1. Integrate nursing science, ethics, biophysical, psychosocial, analytical, and organizational sources to provide the highest level of specialty nursing practices.
2. Develop, implement, and evaluate healthcare practices in healthcare systems that ensure quality improvement and patient safety.
3. Use analytic methods and evidence based practices to improve practice outcomes and the practice environment.
4. Implement and evaluate ethical healthcare information systems and patient care technology to improve the quality of patient health outcomes and care systems.
5. Advocate for healthcare practices that advance social justice, equity, and ethical policies within all healthcare arenas.
6. Employ interprofessional collaborative teams to improve patient and population health outcomes and healthcare delivery systems.
7. Lead the integration and institutionalization of (evidence based) clinical prevention and population based health guidelines.
8. Use clinical judgment, systems thinking, accountability, and specialized knowledge to design, deliver, and evaluate evidence based, culturally proficient care to improve patient, population, and health systems outcomes.

Graduate Program Policies

General Information

Information about academic progression, policies, or procedures, as well as curriculum information, may be obtained from the Office for Academic Affairs.

Ph.D. students should refer to the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu) Catalog.

Current Licensure as a Registered Nurse

Each graduate nursing student is required to maintain current licensure in good standing as a registered nurse in Texas, or a Compact State with multistate privileges, throughout the graduate program. Students must provide a copy of the license verification to the Office for Academic Affairs. Failure to maintain a current license in good standing or to produce proof of current licensure in good standing is grounds for dismissal from the program. International students in the Ph.D. program should contact the Ph.D. program director regarding applicable licensure requirements.

Advisement

After acceptance, each student enrolled in the graduate program is assigned a faculty advisor and an advisor in the Office for Academic Affairs. Each student is expected to contact her/his advisor at least once a semester at the time of preregistration for the subsequent semester. Please see School of Nursing Graduate Student Handbook for details about the advisement process.

Independent Study

Graduate students may design their own independent study courses for one to four semester hours of credit. Guidelines for design and approval of Independent Studies are available from the Office for Academic Affairs. COGS must approve the Independent Study before the student may register for the course. Courses for summer and fall must be approved in the spring; courses for spring must be approved during the fall semester.

Dissertation

The Graduate School Instructions for Preparation and Submission of Thesis, Dissertations, and Dissertation Abstracts and forms for advisor approval are available from the GSBS (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu) website. Doctoral students should obtain a copy of the Guidelines that provide information about the dissertation process.
Teaching Assistants
Opportunities are available for graduate nursing students enrolled part-time to work as teaching assistants in the School of Nursing. Interested applicants should contact the Office of Admissions and Student Services in the School of Nursing for additional information.

Transfer of Credit
Academic work for the Master of Science in Nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practice are usually completed within the Health Science Center (http://www.uthscsa.edu). However, students may, with the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS), transfer from another accredited institution a maximum of six semester credit hours (9 quarter hours) of graduate credit applicable to their course of study leading toward the Master of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice or Ph.D. in Nursing degrees. Students in the DNP Public Health Nurse Leader track may transfer any eligible University of Texas School of Public Health (UTSPH) course. Only one eligible UTSPH course with a grade of ‘C’ will be accepted provided that the student has not earned a C in another required course in the DNP program. Transfer of all other eligible UTSPH credits must show a grade of ‘A’ or ‘B’.

Additional graduate courses may be transferred from other accredited institutions upon the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS), with the number not to exceed an additional six semester credit hours. Approval of courses beyond the six semester hours or courses to be accepted in lieu of required, clinical major or minor courses must be submitted to COGS. The student may obtain additional information about materials that must be submitted with the petition from the Office for Academic Affairs. Approval of any course for transfer, prior to registration for the course, is strongly recommended. Ph.D. students must consult with their advisor prior to registering for cognate courses taken outside the School of Nursing.

Approval of transfer credit requires that the student be enrolled in the graduate program. The student must complete a Request for Transfer of Credit form and submit it to the Office for Academic Affairs with an official course description from the Catalog and must make certain that the official transcript, sent directly from the college or university attended, is in her/his file or request that a transcript be sent as soon as the course is completed. All courses must have been completed not more than five years before the degree is awarded. Courses in which a student receives a U=unsatisfactory; U records an audited course. Other symbols used in reporting the standing of students in their classes are: WP=withdrawal from course passing; WF=withdrawal from course failing; I=incomplete; IP=in progress (for selected courses); S=satisfactory; U=unsatisfactory; AU records an audited course.

Courses in which a student receives a D or F will not be counted toward the total number of courses and/or hours required for a graduate degree in the School of Nursing or the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. However, all grades (A to F) are included in the computation of the grade point average. In computing the grade point average, the following scale of points per semester credit hour is used:

- A = 4 points (90-100)
- B = 3 points (80-89)
- C = 2 points (70-79)
- D = 1 point (60-69)
- F = 0 points (Below 60)

Progression in the Graduate Program
To continue in the graduate program, a student must:

- absolve any contingencies related to admission to the program within the time period stated in the letter of admission, or within the first semester if not stated;
- maintain satisfactory progress (B average in first 9 hours) if conditionally admitted;
- receive no more than one C in any required course;
- maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of B (3.0) for all courses taken while enrolled in the graduate program.

Should a student fail to meet the criteria for continuance in the program, her/his progress will be reviewed by the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) which may:

- impose conditions as requirements for continuation in the program, or
- terminate the student’s enrollment in the program, with the consent of the Dean of the School of Nursing or the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu).

Scholastic Probation
A student whose cumulative grade point average or nursing grade point average falls below 3.0 will be placed on probation and warned that continuation in the graduate program is in jeopardy.

The probation period shall extend no longer than two consecutive semesters of enrollment. No more than one probationary period shall be permitted. NURE (elective) courses may not be taken during the probationary period, and the student may not drop any course after the first class day.

To be removed from probation, the student must achieve a 3.0 cumulative grade point average by the completion of the probationary period. Failure to accomplish the required average will result in the student’s dismissal from the program.

The progress of students on probation will be reviewed by the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) each semester. A student on probation will...
not be admitted to candidacy nor awarded a degree. Satisfactory progress toward the degree is required throughout the student’s enrollment. The Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) may terminate a student’s enrollment at any time if the student does not meet the criteria for continuance in the program.

Probation Policy and Procedure

1. Definition: Probation is the status of the student whose progression in the program may be delayed, interrupted or conditional due to the criteria listed below.

2. Criteria for Probation in the Nursing Program includes any one of the following:
   a. Earning a grade of “C” in a graduate course required for the program
   b. Earning a grade in a required graduate course that drops the GPA below 3.0
   c. Failure to meet any of the School of Nursing Policies related to academic or professional conduct
   d. Failure to meet the terms of professional integrity standards defined in the current University Catalog (http://catalog.uthscsa.edu), the Texas State Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/npa.html), the Texas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/rr.html) and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics (http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards/CodeofEthicsforNurses).

3. Probation Procedure
   a. Initial Review of Recommendation for Probation
      i. The faculty member of record for each course will notify, in writing, a student who meets the criteria set forth in provision 2 and refer the student to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs within 2 business days of the occurrence of the criteria set forth in provision 2.
      ii. The student may present his/her case to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, if requested in writing, within 3 business days of notification of the probation recommendation. If the student wishes to bring a person outside of the School of Nursing to the meeting, he/she must indicate this in the request to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. If the person attending the meeting with the student is an attorney, the meeting will be held with the University attorney present. The student may be accompanied by her/his academic advisor during the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs review process.
   b. If the review results in validation of the criteria set forth in provision 2, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will recommend in writing one or more of the following actions to the Dean of the School of Nursing:
      i. Earning A Grade of C or a grade that drops the GPA below 3.0
      1. A written “Probation Letter of Expectation” that determines the length and conditions of the probation period which may include, but are not limited, any one of the following:
         • Referral of the student to resources and support services for academic success
         • Referral of the student to the faculty to devise a written plan for academic success
         • Referral of the student to the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services for non-academic support
      ii. Failure to meet School of Nursing Policies or failure to meet the terms of professional integrity standards defined in the current University Catalog, the Texas State Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/npa.html), the Texas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/rr.html) and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics (http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards/CodeofEthicsforNurses)
         1. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will present a recommendation for the “Probation Letter of Expectation” that determines the length and conditions of the probation to the Committee on Graduate Studies.
         2. The Committee on Graduate Studies will act on the recommendation for the “Probation Letter of Expectation”.
      iii. The final decision for probation and the terms of the probation will be made by the Committee on Graduate Studies and will be delivered to the student in writing by certified letter to the student’s address of record and copied to the Dean of the School of Nursing.
      iv. When indicated, the incident will be reported to the local law enforcement agency and/or other appropriate agencies, institutions, and/or regulatory bodies by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.
      v. If the review of the recommendation for probation results in a recommendation for dismissal, the policy and procedure for dismissal will supersede the policy and procedure for probation.

Dismissal Policy and Procedure

1. Definition: Dismissal is the removal of a student from the School of Nursing Graduate Program. A student who is dismissed from the graduate program may not continue in the graduate nursing program and is not eligible for readmission.

2. Criteria for Dismissal from the Graduate Nursing Program includes any one of the following:
   a. Earning a grade of “D”, “F”, “WF” or “Fail” in any required graduate course
   b. Earning a grade of “C” in 6 or more credit hours of required graduate coursework regardless of cumulative GPA or in two required graduate courses regardless of the number of credit hours and cumulative GPA
   c. Failure to meet the conditions of the School of Nursing “Probation Letter of Expectation”
   d. Failure to meet the terms of professional integrity and ethical standards defined in the current University Catalog, the Texas State Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/npa.html), the Texas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations (http://www.bon.texas.gov/nursinglaw/rr.html) and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics (http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards/CodeofEthicsforNurses). When indicated, the incident will be reported to the local law enforcement agency and/or other appropriate agencies, institutions, and/or regulatory bodies.
   e. Failure to notify the school of non-matriculation for two consecutive semesters (excluding summers). Students must re-apply for admission.

3. Dismissal Procedure
4. Student Appeal of Dismissal

a. The faculty member of record for each course will notify, in writing, a student who meets the criteria set forth in provision 2 and refer the student to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs within 2 business days of the occurrence of the criteria set forth in provision 2.

b. When a student meets criteria in provision 2 above, he or she will be dismissed from his or her program. The student will receive notification of dismissal via a certified letter from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, with copies sent to the student’s advisor, the Dean of the School of Nursing, the student’s file in the Graduate Office and to the Registrar for the student’s permanent record. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs has full authority to proceed autonomously according to policy, but may choose to seek input from the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS).

A student who is dismissed from his or her program is not eligible to register for additional courses. If the student has already registered for subsequent courses, the student will be required to unenroll.

4. Student Appeal of Dismissal

a. In the event of extenuating circumstances, a student may choose to appeal dismissal from his or her program. All appeals are presented to and reviewed by the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS).

A request for appeal of dismissal and presentation to COGS must be sent by the student in writing to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs within 3 business days of receiving the certified letter of dismissal. The student must indicate in the request if he or she wishes to bring a person outside of the School of Nursing to the meeting. If the person attending the meeting with the student is an attorney, the meeting will be held with the University attorney present. The student may also request to bring his or her academic advisor or other appropriate faculty to the meeting with COGS. The Committee on Graduate Studies may request University employees or supervising clinical agency personnel attend the appeal or meet with them prior to deliberating. A review of the student’s records may also be conducted.

The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will notify the student, in writing, that his or her case will be presented to the Committee on Graduate Studies. The written communication will include the date and time of the presentation. Student presentations are limited to a maximum of 15 minutes.

b. After the student presentation is concluded, and any additional information deemed appropriate to the situation is obtained, the Committee on Graduate Studies will review all information related to the criteria set forth in provision 2 for adherence to process and outcome actions. The faculty voting members of the Committee on Graduate Studies, in closed deliberation with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, can recommend one or more of the following actions:

i. Uphold the decision to dismiss the student from the School of Nursing Graduate Program

ii. Amend the dismissal decision to probation in the Graduate Nursing Program per explicit terms and expectations deemed appropriate by COGS and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

iii. Reconsideration of dismissal due to adherence concerns with process; including next steps

c. A written recommendation from the Chairperson of the Committee on Graduate Studies will be made to the Dean of the School of Nursing.

d. The final decision will be made by the Dean and will be delivered to the student in writing by certified letter to the student’s address of record. A student who receives probation in the Graduate Nursing Program is not eligible to re-enroll in courses the semester immediately following the semester in which the student originally met criteria for dismissal. A student who is dismissed from the School of Nursing may not continue in the Graduate Nursing Program and is not eligible for readmission.

Petition

Students may petition the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) for the consideration of relevant issues influencing program progression and/or completion. Students who wish to petition COGS should consult with their advisors, and then complete the Student Petition Form that is available from the Office for Academic Affairs. Decisions regarding the petition will be communicated in writing to the students.

Petitions for reconsideration of the decision of COGS are reviewed by the Dean of the School of Nursing. The Dean’s decisions are final.

Repetition of a Course

Credit for courses in which a D or F is received may not be repeated and is grounds for dismissal as indicated in the dismissal policy.

The Semester Credit Hour

The unit of measure for credit purposes is the semester credit hour. One semester credit hour is given for each one clock hour of class or one clock hour of seminar for didactic courses. Three clock hours per one semester credit hour of laboratory/practicum/computer lab experience per week, per semester is given in the Administrative Management and Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) majors. Four clock hours per one semester credit hour of laboratory/practicum/computer lab experience per week, per semester is given in the Nurse Practitioner majors, Nursing Education major, and all tracks in the DNP Program. For selected sessions and summer sessions during which the class, seminar, and practicum hours are concentrated, equivalent clock hours are provided.

Thesis and Dissertation Course Report

Thesis and dissertation courses may be reported as In Progress (IP) until the work is completed. Thesis and dissertation courses are not counted in the grade point average.

Examinations

Examinations must be taken on the date and time scheduled. If extenuating circumstances prevent the student from taking an examination, prior approval must be granted by the course instructor to postpone the examination. If a student misses an examination without prior approval by the instructor, a grade of F will be recorded for the examination.

Readmission

Individuals who have previously been enrolled in graduate nursing courses should complete an Application for Readmission. Transcripts from any colleges or universities attended since the time of the previous enrollment in the graduate programs must be submitted. Applicants may be requested
to provide recent professional references. Proof of current licensure as a registered nurse in Texas is also required.

Individuals who have not registered in three consecutive terms, excluding summers, must apply for readmission unless they were previously granted official permission for leave of absence.

Those seeking readmission are subject to all requirements, procedures, and acceptance considerations outlined in this Catalog.
Non-degree Programs

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (HSC) does not offer formal non-degree programs. However, individuals may seek to enroll as non-degree seeking students in order to audit some courses. These individuals should contact the appropriate school or academic department (http://www.uthscsa.edu/schools_roster.shtml) to inquire about such opportunities:

Individuals should further note that non-degree-seeking students are ineligible to qualify for financial aid, although payment installments may be arranged through the Office of the Bursar (http://www.uthscsa.edu/business/bursar) for the amount of tuition and fees owed.
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Anesthesiology (ANES)

Courses

ANES4000. Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours.
This is a self-designed course created by both the student and the department to cover a specific topic. A Course Approval Form must be completed along with documentation of the designed course description.

ANES4001. Clinical Anesthesiology. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are required to participate in Anesthesiology at one of the general hospitals affiliated with the Health Science Center with supervised, graded responsibility for anesthetic management during all phases of the peri-operative period. Objectives are to develop skills for physical assessment, choice of anesthetic management, administration of anesthesia, airway maintenance, and basic life support of the anesthetized patient.

ANES4002. Critical Care. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are required to participate in the adult surgical intensive care unit at Audie Murphy VA Hospital. Emphasis will be placed on the diagnosis and treatment of all aspects of acute respiratory failure, especially that occurring in the postoperative state, including post-cardiac surgery. The principles of pulmonary, renal, cardiac, and nutritional support will be discussed. The ethics of life support are also discussed.

ANES4003. Anesthesiology Research. 4 Credit Hours.
Research experiences are in either the clinical or basic sciences. Clinical research includes developing an understanding of clinical study design, procedures involved in the clinical study and data analysis. Studies are carried out largely in the operating room environment. Basic research can include studies of vascular control, studies on anesthetic agent interactions with the central nervous and cardiovascular systems, CNS ischemic or traumatic injury, and electrophysiologic monitoring and drug kinetics across the human maternal/fetal placental barrier.

ANES4004. Obstetrical/Analgesia Mgmt. 4 Credit Hours.
Participation in Obstetric Anesthesiology at University Hospital, teaching will emphasize practical care with the student taking an active part in the monitoring of and assisting in the anesthetic care of healthy or complicated women in labor, as well as those undergoing cesarean section. Students will have the opportunity to perform intubations, epidurals, and spinals. Management of GYN outpatient anesthesia will also be included. Emergency resuscitation for hypotension, convulsions, aspiration, and respiratory cardiac arrest may be reviewed as well as prophylactic measures for the prevention of these conditions.

ANES4005. Pain Management. 4 Credit Hours.
Students participate in the University Center for Pain Medicine at University Hospital. Students participate in the management of chronic pain patients using a multi-disciplinary approach. Students will be exposed to areas of pain management that include operative vs. non-operative options for chronic pain patients and physical therapy and mobilization techniques. Student’s responsibilities include evaluating new patient with a focused and detailed physical exam, seeing follow up patients for medication management, and managing patient pre, during, and post procedures. The student is required to become proficient in accurately evaluating back pain, neuropathies, radiculopathies, and pain diseases including regional complex pain syndromes. This rotation is designed for any student; especially those interested in primary care, anesthesiology, orthopedics, neurology, neurosurgery, or has in interest in learning how to deal with patients with chronic pain.
ANES4008. Cardiothoracic Anesthesia. 4 Credit Hours.
Students will be involved in care of the cardiothoracic patients at University Hospital. Emphasis will be on anesthesia for patients with cardiovascular and thoracic disease, cardiopulmonary physiology and pharmacology, and invasive hemodynamic monitoring. Students will work directly with one of the cardiothoracic faculty in the Anesthesiology Department.

ANES4202. Clinical Anesthesiology-Harlingten. 4 Credit Hours.
Senior students function as "interns" under private practice anesthesiologists who are clinical faculty at the Regional Academic Health Center. They perform preoperative anesthetic assessment on surgical patients in the outpatient clinics, in the ICUs, and on the general wards. They develop appreciation for medical conditions that affect choice of anesthetic agent. They have the opportunity to develop expertise in local, regional, and general anesthesia management. They have the opportunity to develop expertise in airway management. They have the opportunity to become knowledgeable in induction and maintenance anesthetic agents. They have the opportunity to develop expertise in intraoperative monitoring techniques of the anesthetized patient. They follow patients in the recovery room and develop appreciation for complications that may occur in the intra- and post-operative period. They present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the service. They mentor third-year medical students on the designated service.

ANES6081. Anesthesia Rotation. 1.5 Credit Hour.
Students rotate through the operating room and peri-operative patient areas of the hospital to evaluate patients undergoing general anesthesia and deep conscious sedation. Primary purposes of this clinical rotation are to allow the student to become comfortable with airway management and patient monitoring.

ANES7000. Off Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: "Course Approval" form, a written letter or email for acceptance form the physician preceptor with the start and end dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun. Contact the department for assistance with enrolling in this course.

Biochemistry (BIOC)

Courses

BIOC0003. Scientific Writing: Development and Defense of a Research Proposal. 2 Credit Hours.
The course consists of writing a progress report describing research results during the last year. The course is required of all graduate students beginning the first semester after selection of a supervising professor.

BIOC4000. Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours.
This is a self-designed course created by both the student and the department to cover a specific topic. A Course Approval Form must be completed along with documentation of the designed course description.

BIOC4001. Biochemistry Research. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is an opportunity to work in close collaboration with a member of the department on a problem in research of mutual interest. A sincere interest to acquire research experience or techniques, but no formal research training, is required.

BIOC5013. Biochemistry. 3.5 Credit Hours.
Primarily lectures and conferences, this course is designed as a survey course for dental students. On a limited basis, a small number of graduate students may be accommodated. Content deals with the chemistry and metabolism of carbohydrates, amino acids, lipids, proteins, and nucleic acids. Special topics relating to the biochemistry of the oral cavity will be presented. The relationship between biochemistry and clinical aspects of dentistry is presented by clinical correlation speakers.

BIOC5083. Hydrodynamic Methods. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is intended to provide students with the opportunity to gain a solid understanding of hydrodynamics and macromolecular transport processes, such as sedimentation and diffusion. The focus will be on hydrodynamic methods involving analytical ultracentrifugation and light scattering. Topics in sedimentation velocity, sedimentation equilibrium, buoyant density sedimentation, as well as static and dynamic light scattering and the complementarity of these approaches will be discussed. Macromolecular interactions involving mass action, concentration dependent nonideality, and reaction rates are covered. This course will also cover a range of data analysis approaches including the van Holde-Weischet method, the second moment method, direct boundary fitting by finite element modeling, the C(s) method, the 2-dimensional spectrum analysis, genetic algorithm optimization, nonlinear least squares fitting approaches to user-defined models. Statistical analysis using Monte Carlo and bootstrap methods also will be covered.

BIOC5085. Biophysical Methods In Biology. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is required for all students enrolled in the Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry track. The course covers modern biophysical methods for studying biological macromolecules in sufficient detail to understand the current literature. Topics to be covered include macromolecular structure determination by X-ray crystallography and NMR spectroscopy; absorbance, fluorescence, and EPR spectroscopy; circular dichroism; light scattering; mass spectrometry; and hydrodynamics, including diffusion, electrophoresis, sedimentation velocity, and sedimentation equilibrium.

BIOC5087. Molecular Genetics And Biotechnology. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is required for all students enrolled in either Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry Track. The objective of this course it to provide comprehensive treatment of approaches to experimental biochemistry and biophysics rooted in genetics, recombinant DNA technology, and genomics.

BIOC5091. Special Topics In Biochemistry: Hydrodynamic Methods. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is intended to provide students with the opportunity to gain a solid understanding of hydrodynamics and macromolecular transport processes, such as sedimentation and diffusion. The focus will be on hydrodynamic methods involving analytical ultracentrifugation and light scattering. Topics in sedimentation velocity, sedimentation equilibrium, buoyant density sedimentation, as well as static and dynamic light scattering and the complementarity of these approaches will be discussed. Macromolecular interactions involving mass action, concentration dependent nonideality, and reaction rates are covered. This course will also cover a range of data analysis approaches including the van Holde-Weischet method, the second moment method, direct boundary fitting by finite element modeling, the C(s) method, the 2-dimensional spectrum analysis, genetic algorithm optimization, nonlinear least squares fitting approaches to user-defined models. Statistical analysis using Monte Carlo and bootstrap methods also will be covered.
BIOC5092. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy For Biochemists. 2 Credit Hours.
This course provides a working knowledge of the basic underlying theory of modern pulsed Nuclear Magnetic Resonance methods in the study of the structures and internal dynamics of biological macromolecules in solution. The theoretical concepts to be covered include an overview of pulse excitation, digital sampling, and Fourier transformation. The product operator formalism will be used to describe how modern multinuclear multidimensional pulse methods function to yield the desired signals. The practical concepts to be covered will include an overview of modern methods for obtaining sequential resonance assignments, determining high-resolution three-dimensional structures, and analyzing internal dynamics.

BIOC5093. Data Analysis In Biochemistry And Biophysics. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is required for all students enrolled in either Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry Track, or the Diabetes & Metabolic Disorders Track, and is open to all students enrolled in the Integrated Multidisciplinary Graduate Program. The course covers statistical and mathematical analysis of typical biochemical data. Topics to be discussed include: enzyme kinetics, first and second order chemical reactions, and ligand binding. Scintillation counting of radioactivity, UV-VIS difference and derivative spectra, analytical ultra-sedimentation, and solution of multiple simultaneous equations using matrix algebra. Emphasis is placed upon the use of computers to analyze experimental data using programs running under Windows, or Linux platforms. Students will also become familiar with file transfers between these two platforms and the use of VNC viewer to enable their PC computers to be used as a Linux terminal.

BIOC6010. Gene Expression. 2 Credit Hours.
The course covers gene expression focusing on regulation at the levels of transcription, RNA processing, transport and stability, and translation. Proteins and other regulatory molecules involved in these processes will also be covered. Particular emphasis will be placed on transcriptional control mechanisms including: RNA polymerases, chromatin remodeling, methylation and other epigenetic modifications, families of transcription factors including their DNA binding properties, protein-protein interaction domains, trans-activation mechanisms, regulation by ligand binding, phosphorylation and other signaling mechanisms and nuclear-cytoplasmic transport; posttranscriptional mechanisms including: mechanisms of RNA splicing, nuclear-cytoplasmic transport of RNA, RNA localization and targeting, RNA stability; and translational control. Post-transcriptional and translational control mechanisms will highlight the roles of RNA binding proteins and their modifications in these processes. Prerequisite: INTD 5000.

BIOC6015. Metabolic Disorders. 2 Credit Hours.
This course will present an introduction to dysfunctions in normal metabolic processes that lead to major human disorders and pathologies. Major topics to be covered include the causes and pathogenesis associated with Type 2 diabetes, obesity, and related hormonal signaling pathways. Other topics will focus on lipid and protein metabolic disorders, and on dysfunctions associated with mitochondrial and extracellular matrix defects.

BIOC6029. MBB Journal Club and Student Research Presentations. 2 Credit Hours.
To be taken by all graduate students in the MBB track each semester starting with the second year. Students will each make one presentation per semester. Presentations will typically be of a recent journal article in the area of biochemistry or biophysics. Journal articles for presentations must be approved by the instructor. With permission, a student may present a summary of his or her doctoral research. In the Spring semester of their third year, students will present a review of literature relevant to their doctoral research. Grading will be based on both the presentation and involvement in class discussion.

BIOC6035. Drug Design And Discovery. 2 Credit Hours.
This course covers state-of-the-art approaches to the discovery and design of drugs - from small molecules to peptides - as well as drug delivery vehicles, with a strong emphasis on structure-based approaches. Topics to be covered include: high-throughput screening, fragment based drug discovery, protein:protein interactions, use of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), surface plasmon resonance (SPR) and fluorescent methods in drug discovery, virtual (in silico) screening, peptides and peptidomimetics, structure based drug design, and use of macromolecular assemblies as drug delivery vehicles and as targets for drug therapy. Prerequisites: INTD 5000.

BIOC6036. Macromolecular Structure & Mechanism. 2 Credit Hours.
This course will cover the fundamentals of protein and nucleic acid structure and of enzyme catalysis. The course is required of students in the Molecular Biochemistry and BiophysicsTrack. Topics to be covered include: DNA and RNA structure, protein structure, protein folding, ligand binding by proteins, and enzyme catalysis.

BIOC6037. Integration Of Metabolic Pathways. 2 Credit Hours.
The course is required of students in the Molecular Biophysics and Metabolic Pathways track. The objective is to provide an understanding of the individual reactions in intermediary metabolism and how the reactions are integrated by regulatory mechanisms. Topics include carbohydrate, lipid, and nitrogen metabolism and mechanisms of regulation of individual enzymes and metabolic pathways.

BIOC6038. Surface Plasmon Resonance Workshop. 0.5 Credit Hours.
Surface plasmon resonance can be used to measure the equilibrium and rate constants of a variety of biomolecular interactions, including protein-protein, protein-small molecule, protein-nucleic acid and protein-phospholipid. In this laboratory intensive workshop, students will be exposed to the principles of experimental design, data collection, and data analysis utilizing state of the art instrumentation and model interactions.

BIOC6069. Contemporary Biochemistry Student Review. 1 Credit Hour.
The course has two aspects. In the first, students will have the opportunity to put together a didactic lecture on a biochemical topic, essentially an oral review. Alternatively, students who attend a scientific meeting may pick a theme that was presented at that meeting in any of multiple venues (symposia, platform presentations, posters) and develop it as a presentation equivalent to an oral review. In each case, students will research the background of the material and present the latest findings. This is not intended to be a journal club but rather a didactic or teaching lecture. The course Director will work with the students ahead of time to assist them in preparing their presentation. The second aspect is that students who are not themselves presenting are required to attend the presentations. Biochemistry students must present at least once in years 3.5 of their matriculation in order to graduate with the Ph.D. degree. May be repeated for credit.
BIOC6071. Supervised Teaching. 1-9 Credit Hours.
This course consists of teaching medical or dental biochemistry under close supervision of instructors. Management of small conference teaching groups as well as formal lecture presentations will be included.

BIOC6097. Research. 1-12 Credit Hours.
This course consists of independent, original research under the direction of a faculty advisor.

BIOC6098. Thesis. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Registration for at least one term is required of M.S. candidates.

BIOC7099. Dissertation. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Registration for at least two terms is required for Ph.D. candidates.

CIRCLE (CIRC)

Courses

CIRC5001. Medicine, Behavior & Society Longitudinal Module. 6 Credit Hours.
The Medicine, Behavior, and Society module explores the areas of history, law, ethics, clinical, social and cultural contexts of medicine as well as human behavior & development over the lifespan (cognitive, social and emotional development from infancy to death.) The course will focus on global issues such as the health care system and on local issues such as the physician-patient relationship. Students will be introduced to communication skills, professionalism, research, and cultural competency.

CIRC5003. Language of Medicine Longitudinal Module. 5.4 Credit Hours.
The Language of Medicine component of the curriculum serves as the common denominator necessary for students to be able to discuss systematic anatomy in the integrated modules to follow. Basic structure, conceptual anatomical principles and development of the human body presented. Knowledge is acquired in didactic sessions emphasizing clinical relevance, reinforced by practical application during laboratory application during laboratory sessions in which supervised cadaver dissection is performed by the students. Imaging techniques, prosections, demonstrations, and presentations by clinical specialists supplement the laboratory work.

CIRC5005. Clinical Skills Longitudinal Module. 14.75 Credit Hours.
The Clinical Skills Longitudinal module threads throughout the entire first and second year curriculum. Using standardized and real patients, students learn medical history taking and physical examination techniques. In addition, through didactic sessions, simulations, small group sessions and labs, students master the knowledge, communication skills, professional, and interpersonal skills necessary for fostering positive doctor-patient relationships.

CIRC5007. Fundamentals: Molecules to Medicine. 9 Credit Hours.
The Fundamentals: Molecules to Medicine module provides the foundation for subsequent courses and clinical practice. Through active, collaborative learning activities which may include, but are not limited to, laboratory, small group, and clinical case sessions the students gain a deeper understanding of the homeostatic structure of molecules, cells, and tissues. Students develop problem-solving skills in a multidisciplinary approach to human health and disease.

CIRC5009. Attack and Defense. 9 Credit Hours.
The Attack and Defense module is an integrated and innovative look at microbiology, immunology, and infectious disease including public and international health issues. Students are prepared for clinical encounters requiring diagnosis, treatment, and preventive measures for immunological conditions and disorders and infectious diseases by fostering critical thinking skills. The learning environment promotes professional identity formation, effective communication and professionalism. Students acquire a broad understanding of normal and abnormal immune system function through active, collaborative learning activities which may include, but are not limited to laboratory, small group, and clinical case sessions.

CIRC5011. Circulation. 5 Credit Hours.
The Circulation module provides an integrated approach to the basic and clinical science concepts related to the cardiovascular and hematopoietic systems. Students acquire a broad understanding of normal structure and function of the cardiovascular and hematopoietic systems including the cardiac cycle, cardiovascular pressures and flows, nutrients, and oxygen delivery, hematopoiesis, and the hemostasis system through active, collaborative learning activities which may include, but are not limited to laboratory, small group, and clinical case sessions. A comprehensive, multidisciplinary overview of the pathophysiology, epidemiology, biostatistics, interpretation of diagnostic tests, and pharmacotherapeutic and other therapeutic principles related to cardiovascular and hematopoietic disorders is included.

CIRC5013. Respiratory Health. 4 Credit Hours.
The Respiratory Health module integrates basic science and clinical concepts related to respiratory health disease. A comprehensive study is conducted of the normal structure and function, pathophysiology/pathology, clinical manifestations, and interpretation of diagnostic tests for respiratory diseases. The student is immersed in a multidisciplinary study of pharmacotherapeutic approaches to treatment, interventional therapies, the use of evidence-based medicine and research, epidemiology, and prevention in the field of respiratory health. Students acquire a broad understanding of normal and abnormal respiratory system function through active, collaborative learning activities which may include, but are not limited to laboratory, small group, and clinical case sessions.

CIRC5015. Renal and Male Reproductive. 5 Credit Hours.
The Renal and Male Reproductive module is a comprehensive overview of the structural and urologic components of the renal and the male reproductive system. Students gain a deeper understanding of glomerular and tubular function and pathology, as well as acute and chronic kidney injury and also benefit from a multidisciplinary approach represented by adult and pediatrics, and biochemistry. A broad understanding of normal and abnormal renal and male reproductive system function is achieved through active, collaborative learning activities that may include, but are not limited to laboratory, small group, and clinical case sessions.

CIRC5017. Hematology. 3 Credit Hours.
The goal of this course is to expose students to the pathogenesis and pathophysiology of disease and disorders as they pertain to the specialty of hematology. During the module, the first year medical students will come to appreciate the basic science foundation for the clinical practice of Hematology. Students will gain an understanding of the medical non-medical factors that effect the hematology system.
CIRC6001. Medicine, Behavior & Society Longitudinal Module. 6 Credit Hours.
The Medicine, Behavior, and Society module explores the areas of history, law, ethics, clinical, social and cultural contexts of medicine as well as human behavior & development over the lifespan (cognitive, social and emotional development from infancy to death.) The course will focus on global issues such as the health care system and on local issues such as the physician-patient relationship. Students will be introduced to communication skills, professionalism, research, and cultural competency.

CIRC6005. Clinical Skills Longitudinal Module. 14.75 Credit Hours.
The Clinical Skills Longitudinal module threads throughout the entire first and second year curriculum. Using standardized and real patients, students learn medical history taking and physical examination techniques. In addition, through didactic sessions, simulations, small group sessions and labs, students master the knowledge, communication skills, professional, and interpersonal skills necessary for fostering positive doctor-patient relationships.

CIRC6007. Mind, Brain and Behavior. 9 Credit Hours.
Mind, Brain, and Behavior module provides a comprehensive introduction to the normal anatomy, development, physiology and radiological features of the human nervous system and its pathologic disorders. Through active learning methods, students will practice clinical assessment of the nervous system while learning the major features of common neurological, neurosurgical, psychiatric and psychological disorders and pharmacological approach for the nature of the experience of the brain. The student will gain an appreciation for the nature of the experience of having an illness affecting the brain and mind, and a deepened compassion for patients with these illnesses.

CIRC6009. Endocrine & Female Reproductive. 7 Credit Hours.
The Endocrine- Reproductive module provides an integrated, comprehensive study of the normal structure and function of the endocrine and reproductive systems as well as the clinical manifestations of endocrine and reproductive disorders. Innovative, active learning methods which may include, but are not limited to laboratory, small group, and clinical case sessions allow students to develop critical thinking skills and gain a deeper understanding of the role of the endocrine system in regulation of metabolic activity, water and electrolyte balance, the endocrinology of the menstrual cycle, pregnancy, as well as human reproduction. The students benefit from a multidisciplinary approach incorporating the study of pharmacotherapeutic modalities, evidence based medicine, as well as current clinical/translational research applications into the endocrinology/reproductive medicine curriculum.

CIRC6011. Digestive Health and Nutrition. 7 Credit Hours.
The Digestive Health and Nutrition module provides an integrated overview of the basic science and clinical concepts related to digestive health and nutrition. Through innovative learning methods that may include, but are not limited to laboratory, small group, and clinical case sessions, students gain a deeper understanding of the normal structure and function of the digestive system, as well as pathophysiology/ pathology, clinical manifestations and interpretation of diagnostic tests as they relate to digestive health and nutrition. This comprehensive, multidisciplinary study includes pharmacotherapeutic approaches to treatment, interventional therapies, psychosocial aspects of digestive disease, the use of evidence-based medicine and research, epidemiology, and prevention in the field of digestive health and nutrition.

CIRC6013. Form & Function: Skin, Muscles & Bones. 7.5 Credit Hours.
The Musculoskeletal and Dermatology module provides a comprehensive study of the development, structure, and function of the musculoskeletal and integumentary systems. Students acquire a broad understanding of normal and abnormal musculoskeletal and dermatologic function through active, collaborative learning during laboratory, small group, and clinical case sessions. Diagnostic and therapeutic techniques in the management of musculoskeletal and dermatologic disorders are discussed.

Cardiothoracic Surgery (CTSR)

Courses

CTSR4008. Cardiothoracic Surgery. 4 Credit Hours.
Senior students function as “sub-interns” on the cardiothoracic surgery service, taking part in all aspects of pre-operative and post-operative care in addition to observing and assisting in the operating room. They will be exposed to a wide range of pathophysiology, including cardiovascular, pulmonary and foregut disease, as well as hemodynamics and critical care. Daily responsibilities include rounding and presenting patients in the intensive care unit and inpatient ward, keeping daily records, seeing in patient consults, assisting with patient discharges and mentoring third-year medical students. Students will also evaluate patients in the outpatient clinics and emergency room. They will attend education conferences and present a case at department grand rounds. They will take call as designated by the cardiothoracic surgery services.

CTSR4050. Congenital & Cardiac Surgery. 4 Credit Hours.
Students will attend daily rounds with the congenital heart team, including cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, pediatric internists and neonatologists. They will participate in the pre-operative evaluation and post-operative care of patients with congenital heart disease, including attendance at weekly conferences with the team. They will perform histories and physical examinations in the hospital and in the cardiology and surgery clinics. They will scrub in for congenital heart operations and cardiac catheterization procedures and present these patients to the team on daily rounds.

CTSR7000. Off-Campus Rotation In Cardiothoracic Surgery. 4 Credit Hours.
In this course the student will work closely with the preceptor in a clinical setting that can be either in-patient or out-patient or both. The physician can work either in private practice or a residency program setting. The preceptor must be board-certified in CT surgery and have clinical faculty appointment with a LCME-Accredited Medical School. The student must not be a relative of the preceptor. Students must arrange the preceptorship directly with the attending physician.
Cellular & Structural Biology (CSBL)

Courses

CSBL3005. Advanced Anatomy. Credit Hours.
Selected students will participate in lectures, detailed dissections, presentations, and teaching of Pre-Matriculation students in the gross anatomy laboratory. A special project or readings in the surgical anatomy literature will be assigned. This elective is considered to be a full-time commitment (40 hours per week). Students are expected to 1) attend all lectures given in the Pre-Matriculation program, 2) to teach in all scheduled laboratory sessions, 3) to prepare and present prossections, 4) to help prepare a laboratory examination, 5) to write and present a literature review on an original topic of interest to the student related to the region of the body being studied.

CSBL4000. Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours.
This is a self-designed course created by both the student and the department to cover a specific topic. A Course Approval Form must be completed along with documentation of the designed course description.

CSBL4001. Anatomy of the Newborn. 4 Credit Hours.
Detailed gross dissection and study of newborn specimen with special emphasis on developmental origins as well as features and relationships differing from the adult; combined with library study of developmental malformations. Course fees: Lab fee $30.

CSBL4002. Regional Anatomy. 4 Credit Hours.
Anatomy associated with one of the usual medical or surgical specialties, such as gastroenterology, neurology, orthopedics, obstetrics and gynecology, etc. Activities include detailed dissection, presentation of dissected material, assigned readings, and individual project. Course fees: Lab fee $ 30.

CSBL4004. Selected Research Project. 4 Credit Hours.
Individual research projects to be arranged between the student and faculty members with whom he/she wishes to work.

CSBL4005. Advanced Anatomy. 4 Credit Hours.
Selected students are required to participate in lectures, detailed dissections, presentations of prossected material, and teaching in the first year medical gross anatomy laboratory. Special projects, activities, and assigned readings in the surgical anatomy and history of anatomy literature. Course fees: Lab fee $30.

CSBL4017. Advanced Neuroanatomy. 4 Credit Hours.
Selected students will be assigned a special project and readings in the neuro anatomical literature. Course Fees: Lab fee $30.

CSBL4024. History of Anatomy In Situ: Reawakening & Development of Anatomy in the 14th - 18th Century Italy. 4 Credit Hours.
An in-depth study of the awakening and development of anatomy in 14th - 18th century Italy, visiting the sites where this occurred in Padua, Bologna, and Florence. The course consists of one week of didactic lectures and discussion prior to two weeks in Italy visiting anatomical museums and two of the oldest universities in the world, and ending with a week of student presentations based on a paper focusing on a historical, social, or scientific issue arising during this period in the Italian medical schools and currently relevant to the students' chosen field of medicine.

CSBL4025. Anatomy Mentored Teaching. 4 Credit Hours.
The Mentored Teaching Elective allows 3rd and 4th year medical students to serve as teaching assistants for the spring CSBL 5022 Interprofessional Human Gross Anatomy course. CSBL 5022 serves students in the occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant and biomedical engineering programs, and students in the Masters of Anatomy graduate program. Teaching assistants will serve as instructors for laboratory dissections which cover the central and peripheral nervous systems, vertebral column and back, the upper and lower limbs, head and neck, body wall, thorax, abdomen, pelvis, and perineum. Other teaching assistant duties include preparation of prossection specimens for teaching and demonstration, lab practical exam setup and grading, and preparation and presentation of a brief topical review relevant to anatomy. Applicants should have attained a minimum grade of B in Language of Medicine and in Musculoskeletal/Dermatology and exhibit the highest standards of professionalism. Enrollment is by permission of the Undergraduate Medical Education Office and by the course directors.

CSBL5007. Methods In Cell Biology. 1 Credit Hour.
Through a combination of lectures and demonstrations, the instructors will introduce students to techniques which are currently being used in cellular biology laboratories. The emphasis will be on the applications themselves, their uses, limitations, and the necessary controls. The following topic areas will be covered: imaging and microscopy, immunological techniques, bioinformatics (DNA and protein), rodent anatomy and histology, cytogenetics, and in vitro cell growth and transfection.

CSBL5012. Physician Assistant Gross Anatomy. 5 Credit Hours.
This course will cover the basic principles of human anatomy. Lectures are correlated with laboratory sessions in which students will learn human gross anatomy of the adult through the study of cadaver prossections, bones, models, atlas drawings and radiographs. Emphasis will be placed on basic systems anatomy as they apply to the physician's assistant. Course Fees: Gross Anatomy fee $30.00.

CSBL5013. Gross Anatomy. 6 Credit Hours.
This course will teach structural and functional anatomy of the normal human body. Lectures will serve as introductory information for the laboratory dissections to follow and to clarify the interactions of the various anatomical components to accomplish the function of the body. The course will cover the central and peripheral nervous systems, vertebral column and back, head and neck, body wall, thorax, abdomen, pelvis, and perineum, and the upper and lower limbs. Special emphasis will be placed on the laboratory experience in which the learner will perform a detailed dissection of the entire human body in order to achieve an understanding of the three-dimensional relationships and thus the interactive function of the body. These dissections will be supplemented by the study of prossected specimens, models skeletons, and other demonstration materials. Course fees: Lab fee $30 Human Materials fee $865.

CSBL5015. History Of Anatomy. 2.5 Credit Hours.
The history of anatomy course is designed to acquaint medical, dental, and graduate students with the history of medicine and especially with the physicians and scientists who made essential discoveries in human anatomy. Using a biographical approach, the course is presented as a seminar with lectures, assigned readings and student presentations.
CSBL5016. Dental Gross Anatomy. 6 Credit Hours.
The focus of this course is the structure of the human body, with emphasis on the functional anatomy of the trunk, neck, head, and nervous system. Regional dissection of a human cadaver, by groups of students, is supplemented by individual study of prosections, models, skeletons, and other demonstration materials and is guided by lectures, conferences, and films. The first part of the course, which deals with the anatomy of the thorax and abdomen, presents a general overview of the functional architecture of most major body systems. The emphasis is on principles of structure, to allow development of a holistic understanding of human biology, both normal and pathological. The latter half of the course is devoted to study of the head and neck; greater emphasis will be placed on anatomical relationships with obvious reference to clinical dentistry. Course Fees: Human materials fee: $865 Lab fee: $30.

CSBL5019. Gross Human Anatomy For Graduate Students. 6 Credit Hours.
This course will teach structural and functional anatomy of the normal human body. Lectures will serve as introductory information for the laboratory dissections to follow and to clarify the interactions of the various anatomical components to accomplish the function of the body. The course will cover the central and peripheral nervous systems, vertebral column and back, head and neck, body wall, thorax, abdomen, pelvis and perineum, and the upper and lower limbs. Special emphasis will be placed on the laboratory experience in which the learner will perform a detailed dissection of the entire human body in order to achieve an understanding of the three-dimensional relationships and thus the interactive function of the body. These dissections will be supplemented by the study of prosected specimens, models skeletons, and other demonstration materials. Permission of course director if required to enroll. Course fees: Human materials fee $ 865 Lab fee $30.

CSBL5020. Dental Neuroscience. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This course will present the student with the basics of neuroanatomy underlying somatosensory perception, special senses, orofacial reflexes, and common neurological disorders. The emphasis will be on neuroanatomical pathways relevant to the head and neck, especially those mediated by the trigeminal system. The course also will include consideration of motor pathways and the special senses, disorders of which will necessarily influence treatment plans developed by future dental practitioners. Acquisition of a basic understanding of the neuroanatomical pathways discussed in lectures will be reinforced by laboratory sessions with representative images of brain and spinal cord sections.

CSBL5022. Inter-professional Human Gross Anatomy. 5.5 Credit Hours.
These courses will teach structural and functional anatomy of the normal human body. Lectures will serve as introductory information for the laboratory dissections to follow and to clarify the interactions of the various anatomical components to accomplish the function of the body. The course will cover the central and peripheral nervous systems, vertebral column and back, the upper and lower limbs, head and neck, body wall, thorax, abdomen, pelvis, and perineum. Special emphasis will be placed on the laboratory experience in which the learner will perform a detailed dissection of the entire human body in order to achieve an understanding of the three-dimensional relationships and thus the interactive function of the body. The dissections will allow the student to understand the anatomical basis for disease and dysfunction in organ systems and their applications to clinical practice. They will be supplemented by the study of prosected specimens where possible, models skeletons, and other demonstration materials.

CSBL5023. Development. 1 Credit Hour.
The course provides a survey of concepts in developmental biology (induction, cell-cell interactions, morphogen gradients, morphogenetic movements, transcription regulation, organogenesis) using experimental examples from both invertebrate and vertebrate embryos. The first set of lectures will focus on gametogenesis, fertilization, and early developmental events, such as cleavage, midblastula transition, gastrulation, and axis formation. The second set of lectures will explore the fates of germ layers in the contexts of cell type-specific differentiation and cell-cell interactions during organogenesis.

CSBL5024. Genomics. 1 Credit Hour.
This course covers historical aspects of the Genomic project and high throughput methods (microarray, SAGE, proteomics, etc.) to perform global analysis of gene expression; the course also provides an overview of new biological fields such as systems biology, functional genomics, and comparative genomics. The students will have the opportunity to become familiarized with tools, methods, databases, and approaches used to extract biological information from global analyses. Hands-on training on biological databases and classes covering examples of the use of genomics to answer questions related to cancer and diseases is an important part of the course, helping the students to visualize how genomics can be used in their own research projects.

CSBL5025. Genetics. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to provide an overview of genetic research. Topics to be covered include: cytogenetics, mitochondrial genetics, cancer genetics, linkage analysis, complex traits, population genetics, animal models, sex determination, and epigenetics.

CSBL5026. Stem Cell Biology. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is an up-to-date overview on current topics in stem cell biology. It is intended for the (future) basic scientist who is interested in studying the regulatory mechanisms of stem cells as well as for the (future) clinician who is interested in how stem cell biology will continue to impact patient care. Topics that will be discussed are: (1) basic biology and stem cells, including embryonic stem cells, adult stem cells, stem cells in different tissues and model systems; (2) microenvironment-mediated; (3) epigenetic regulators of stem cells; (4) stem cells in medicine, including regenerative medicine, cancer and aging; and (5) ethics.

CSBL5032. Dental Histology. 5 Credit Hours.
Through lectures, demonstrations, and laboratory work, students in this course will be given the opportunity to study the microscopic structure of the basic tissues and organs of the human body, followed by details of the embryologic development and microscopic structure of the various organs of the oral cavity. Current concepts in cellular biology are presented during the portion of the course in which they are most relevant. The general purpose of this course is to give students the opportunity to become acquainted with the basic embryology, cytology, and histology of normal human tissues and organs, thereby providing a foundation of knowledge for the understanding of normal activity and disease processes. Course Fees: Included in general lab fee. $48 microscope fee for the Freshman year includes this course.
CSBL5033. Brain Health Journal Club. 1 Credit Hour.
A journal club with an emphasis on brain health. The scope of the
journal club is broad, with topics ranging from molecular mechanisms
to the impact of injuries on behavior. Brain injuries ranging from stroke,
spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury (TBI) to age-associated
neurodegeneration will be emphasized. Scientific articles on relevant or
state-of-the-art techniques will also be encouraged. On a rotating basis,
participants will be expected to present to the group either a paper of
interest and relevance to their work or an update on their ongoing research
or some combination of the two. PowerPoint slides are discouraged in
favor of a chalk talk when presenting to the group.

CSBL5074. Introduction to Research. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course is required of all Ph.D. students in Cellular & Structural
Biology. In this course students will have the opportunity to learn of the
research programs in the department. This course will not only introduce
students to the research strategies, but also inform them of opportunities
for rotations.

CSBL5077. Scientific Writing. 2 Credit Hours.
This course will provide students with the opportunity to develop skills
in scientific writing and the presentation of research results. It will
emphasize learning-by-doing-and-re-doing. Students will be required
to write something every week. The capstone project for students will be
to write a grant proposal and defend it in front of the class. One hour
per week will be devoted to lecture and critique of published work; the
other hour will consist of critique and revision of student writing by other
students, as well as by the course director. Topics to be covered include:
(1) fundamentals of writing clearly, (2) principles of revision, (3) effective
presentation of data, (4) fundamentals of oral presentation, (5) writing/presenting to the appropriate audience, (6) how to write background/
introductory sections, (7) how to write materials and methods, (8) how to
write the discussion section, and (9) how to constructively critique one's
own and others writing.

CSBL5083. Practical Optical Microscopy. 1 Credit Hour.
This course will be a one-hour elective for graduate students consisting
of eight (8) one-hour lectures plus eight (8) one-hour laboratories. The
course focuses on the practical aspects of using optical microscopes.
The objectives are to teach students the fundamental principles of optical
microscopy and to provide them with hands-on experience using the
optical instrumentation in the Institutional Imaging Core.

CSBL5089. Graduate Colloquium. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide graduate students with training in
evaluating the scientific literature and in presentation of research in a
seminar or journal club format. The course will focus on critical thinking,
including evaluation of existing literature, interpretation of experimental
results, and comparison of alternative models and interpretations. These
tools are essential both for oral presentations and for writing grant
proposals and manuscripts. Emphasis will be placed on evaluation of the
science, organization of the manuscript, and on oral presentation skills.

CSBL5091. Special Topics. 1-9 Credit Hours.
No description available.

CSBL5095. Experimental Design And Data Analysis. 3 Credit Hours.
The purpose of the course is to provide a broad, intuitive understanding
of the role of statistics in hypothesis testing. The emphasis of the course
will be on the selection and application of proper tests of statistical
significance. Practical experience will be provided in the use of both
parametric and nonparametric methods of statistical evaluation, using a
variety of statistical software. Among the topics to be covered are: data
reduction, types of distributions, hypothesis testing, the special case of
the comparison of two groups, analysis of variance, a posteriori multiple
range tests, tests of the assumptions of parametric analyses, tests for
frequency distributions, linear regression, correlation analysis and power
and sample size selection. Students will also be introduced to more
advanced multivariate methods, resampling and Bayesian analyses.

CSBL6015. Selective Topics In Oncology: Gynecological Cancers. 2
Credit Hours.
This advanced elective course for the Cancer Biology Track provides a
unique learning experience intended to prepare students in the
emerging research areas of gynecological cancers for designing research
experiments using pre-clinical and clinical research materials. The entire
course comprises a small-group format in which students interact closely
with a group of faculty who has active research or clinical programs
focusing on molecular, clinical, and therapeutic areas of gynecological
cancers.

CSBL6021. Animal Models. 3 Credit Hours.
The relevant biology, applicability, and practical use of a number of
animal models to biomedical research is covered. Invertebrate (e.g.,
C. elegans) and vertebrate (e.g., fish and rodents) model systems are
included in the course. Strengths and weaknesses of each organism
that render them particularly valuable as animal models are emphasized.
Experimental approaches and tools that are utilized in conjunction with
each animal model are rigorously examined. The course is taught from
primary scientific literature using classic historical publications and recent
publications.

CSBL6040. Gross Anatomy Mentored Teach. 1 Credit Hour.
The Gross Anatomy Mentored Teaching Elective allow students in the
Integrated Biomedical Sciences Program, School of Health Professions,
and other qualified students to serve as teaching assistants for the spring
CSBL 5022 Interprofessional Human Gross Anatomy course. CSBL
5022 serves students in the occupational therapy, physical therapy,
physician assistant and biomedical engineering programs, and students
in the Masters of Anatomy graduate program. Teaching assistants will
serve as instructors for laboratory dissections which cover the central
and peripheral nervous systems, vertebral column and back, the upper
and lower limbs, head and neck, body wall, thorax, abdomen, pelvis,
and perineum. Other teaching assistant duties include preparation of
prosecution specimens for teaching and demonstration, lab practical exam
setup and grading, and preparation and presentation of a brief topical
review relevant to anatomy. Prerequisites: Students enrolling in this
elective must have taken an approved human gross anatomy course (as
determined and agreed upon by the course directors) with a minimum final
grade of B within the previous five years.
CSBL6048. Biology of Aging. 4 Credit Hours.
Biology of Aging is the core course of the Biology of Aging Track. The course consists of two modules: Aging and Longevity Mechanisms and Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms of Aging. The purpose of this course is to provide students with the most up-to-date information on the current understanding of the aging process. This advanced interdisciplinary graduate course provides experimental understanding of the interrelated areas of aging and age-related diseases. Faculty from several departments will be involved in teaching this course, which will cover the molecular and cellular biology of aging, model systems used for aging studies, age-related changes in organs and tissues, and age-related diseases.

CSBL6049. Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Aging. 2 Credit Hours.
This course provides up-to-date information on the current understanding of cellular and molecular mechanisms that contribute to aging. The focus is on investigation of specific mechanisms of aging including oxidative stress, nutrient sensing signaling pathways, stem cells and senescence, and genome stability. Experimental design and analysis, including pros and cons of approaches used to gain knowledge and how to appropriately interpret data, will be discussed throughout the course. The relationship between age-related changes in function and potential contributions age associated diseases will be examined via recently published research.

CSBL6050. Aging and Longevity Mechanisms. 2 Credit Hours.
This module will focus on and evaluate several approaches used to modulate longevity and how these are used to discover the genetic, physiological and intracellular foundation of aging processes. The course will consist of interactive lectures complemented by guided reading of currently research papers. Students will be taught to hone critical reading skills and develop testable hypotheses to carry research forward. Topics will include: Genetics of Aging, Exceptional Longevity, Pharmacological Interventions, Calorie Restriction, Healthspan and Pathology of Aging.

CSBL6058. Neurobiology Of Aging. 2 Credit Hours.
The nervous systems of many species, including humans, show obvious declines in function as a result of increasing age. In addition to the gradual decline observed in neural function, it is clear that increasing age also results in increased susceptibility of the nervous system to degenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. This course will focus on recent findings and topics related to the underlying pathology of aging in the nervous system and the relationship of aging to neurodegenerative disease.

CSBL6059. Stem Cells & Regenerative Medicine. 1 Credit Hour.
The fields of stem cells and regenerative medicine are rapidly evolving and have great potential to change the way medicine is practiced. This course will encompass topics from basics of tissue specific stem cell biology to pre-clinical animal models, strategies and progress in regenerative medicine. We will discuss some of the most current research being done in regenerative medicine from stem cell transplantation to biomaterials. Prerequisite: INTD 5000.

CSBL6060. Anatomical Sciences Thesis. 1-4 Credit Hours.
Designed as an alternative to a bench research-based thesis, this longitudinal course for the Anatomical Sciences track in the Masters Program will culminate in the production of a thesis ideally suitable for adaptation as a scholarly publication in a peer-reviewed journal. The thesis should focus on assessment of an unanswered and important question on a relevant and approved subject, involve in-depth research and demonstrate critical thinking on the part of the student. A student in the Anatomical Sciences Track will meet with the Course Director during the spring semester of his/her first year in the program to begin to identify a research area and specific topic(s) for his/her thesis proposal. Areas of focus include (but are not limited to) the following: 1) Clinical Anatomy & anatomy related to medical procedures and/or training of health professionals; 2) Anatomical Variations - comparative research utilizing human cadavers in the gross anatomy laboratories or comparative research in animal models; 3) Anatomical Sciences Education - education research on anatomy teaching methods and approaches to teaching anatomy to health professions students; 4) History of Anatomy - research on the development of human anatomical studies, comparative anatomy concepts, anatomy education, or involving other applications of the humanities to anatomical sciences (e.g. medical illustration, literature, music); 5) Human and rodent micro-anatomy /histology; or 6) Anatomical aspects of a biomedical research endeavor.

CSBL6064. Genes & Development. 4 Credit Hours.
Genes and Development is the core course of the Genetics, Genomics, and Development Track. The course consists of four modules: genetics, genomics, developmental biology, and stem cell biology. Basic concepts in genetics such as cytogenetics, mitochondrial genetics, cancer genetics, linkage analysis, complex traits, population genetics, animal models, sex determination, and epigenetics will be presented. The genomics section will include historical aspects of the genome project and high throughput analysis. The students are introduced to new techniques in global analysis as well as have hands-on experience. The developmental biology section provides a survey of concepts in developmental biology (induction, cell-cell interactions, morphogen gradients, morphogenetic movements, transcriptional regulation, organogenesis) using experimental examples from both invertebrate and vertebrate embryos. The stem cell biology section includes the following topics: basic biology of stem cells, including embryonic stem cells, adult stem cells, stem cells in different tissues and model systems; microenvironment-mediated and epigenetic regulators of stem cells; stem cells in medicine, including regenerative medicine, cancer, and aging; and ethics. Required for the Genetics, Genomics, and Development Track.

CSBL6068. Cancer Biology Core 1. 2 Credit Hours.
This course reviews select topics in molecular and cellular biology of importance to molecular oncology. Topics examined include oncogenes, tumor suppressor genes, apoptosis, control of cell cycle regulation, and control of cellular growth and proliferation. The goal of the course is to prepare graduate students to critically evaluate published research in molecular oncology. Required for Cancer Biology Track.
CSBL6069. Cancer Biology Core 2. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide an overview of the molecular alterations identified in the most common cancer types in humans. The general guidelines on recent diagnosis and therapeutic advances in oncology will be presented. In addition, it will offer an overview on special populations affected by cancers or by less frequent but biologically informative cancers and basic concepts related to experimental tools relevant to cancer biology, including mouse models of tumors and molecular profiling. The conceptual notions on clinical trials of cancer drugs and the process of development of novel therapeutic drugs in cancer will be discussed. Required for Cancer Biology Track. Prerequisites: Cancer Biology Core 1.

CSBL6070. Cancer Biology Preceptorial. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This is a discussion-based course to help unify our cancer biology students. The idea is to work in a small team based manner for students to disseminate knowledge that they are obtaining by participating in advanced courses of different topics by presenting the topic, methods and relevance to cancer biology to their peers. The intent is that participating students will discuss the topic in detail to understand how it might be useful to cancer biology research, in effect an active learning process. The goal is to provide an integrated multidisciplinary view on cancer research. Prerequisites: CSBL 6068 and CSBL 6069.

CSBL6071. Supervised Teaching. 1-12 Credit Hours.
This course consists of participation in the teaching program of the first-year medical, dental, or health professions curriculum. Semester hours vary depending on the time spent in teaching.

CSBL6072. Presentation Skills. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide graduate students in the CSB masters program the opportunity to develop their skills in oral presentation. The course will focus on critical thinking, clear and concise presentation of research endeavors, and communicating science to the public, to students, and to other scientists. The course will meet for 1 hour every other week and is intended for MS students in their second year of study. Part I (Fall Semester) will focus on general scientific presentation skills.

CSBL6073. Selective Topics In Oncology: Gynecological Cancers. 2 Credit Hours.
This is an advanced elective course for the Cancer Biology Track. The course is a unique learning experience in preparing students in the emerging research areas of gynecological cancers for designing research experiments using preclinical and clinical research materials. The entire course is a small-group format in which student interact closely with a group of faculty who have active research or clinical programs focusing on molecular, clinical, and therapeutic areas of gynecological cancers.

CSBL6074. Molecular Aspects Of Epigenetics. 2 Credit Hours.
The purpose of this course is to develop an understanding of the molecular aspects of epigenetics. This advanced course will be a unique learning experience that prepares the student to evaluate and design new research in the areas of epigenetic processes including imprinting, gene slicing, X chromosome inactivation, position effect, reprogramming, and the process of tumorigenesis. This module concerns epigenetic mechanisms. Topics include: DNA methylation, histone modifications, epigenetics and stem cells, cancer epigenetics, RNA interference and epigenetics, bioinformatics and epigenetics, and translational epigenetics. This course will include a didactic program and student discussion. For the student discussion module, faculty and students will jointly discuss key publications that serve to bridge the gap between the student's prior understanding of the field and the state of the art in that area.

CSBL6090. Seminar. 1-9 Credit Hours.
Attendance and participation in the regularly scheduled department seminar series is required each semester the course is offered. The activities included in the seminar course are attendance at invited seminars, journal club, and the student presentations including student annual progress and final dissertation and thesis presentations.

CSBL6094. Advanced Neuroanatomy. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course in neuroanatomy is offered to graduate students seeking to advance their knowledge beyond the fundamental level. The course consists of reading from more advanced texts and current anatomical literature as well as dissection of deep white matter tracts within the cortex. The student must also complete a 20-page paper on a neuroanatomical topic.

CSBL6095. Functional Genomic Data Analysis. 2 Credit Hours.
This course covers basics of genomic data analysis. Focus is on general computational methods, their biomedical basis, and how to evaluate analysis results. Qualitative algorithm descriptions are expected. Prerequisites: CSBL 5095 or Equivalent.

CSBL6096. Research. 1-12 Credit Hours.
This course consists of independent, original research under the direction of a faculty advisor.

CSBL6097. Thesis. 1-12 Credit Hours.
This course consists of instruction in the preparation of the thesis. Registration for at least one term is required of M.S. candidates. Admission to candidacy for Master of Science degree is required.

CSBL6165. Medical Genetics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides an introduction to the basic concepts of medical genetics and current areas of medical genetic research. The course reviews basic genetic concepts including the principles of Mendelian and nontraditional inheritance, cytotgenetics, molecular genetics, quantitative and population genetics, and discuss important medical aspects of genetic counseling and pedigree analysis, dysmorphology, cancer genetics and counseling for inherited cancers, developmental genetics, prenatal diagnosis, newborn screening, and pharmacogenetics. Diagnosis and current research toward treatment and cure of common genetic disorders affecting metabolism, reproduction, the endocrine system, the functioning of the eye and the nervous system are discussed. An important aspect of the course will be a discussion of ethical issues in medical genetics. A basic background in genetics, cell biology, and biochemistry is assumed. Prerequisites: A basic background in genetics, cell biology, and biochemistry.

CSBL7014. Anatomy 1. 5 Credit Hours.
This course provides the basic principles of human anatomy. Students have the opportunity to learn human anatomy as it relates to function through the study of bones, cadaver prossections, models, atlas drawings and photographs, and their own bodies. Concentration is on osteology, radiology, arthrology, neuromuscular, vascular, and basic systems anatomy as they apply to physical therapy. Course fees: Lab Assistance fee $10 per hour Gross Anatomy Lab fee $30.

CSBL7099. Dissertation. 0.5-12 Credit Hours.
Registration for at least one term is required of Ph.D. candidates. Prerequisites: admission to candidacy for Doctor of Philosophy degree.
This course reinforces principles of human anatomy studied in CSBL 7014. Students study human anatomy as it relates to function through cadaver dissection. Concentration is on osteology, radiology, arthrology, neuromuscular, vascular, and basic systems anatomy as they apply to physical therapy. Course fees: Lab Assistance fee $10 per hour Gross Anatomy Lab fee $30 Human Materials fee $865.

Clinical Laboratory Science (CLSC)

Courses

CLSC3000. Introduction to Clinical Laboratory Sciences. 2 Credit Hours.
This Web-based course is an overview of the clinical laboratory profession. There are three general areas of study. The first is information on the profession including history, educational requirements, job responsibilities and opportunities, as well as the structure and role of the clinical laboratory in medicine. The second is an introduction to medical terminology using an overview of the body systems. Examples of the use of laboratory tests to detect pathologies in these systems are included. The third area is quality assurance. Enrollment is open to laboratory science students at other universities both in state and out of state. Texas residents and non-residents living in Texas pay applicable tuition and fees of the Health Science Center.

CLSC3001. Phlebotomy Practicum. 0.5 Credit Hours.
Under the direction and supervision of a clinical instructor in a hospital or outpatient facility, the student will be given the opportunity to gain experience and expertise in phlebotomy procedures. This practicum may be taken anytime after the student has been accepted into the program. Positions will be based on the availability of sites. Students must arrange this practicum with the education coordinator before enrolling. This practicum must be completed before beginning clinical practicums in the senior year.

CLSC3010. Body Fluids. 2 Credit Hours.
This is a study of selected body fluids including urine, amniotic fluid, cerebrospinal fluid, pleural fluid, peritoneal fluid, pericardial fluid, and synovial fluid. Renal physiology and the physical and chemical properties of urine and cellular elements of the urine in healthy and diseased states are studied. The formation and function of cerebrospinal fluid and amniotic fluid will be discussed. The anatomy and physiology of pleural, peritoneal, and pericardial cavities will be presented. Attention is given to the cellular and formed elements found in these body fluids. In addition, this course includes the performance of various laboratory procedures utilized in the analysis of each of these fluids. Case studies will be used to emphasize the changes in laboratory results associated with various disease states. Principles and applications of quality control procedures are practiced.

CLSC3011. Quality Assurance in the Clinical Laboratory. 1 Credit Hour.
This course presents the principles, statistics, and applications of quality assurance as it pertains to the clinical laboratory. The course will emphasize the statistics that are needed to evaluate a quality control system, the rules that are necessary for interpreting the quality control results, and the role of quality control in a quality assurance program. The impact of federal and state regulatory agencies on the clinical laboratory and its quality assurance program will be discussed. A large part of this course is via computer-assisted instruction.

CLSC3020. Special Topics in Clinical Immunology. 1-2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed for students who have completed a course that included clinical immunology/serology at an accredited CLT/MLT program. The course provides the student the opportunity to gain an understanding of selected immunology/serology topics that may include theory and/or practice. The topics vary according to student's previous experience and education. Credit hours are variable. Hours will be assigned based on the topics covered. Prerequisites: proficiency exam, permission from course director.

CLSC3022. Special Topics in Body Fluids. 1-2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed for students who have completed a course that included urinalysis and other body fluids at an accredited CLT/MLT program. The course provides the student the opportunity to gain an understanding of selected body fluids topics that may include theory and/or practice. The topics vary according to student's previous experience and education. Credit hours are variable. Hours will be assigned based on the topics covered. A proficiency exam and permission from course director are required.

CLSC3033. Medical Microbiology. 3 Credit Hours.
This is a comprehensive study of medically important microorganisms including their composition, morphology, and growth requirements. Methods for identification including biochemical reactions of significant pathogens and their role in infectious disease will be stressed.

CLSC3034. Medical Microbiology Lab. 2 Credit Hours.
This is a laboratory course emphasizing diagnostic clinical microbiology. Examination of samples from different body sites provides students the opportunity to recognize and identify organisms that comprise the normal flora and those that are potential pathogens. This course includes conventional and rapid biochemical methods for detection and identification of significant organisms. Principles and application of quality control procedures are practiced. Corequisites: CLSC 3033.

CLSC3035. Special Topics in Medical Microbiology. 1-5 Credit Hours.
This course is designed for students who have completed a medical microbiology course at an accredited CLT/MLT program. The course provides the student the opportunity to gain an understanding of selected medical microbiology topics that may include theory and/or practice. The topics vary according to student's previous experience and education. Credit hours are variable. Hours will be assigned based on the topics covered. Proficiency exam and permission from course director are required.

CLSC3040. Special Topics in Microbiology. 2.5 Credit Hours.
This lecture and laboratory course will focus on the transmission, pathophysiology, clinical sites of infection, clinical presentation, life cycles, and identification of infrequently isolated bacterial pathogens, anaerobes, mycobacteria, viruses, parasites and fungal agents. Specimen collection techniques and methods of processing specimens for each group of organisms will be included. Laboratory sessions will focus on microscopic identification as well as classic and rapid methods of detection and identification of these etiologic agents. Prerequisites: CLSC 3033 and CLSC 3034.

CLSC3051. Hematology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a study of the normal production, maturation, and function of erythrocytes, leukocytes, and platelets. Common disorders involving such cells will be discussed with emphasis on the pathogenic mechanisms. Hematologic laboratory tests and their correlations with disease states will also be examined. Normal hemostasis will be considered including pertinent laboratory tests used in diagnosis of coagulation problems.
CLSC3052. Hematology Laboratory. 2 Credit Hours.
This is a clinical laboratory course emphasizing manual and semi-automated cell counting techniques and other basic hematologic tests. Time is devoted to the examination of normal and abnormal blood smears with emphasis on identification of cells and their relationships to various disease processes. An introduction to quality control methods in the hematology laboratory will also be included. Corequisites: CLSC 3051.

CLSC3060. Immunohematology. 2 Credit Hours.
This is a study of the major blood groups of humans including the red cell antigen systems, alloantibodies, and non-immune stimulated antibodies. The relationship of blood group systems to compatibility testing, transfusion reactions, and hemolytic disease of the newborn will be discussed.

CLSC3063. Special Topics in Immunohematology. 1-4 Credit Hours.
This course is designed for students who have completed an immunohematology course at an accredited CLT/MLT program. The course provides the student the opportunity to gain an understanding of selected immunohematology topics which may include theory and/or practice. The topics vary according to student's previous experience and education. Credit hours are variable. Hours will be assigned based on the topics covered. A proficiency exam and permission from course director are required.

CLSC3064. Immunohematology Laboratory. 2 Credit Hours.
This is a laboratory course emphasizing basic bloodbanking techniques including blood typing, identification of alloantibodies, and resolution of typing discrepancies. Techniques used in resolution of compatibility testing, investigation of transfusion reactions, and hemolytic disease of the newborn are practiced. Principles and applications of quality control are introduced. Corequisites: CLSC 3060.

CLSC3065. Clinical Immunology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course will discuss the principles of innate and acquired immunity. Emphasis will be placed on the cell-mediated immune response and humoral immune response to immunogens. The cells of either response, their development, and their role in the specific immune response will be discussed. Soluble mediators of the immune response will be covered including immunoglobulins, cytokines, and complement. Finally, disorders of impaired immune function and infectious diseases will be discussed including autoimmunity, hypersensitivity, transplantation and tumor immunology, immunodeficiency, syphilis, infectious mononucleosis, etc. Laboratory testing for these disorders will be described.

CLSC3070. Diagnostic Immunology Lecture. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This didactic course presents the principles and applications of immunology as it pertains to diagnosis of disease states. The course will cover methods to detect infectious as well as autoimmune diseases using immunologic technologies such as immunofluorescence, enzyme immunosassays, and flow cytometry. Correlation of the laboratory results with the disease states will be emphasized. Clinical applications of flow cytometry, histocompatibility testing, serology, and immunochemistry assays will be discussed. Immunology is required.

CLSC3071. Diagnostic Immunology Laboratory. 1 Credit Hour.
This laboratory course introduces students to basic laboratory concepts and skills. Safety regulations and procedures will be covered. Specimen collection, handling and storage are discussed in relation to the reliability of a laboratory test result. Students will perform immunologic procedures commonly used in the diagnosis of infectious and autoimmune diseases. Principles and applications of quality control procedures are integrated throughout.

CLSC3072. Molecular and Immunological Diagnosis. 4 Credit Hours.
This didactic course presents the principles of molecular biology and an in-depth review of immunology. Molecular and immunological techniques such as PCR, western blotting, flow cytometry, and immunochemistry assays will be discussed with an emphasis on the diagnosis of disease states. Clinical applications in forensics, paternity testing, diagnosis of infectious disease states, inherited conditions and neoplasms will be presented.

CLSC3073. Molecular and Immunologic Diagnostic Lab. 1 Credit Hour.
This laboratory course will offer the opportunity for students to perform both molecular and immunologic techniques. Students will perform molecular diagnostic techniques such as PCR and gel electrophoresis that are used in the investigation of inherited conditions and neoplasms and become familiar with potential sources of error. Students will also perform immunologic procedures commonly used in the diagnosis of infectious and autoimmune diseases. Principles and applications of quality control procedures are practiced. Corequisites: CLSC 3072.

CLSC3081. Clinical Chemistry. 2.5 Credit Hours.
The study of carbohydrates, enzymes, proteins and other chemicals routinely analyzed in clinical chemistry laboratories. Emphasis is placed upon principles of testing, methods of analysis, data interpretation, and clinical significance of results. Laboratory mathematics, quality control, safety, and instrumentation also are topics covered.

CLSC3082. Clinical Chemistry Laboratory. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This is a laboratory course emphasizing biochemical analysis of body fluids utilizing manual procedures and semi-automated instrumentation. Students are given the opportunity to develop motor skills and organizational techniques in biochemical procedures. Principles and applications of quality control procedures are practiced. Corequisites: CLSC 3081.

CLSC3083. Special Topics in Clinical Chemistry. 1-4 Credit Hours.
This course is designed for students who have completed a clinical chemistry course at an accredited CLT/MLT program. The course provides the student the opportunity to gain an understanding of selected clinical chemistry topics that may include theory and/or practice. The topics vary according to student's previous experience and education. Credit hours are variable. Hours will be assigned based on the topics covered. A proficiency exam and permission from course director are required.

CLSC3085. Principles of Biochemistry. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a discussion of the basic biomedical processes that occur in the human body. Topics that will be covered include the molecular basis of life, molecular structure, bioenergetics, enzymes, and metabolism.

CLSC4006. Professional Issues. 1 Credit Hour.
This interdisciplinary course will provide an overview of professional and ethical issues facing allied health professionals. Topics to be discussed include responsibilities of the health care practitioner, life and death decisions, patient confidentiality, substance abuse, whistle blowing, and informed consent. Ethics in research and other critical issues related to health care problems will also be addressed. Collaborative activities and simulated cases will be used to enhance discussion among students.

CLSC4020. Issues in Health Care. 1-3.5 Credit Hours.
This course is a study of selected topics in health care. Consent of instructor is required.
CLSC4033. Advanced Medical Microbiology. 2 Credit Hours.
This course will discuss etiology of infectious diseases in different body sites. Laboratory identification of suspected etiologic agents, using conventional methods, will be emphasized. Recent developments in microbiology and new rapid methods in the identification of bacterial agents of infectious disease will also be presented. One section of this course is in a distance-learning format offered via the Web. Students wanting to enroll in the Web section must receive permission from the instructor.

CLSC4035. Introduction to Molecular Diagnostics. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This course is a study of recombinant DNA concepts and technology. Applications of this technology in diagnosis and therapy of disease is emphasized. The course is a combination of lecture and laboratory. Prerequisites include genetics and junior CLSC coursework. One section of this course is in a distance-learning format offered via the Web. Students wanting to enroll in the Web section must receive permission from the instructor.

CLSC4037. Microbiology Practicum. 4 Credit Hours.
Under the supervision and direction of a clinical instructor in the hospital setting, the student is introduced to the functional roles of the clinical microbiology laboratory. Emphasis is on the practical application of microbiological principles in the areas of bacteriology, parasitology, mycology, and mycobacteriology. Students have the opportunity to gain experience in the isolation and identification of both indigenous microflora and potential disease producing organisms of man. Concepts of Total Quality Management (TQM) are emphasized.

CLSC4038. Microbiology Categorical Practicum. 10 Credit Hours.
Under the supervision and direction of a clinical instructor in the clinical microbiology lab, the student is introduced to the functional roles of the clinical microbiology laboratory. Students will have the opportunity to develop proficiency in the areas of bacteriology, parasitology, mycology, mycobacteriology, immunology, and virology. A period of time will be devoted to allow the student to gain experience in performing microbiological studies in each of these areas.

CLSC4040. Human Genetics. 2 Credit Hours.
An advanced course which provides the student an opportunity to study the cell cycle, oogenesis, spermatogenesis, Mendelian inheritance, polygenic inheritance, population genetics, medical genetics, clinical cytogenetics, and basic molecular techniques. The course is self-paced requiring approximately 2 hours per week. Prerequisites: Admission to Cytogenetics Program or consent of instructor.

CLSC4041. Clinical Cytogenetics. 4 Credit Hours.
This is an advanced lecture course covering theories, concepts, and techniques applicable to the practice of clinical cytogenetics. Topics include mitotic and meiotic cell cycles with emphasis on errors and manipulations, chromosome structure, mechanisms of chromosome abnormality formation, cytogenetics syndromers, inheritance patterns, cancer genetics, instability syndromes, clinical correlation of chromosome abnormalities, microscopy, computer imaging, cell culture, analysis, ISCN, pedigree construction, and other current genetic issues. Prerequisites: CLSC 4040 or consent of instructor.

CLSC4042. Hematology for the Geneticist. 1 Credit Hour.
This is an advanced study of the normal production, maturation and function of erythrocytes, leukocytes and platelets. The pathogenic mechanisms as well as the peripheral blood and bone marrow findings in relation to leukocyte disorders will be covered. Study of the correlation of cytogenetic abnormalities to specific disorders will be emphasized. Corequisite: CLSC 4041 or consent of the instructor.

CLSC4043. Cytogenetics Techniques. 4 Credit Hours.
This is an advanced laboratory course designed to cover all aspects of cytogenetic laboratory practice including specimen evaluation, culture initiation, culture maintenance, harvesting, slidemaking, staining and banding techniques (conventional, GTG, QFQ, CBG, AgNOR, DA/ DAPI, SCE, and FISH), banding pattern recognition, microscopic analysis, computer imaging, computer-assisted karyotyping and ISCN. Instrumentation, solution preparation, laboratory math, quality control, and regulatory issues will be emphasized. Prerequisites: CLSC 4041 or consent of the instructor.

CLSC4044. Current Topics in Genetics. 1 Credit Hour.
This is an advanced seminar course that provides the student an opportunity to acquire knowledge of the latest developments in the field of human genetics with emphasis on the structure, behavior, and function of chromosomes as related to human diseases. Discussion sessions follow seminar presentation of critical literature reviews of a specific topic, current journal articles, or of individual research. Presenters will be drawn from the cytogenetics community of the Health Science Center and surrounding area. Each student is required to make a short presentation on a topic of interest selected with the aid of the coordinator. Prerequisites: CLSC 4041 or concurrent enrollment.

CLSC4045. Clinical Cytogenetics Laboratory 1. 5 Credit Hours.
Under the supervision and direction of a clinical instructor in a hospital or reference laboratory setting, the student will have the opportunity to extend their knowledge of principles and techniques of clinical cytogenetics which were presented in the didactic portion of the curriculum. The student will have the opportunity to gain experience with a wide variety of procedures which include culturing, harvesting, slide preparation, staining, and analyzing metaphases, with emphasis on the processing of peripheral blood samples. Clinical correlations of the chromosomal findings are included. Grades are based on laboratory performance and results achieved on written and/or practical examinations conducted at the particular clinical affiliate to which the student is assigned. Prerequisites: CLSC 4041, CLSC 4043, and CLSC 4042.

CLSC4046. Clinical Cytogenetics Laboratory 2. 5 Credit Hours.
Under the supervision and direction of a clinical instructor in a hospital or reference laboratory setting, the student will have the opportunity to extend their knowledge of principles and techniques of clinical cytogenetics which were presented in the didactic portion of the curriculum. The student will have the opportunity to gain experience with a wide variety of procedures which include culturing, harvesting, slide preparation, staining, and analyzing metaphases, with emphasis on the processing of amniotic fluid and chorionic villi samples. Clinical correlations of the chromosomal findings are included. Grades are based on laboratory performance and results achieved on written and/or practical examinations conducted at the particular clinical affiliate to which the student is assigned. Prerequisites: CLSC 4045.

CLSC4047. Clinical Cytogenetics Laboratory 3. 5 Credit Hours.
Under the supervision and direction of a clinical instructor in a hospital or reference laboratory setting, the student will have the opportunity to extend their knowledge of principles and techniques of clinical cytogenetics that were presented in the didactic portion of the curriculum. The student will have the opportunity to gain experience with a wide variety of procedures which include culturing, harvesting, slide preparation, staining, and analyzing metaphases, with emphasis on the processing of bone marrow and solid tumor samples. Clinical correlations of the chromosomal findings are included. Grades are based on laboratory performance and results achieved on written and/or practical examinations conducted at the particular clinical affiliate to which the student is assigned. Prerequisites: CLSC 4046.
Clinical Cytogenetics Laboratory 4. 5 Credit Hours.
Under the supervision and direction of a clinical instructor in a hospital or reference laboratory setting, the student will have the opportunity to extend their knowledge of principles and techniques of clinical cytogenetics that were presented in the didactic portion of the curriculum. The student will have the opportunity to gain experience with a wide variety of procedures which include culturing, harvesting, slide preparation, staining, and analyzing metaphases, with emphasis on quality control. Application of FISH, molecular techniques, and computer imaging. Clinical correlations of the chromosomal findings are included. Grades are based on laboratory performance and results achieved on written and/or practical examinations conducted at the particular clinical affiliate to which the student is assigned. Prerequisites: CLSC 4047.

Cytogenetics Lab Practices. 1.5 Credit Hour.
An exploration of problem-solving processes and strategies for resolving difficult cases is the focus of this course. Students will be presented with the opportunity to integrate previously presented topics with experiences gained from clinical practicums. A thorough review of basic principles as applied in the clinical laboratory is included. Prerequisites: CLSC 4048 or consent of instructor.

Research In Cytogenetics. 1-5 Credit Hours.
This is an advanced course that provides the student an opportunity to apply scientific method to a clinical laboratory research problem, demonstrate a systematic application of hypothesis formation, and decision-making through research design principles. Course evaluation is based upon performance on the term project. Requires consent of Program Director and Instructor. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisites: CLSC 4047.

Advanced Hematology. 2 Credit Hours.
Using problem-based learning approach, this advanced course presents the pathogenic mechanisms of disorders involving erythrocytes, leukocytes, platelets, and coagulation factors. The methodology for detection of diseases of the blood and blood forming organs is examined. The peripheral blood and bone marrow findings in relation to various hematopoietic disease processes will be emphasized. Abnormalities of hemostatic mechanisms and their correlation with laboratory tests will be presented.

Advanced Hematology/Web-Based. 2 Credit Hours.
This advanced course in hematology/hemostasis presents the pathogenic mechanisms of disorders involving erythrocytes, leukocytes, platelets, and coagulation factors. The methodology for detection of diseases of the blood and blood forming organs is examined with emphasis on the interpretation of the findings and determination of appropriate reflex testing. Morphologic changes in the peripheral blood and bone marrow will be emphasized. This is a Web-based course. Enrollment is open to clinical laboratory technicians/medical laboratory technicians or military-trained laboratory personnel who have been accepted into the CLS program or by special permission from the course director.

Advanced Immunohematology. 2 Credit Hours.
This is a lecture course which uses case studies to emphasize theory and principles and develop problem solving skills. Major areas of focus include collection, processing and therapeutic use of blood components; investigation of autoantibodies and alloantibodies as detected in hemolytic disease of newborns, transfusion reactions, and autoimmune hemolytic anemias. The HLA system and applications in transplantation and paternity testing will also be discussed. One section of this course is in a distance-learning format offered via the Web. Students wanting to enroll in the Web section must receive permission from the instructor.
CLSC4083. Advanced Clinical Chemistry. 3 Credit Hours.
This is an advanced clinical lecture course emphasizing abnormalities in liver, cardiac, renal, and endocrine systems and their effect on chemical blood constituents. The theories and use of complex biochemical methodologies including immunochemical assays, chromatography, and electrophoresis also will be discussed. One section of this course is in a distance-learning format offered via the Web. Students wanting to enroll in the Web section must receive permission from the instructor.

CLSC4087. Chemistry Practicum. 4 Credit Hours.
Under the supervision and direction of a clinical instructor in the hospital setting, the student is introduced to the delivery of health care as it relates to the chemistry diagnostic laboratory. The student has the opportunity to gain experience in toxicology, electrophoresis, immunochemical assays, urinalysis, and special chemistry procedures including neonatal intensive care testing. The student will be given the opportunity to operate modern, state-of-the-art clinical laboratory equipment. Motor skills as well as interpretive skills will be stressed. Knowledge of internal and external quality control methods in the clinical chemistry laboratory will be emphasized.

CLSC4088. Clinical Chemistry Categorical Practicum. 6 Credit Hours.
Under the supervision and direction of a clinical instructor in a hospital or reference laboratory setting, the student will have the opportunity to gain expertise and confidence working with automated clinical analyzers and performing esoteric clinical laboratory analyses. The student will have the opportunity to operate state-of-the-art, high-volume chemical analyzers, to observe preventive maintenance and troubleshooting procedures, and to gain firsthand experience with the recording and evaluation of quality control results. The student will perform highly specialized chemical analyses that may include serum protein electrophoresis, lipoprotein electrophoresis, toxicology screens, immunochemical assays, lecithin/sphingomyelin ratio for assessment of fetal lung maturity, blood gas analyses, and blood gas instrument troubleshooting procedures. The ability to organize work in a multitask environment will be emphasized. The student will be encouraged to present interesting and unusual case studies in an academic environment.

CLSC4090. Management for Clinical Laboratory Sciences. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide the student with the opportunity to develop entry-level management and supervisory skills. Topics include principles of communication; group dynamics; leadership styles; interviewing; planning; financial analysis; and policies, procedures, and regulations. Developing and designing presentations; learning principles, objectives and use of audiovisual aids; and design and evaluation of research projects are discussed. Other timely topics in health care may be considered. This is a Web-based course and enrollment is open to clinical laboratory technicians or military-trained personnel who have been accepted into the CLS program, or by special permission from the course director.

CLSC4091. Independent Study. 1-12 Credit Hours.
A plan of study is determined by the supervising faculty. The participating student and supervising faculty develop the course requirements and forms of evaluation. Credit hours are determined by the scope of the project.

CLSC4095. Management. 2.5 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to present the principle of group dynamics, human resources management, and financial analysis to students in laboratory medicine. Topics include leadership style, staffing, and laboratory information systems (data management, analysis, selection). Writing resumes and laboratory procedures and developing job performance criteria are included. Interviewing techniques and performance evaluations are practiced. Current issues in managed care including outcomes assessment, evidence-based medicine, infection control, CLIA regulations, point of care testing, onsite surveys of the laboratory and medical necessity are discussed.

CLSC4101. Honors CLS Course. 2.5-5 Credit Hours.
This is an elective course for students who want to study a CLS discipline in more depth or breadth, participate in a research project, study a professional issue, or work on a laboratory-related problem. This course is open only to students who have the permission of the Department Chair, are in good standing in the CLS Program, have a minimum GPA of 2.5, and a letter of recommendation from a CLS faculty member. The student is responsible for selecting an area of interest and securing the approval of a faculty mentor who will supervise the student's work.

CLSC4102. Honors CLS Practicum. 1-5 Credit Hours.
This elective course is for students who are interested in completing clinical practicums in specialized areas not included in the required clinical practicums. This may include laboratory management, molecular diagnostics, virology, etc. Certified clinical laboratory technicians who have extensive experience in the laboratory and who have completed the objectives of required practicums may choose to enroll in this practicum. A special clinical experience in the South Texas Environmental Education and Research (STEER) Program may be available to select students. This program is open to sophomores and juniors as well as seniors. The STEER Program is five weeks long and takes place in Laredo, Texas. Housing is provided. To enroll in this course, students must have the permission of the Department Chair, a minimum 2.5 GPA, and letters of recommendation from two faculty members. The student must be in good standing in all coursework. In addition, to enroll in the STEER Program, students must apply, be accepted, and complete a one-page statement of interest.

CLSC4189. CLS Senior Seminar. 1 Credit Hour.
Integrated study of selected topics in clinical laboratory science.

CLSC4190. Research. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to the components of medical research, the different types of clinical research trials, the purpose of the institutional review board and the informed consent procedure. Characteristics of the ethical researcher will be described. An overview of appropriate research design and data collection, sample size determination, and statistical evaluation of the results will be discussed. Students will have the opportunity to develop group research projects, write a proposal, develop a PowerPoint presentation, and present the proposal to faculty and students.

CLSC5007. Toxicology Practicum. 5 Credit Hours.
This is a one-semester rotation through different types of toxicology laboratories including medical examiners, clinical, and drug testing. Practicums will be supervised by faculty.
CLSC5014. Principles and Applications in Analytical Toxicology. 5 Credit Hours.
This course will concentrate on major topical areas of toxicology including: mechanisms toxicity in teratogenicity and carcinogenicity; mechanisms of systemic toxicity and damage to specific organs, chemical and immunochemical analytical techniques including non-instrumental methods such as spot tests and thin layer chromatography, and instrumental methods such as ELISA, HPLC, LC/MS/MS, GC/MS and capillary zone electrophoresis; and toxicology of toxins and toxicants including herbs and botanicals. Case studies will be used through the cause to develop skills in the application concepts and principles. Prerequisites: CLSC 5018.

CLSC5017. Toxicology Seminar. 1 Credit Hour.
This course includes formal exchange of scientific information and ideas through presentations from recent scientific literature and from faculty and student research.

CLSC5018. Medical and Forensic Toxicology. 5 Credit Hours.
This course concentrates on medical and forensic toxicology and where the two branches meet. The course will concentrate on specific topics within toxicology including toxins from plant and animal sources, selected therapeutic drugs and drugs of abuse, the emerging use of pharmacogenomics in personalized medicine and its role in reducing toxicity, new paradigms relating to the development of toxic reactions and provide introductory lectures in industrial and occupational toxicology. Case studies will be used throughout the course to develop problem-solving skills in the determination of cause, manner and mechanism of death in postmortem cases. Requirements for toxicology laboratory certification and design will be included.

CLSC5020. Applied Toxicology. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to complement courses CLSC 5014 and CSLC 5018. Under supervision of the program director and toxicologists from various areas of the discipline, the student will apply her/his knowledge of toxicology and forensic science to solving cases in emergency and forensic cases. Permission is required.

CLSC5040. Laboratory Medicine. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is offered to students in the Physician Assistant Studies Program at the Health Science Center. The course is designed to provide the student with the opportunity to gain information on the profession of CLS including history and job characteristics. Relationships between abnormal physiology and laboratory testing will be emphasized. Basic lab and math statistics will be taught. Part of the course is Web-based.

CLSC5041. Laboratory Medicine Lab. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is offered to students in the Physician Assistant Studies Program. This is a laboratory course that provides the student with hands-on experience in performing common physician office laboratory procedures. Case studies are used to help students interpret and use laboratory test results.

CLSC5085. Organ System Biochemistry. 3 Credit Hours.
This course takes an organ systems approach to the biochemical processes that occur in the human body. The course will cover the major biochemical mechanisms that operate in all human tissues, the characteristic biochemical processes that occur in each major organ system, and the biochemical interrelationship between the major organ systems. Permission is required.

CLSC5090. Independent Study In Clinical Laboratory Studies. 1-4 Credit Hours.
This course allows for in-depth study in a specific topic area. Topics and method of study are agreed upon by instructor and student. The course may be repeated for credit when topics vary.

CLSC6096. Capstone Project In Toxicology. 4 Credit Hours.
This is a focused well-referenced research project on current issues in any area of toxicology, including but not limited to Clinical (emergency toxicology and therapeutic drug monitoring) and postmortem forensic toxicology. The project shall focus on the theory, analysis and current practices and issues and may involve some laboratory work. The written document shall be between 10,000-15,000 words long and shall be accompanied by an oral presentation.

CLSC6097. Research. 3 Credit Hours.
This course consists of supervised research under direction of faculty.

CLSC6098. Thesis. 3 Credit Hours.
Instruction in the preparation of a thesis from the results of the research performed in CLSC 6097. Registration is required for at least one term for the MS candidate enrolled in CLSC 6097. Admission to candidacy for the Master of Science degree is required.

Community Dentistry (COMD)

Courses

COMD5017. Oral Health Promotion & Disease Prevention For Individuals & Populations. 1.5 Credit Hour.
Oral diseases have been reported to influence overall health and well-being of individuals and communities in the USA and across the world. This course provides the DS1 student with the basis and application of evidence-based practices to prevent oral diseases and promote oral health among individual patients and groups living in communities. The first part of the course focuses on Oral Health by concentrating on dental public health principles and epidemiology. The course stresses determinants of oral health and methods to reduce disparities. It examines contemporary oral health promotion and oral disease prevention at the community level. The second part of the course describes the Prevention of Oral Diseases for the Individual Patient, using a systematic approach of risk-based prevention. The course reviews the methodology to assess risks for dental caries, periodontal diseases, and oral cancer at the individual level. Students will have the opportunity to learn to develop and apply plans of prevention for oral diseases based upon individual risks, accounting for biological, social, and behavioral factors. The course integrates patient education and counseling practices as a component of individualized prevention practice.

COMD5031. Introduction To Professional Ethics. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course will introduce students to ethics, how ethical principles apply to dentists, and the professional obligations inherent in the dentist-patient relationship. It will additionally provide insight in how the individual student views the dental profession and provide a decision-making model to help guide their actions when faced with ethical dilemmas.

COMD5046. Cariology. 1 Credit Hour.
This course covers the scientific background of the etiology, treatment, and prevention of dental carries, as well as dental erosion. It offers an overview of the biological and mineralogical etiology of dental carries and dental erosion.

COMD6025. Nutrition. 0.5 Credit Hours.
Elements of nutrition are presented in a lecture series. Special attention is given to those aspects of nutrition that relate to dental health and the prevention of dental diseases.
COMD6048. Patient-Centered Oral Health Care: Behavioral, Social, & Cultural Dimensions. 1 Credit Hour.
This course discusses key dimensions of patient-centered clinical care recommended by the Institute of Medicine: a) respect for the patient's values, preferences, and expressed needs; b) information and education; c) access to care; d) emotional support to relieve fear and anxiety; e) involvement of family and friends; f) continuity and secure transition between health care settings; g) physical comfort; and h) coordination of care. This course focuses on caring for patients and understanding the contexts of their culture, family, and community. The course examines major health belief systems embraced by people from diverse cultures and explores the characteristics of health-illness beliefs and practices. Also, the course provides an overview of anxiety and fear in dentistry. Specifically, the course reviews the typical causes of dental fear, assessment of fear, and effective strategies for reducing fear and anxiety. Psychological approaches for working with patients with needle phobias, gagging, and panic are described in the course. The course emphasizes the development of competence of oral health professionals in instituting patient-centered and culturally relevant oral health care.

COMD7031. Professional Ethics. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course provides a deeper understanding of the role that ethics plays in dental practice through a series of small-group discussions focused on the resolution of ethical dilemmas. It also provides more thorough appreciation of the ethical principles and theory of normative ethics, as well as an understanding of the importance of dental research ethics, the role of ethics in the "business" of dentistry, and dentist's role in addressing social justice issues.

COMD7050. Preventive Dentistry Clinic. 1.5 Credit Hour.
As part of the junior clinic, this course is for the clinical application of prior study of Preventive & Community Dentistry, Preventive Methods, Nutrition, Cariology, Caries Risk Management, and Sophomore Clinic. With the emphasis on dental caries, it also includes prevention of gingivitis, oral cancer, and orofacial trauma. Students record preventive history, diagnosis and document caries, request appropriate lab and dietary assessments, carry out a caries activity (risk) assessment, write a preventive plan, and evaluate outcomes.

COMD8014. Oral Health Care System. 1 Credit Hour.
A series of lectures and panel discussions introduce students to the structure as well as methods of financing dental care. Concepts of both traditional and recently evolved forms of dental practice also are discussed.

COMD8032. Jurisprudence. 0.5 Credit Hours.
An in-depth review of the Texas Dental Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners will be presented as preparation for the Dental Jurisprudence examination given by the Board. General review of the interface of the law and dental practice including dental torts, malpractice, partnerships, insurance, record keeping, and other related legal issues are presented.

Deaf Educ & Hearing Science (DEHS)

Courses

DEHS5001. Foundations of Ed for the Deaf. 2.5 Credit Hours.
History of the education of the hearing impaired including Deaf Culture and American Sign Language (ASL). Impact of hearing loss on academic access, vocational choice, and personal development. Current trends in academic programming, parent-infant through college, and provisions for multicultural populations.

DEHS5003. Speech Mech-Anatomy/Physiology/Acoustics. 2.5 Credit Hours.
This course is a study of the component parts of the speech mechanisms and their coordination to permit functional speech, physiology and acoustics of speech, impact of hearing loss on development and maintenance of functional speech skills, and individual assessment procedures. Practicum included.

DEHS5005. Factors In Child Language Acquisition. 2.5 Credit Hours.
Course content includes the normal progression of language, cognition and social development, and how hearing loss impacts on development; an overview of acquisition of language by children who may have more than one handicapping condition; the nature of bilingual and ESL language learning in relation to hearing loss, including the impact of visual language learning through speech reading and signing systems; and the nature of language development as related to learning theories, communicative functions, and culture. Practicum included.

DEHS5007. Introduction to Audiology. 3 Credit Hours.
Nature of sound, anatomy, and physiology of hearing; types of testing for hearing loss; analysis of audiograms; fitting of ear molds; operation and design of hearing aids; use and maintenance of FM units; and Cochlear implants and assistive technology. Practicum included.

DEHS5009. Intro Sign-ASL & Signed English. 2.5 Credit Hours.
This course is a study of the evolution of the various forms of manual communication, review of options available in Texas public schools, and implications of American Sign Language as a first language.

DEHS5011. Language Development. 3 Credit Hours.
Course content includes the assessment of present language and listening levels in hearing impaired children and methods of aural habilitation and language instruction/therapy. Practicum included.

DEHS5021. Teaching/Management Apprenticeship 1. 4 Credit Hours.
Students spend time in the education and management/coordination of services for the hearing impaired. Students spend time teaching both hearing and hearing-impaired students and in managing and coordinating social, education, and health services for the hearing impaired. Course fees: Practicum $10.

DEHS5090. Independent Study. 0.5-4 Credit Hours.
This course will be arranged through DEHS faculty. Topic and mode of study are agreed upon by student and instructor. Semester hours are variable and credit hours will be determined per topic. The course is offered any term. The course may be repeated for credit when topics vary.

DEHS6002. Comp Assessment, Counseling, Management. 1.5 Credit Hour.
The impact of a hearing loss upon the child, the family, and the community; reactions and adjustments identified and evaluated; delivery of services from birth through adulthood; and newborn screening are included. Crisis periods are identified and coping mechanisms evaluated. Also included are the role of classroom teacher and health professional in providing support to the family, and a multi-professional team approach to long-term management for the hearing impaired.
DEHS6004. Curriculum Mod-Child W/Hear Loss. 2.5 Credit Hours.
Course content includes the development and adaptation of curricular materials and instructional procedures for the child with hearing impairment; selection and writing of objectives for speech, language, and listening within the content of early childhood education best practices; impact of current research in the effective teaching of reading and the language arts for children with hearing loss, including the identification of techniques and materials useful in meeting the individual needs of each student. Students will have the opportunity to learn adaptive strategies to address the needs of students with multiple handicaps. Practicum included.

DEHS6006. Best Practices in Early Intervention. 2.5 Credit Hours.
Provision of services to infants, toddlers and preschoolers and their families through public and private agencies. Use of the Auditory-Verbal Therapy approach emphasizing the development of optimum listening skills in children with hearing impairment and the recognition of caregivers as the primary models of spoken language. Includes parent guidance, counseling, education and support. Practicum is included.

DEHS6008. Speech for Hearing Impaired Student. 2.5 Credit Hours.
This course addresses: specific development and remedial techniques for articulation therapy; assessment of phonetic and phonologic level skills; strategies for elicitation, development; transfer and maintenance of all English phonemes and suprasegmentals; and choosing techniques appropriate to auditory/visual/tactile modalities available to the child with hearing loss. Practicum included.

DEHS6009. Aural (Re) Habilitation. 2.5 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to study methods of pediatrics aural rehabilitation available for children with hearing loss and the impact of new technologies on therapy and teaching.

DEHS6010. Mainstream Services for Children with Hearing Loss. 1.5 Credit Hour.
Management of resource and mainstream services in school settings. Logistical considerations in grouping, teacher placement, and the development of individualized educational plans combining language/speech/listening consideration with academic instruction. Development of consultative style of interaction with regular education personnel.

DEHS6022. Teaching/Management Apprenticeship 2. 4 Credit Hours.
Continuation of Teaching/Management Apprenticeship I. Students will be required to develop a comprehensive portfolio of their experiences and abilities. Outcomes of their knowledge and skills gained in the program are emphasized. Course fees: Practicum $10.

DEHS6099. Comprehensive Examination. Credit Hours.
The comprehensive examination is required prior to graduation. The examination, which incorporates all critical elements of the curriculum, tests for mastery of knowledge as well as professional skills.

Dental Diagnostic Science (DIAG)

DIAG5007. Graduate OMR Clinic. 3 Credit Hours.
The Graduate Radiology Clinic is in operation five full days per week. Services include intra- and extra-oral radiography, panoramic, cephalometric, linear, and multi-directional tomography; sialography; arthrography; CT image processing; and planned CT image acquisition.

DIAG5009. Introduction To Dental Radiology. 1 Credit Hour.
This course provides students with an opportunity to learn the special terminology associated with dental radiography in addition to theoretical principles of intraoral radiography. Students will have the opportunity to develop preclinical technical skills in placing, exposing, processing, and mounting dental radiographs using a technique mannequin (DXTTR), and as technology permits, preliminary experiences using digital imaging technology and the photostimulable phosphor system (PSP). Students will also have the opportunity to gain preliminary experience in the assessment of radiographs for normal anatomic structures, radiographic technique errors, caries, periodontal disease, and other common dental anomalies.

DIAG5012. Introduction To Graduate Clinic. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is an introduction to the principles and practices of radiology report writing. It will include sections on software utilization, report writing, implant diagnosis and reporting, TMJ diagnosis and reporting. In addition, student will be mentored by upperclassmen on the mechanics of operating the radiological devices owned and operated by the graduate OMFR clinic.

DIAG5014. Physical Evaluation 1. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This course is intended to afford students maximal opportunity to recognize the relevance of basic biomedical sciences to the study of the patient and to provide the fabric for the accumulation of knowledge, skills, and values essential to initiate the clinical process. It includes didactic and clinical experience in obtaining and interpreting a patient history; extraoral and intraoral physical examination procedures; and interpretation of the findings of the examination.

DIAG5015. Panoramic Radiology. 1 Credit Hour.
This lecture course includes topics such as the principles of panoramic radiology, concepts of panoramic image formation, review of anatomic structures, clinical techniques, and recognition and correction of panoramic errors. Also, the uses and limitations of panoramic radiology as well as digital panoramic radiology will be discussed. The goal is to achieve competency in this subject matter. Proficiency will be achieved during clinical rotations in panoramic radiology as part of the graduate OMFR clinic experience.

DIAG5016. Head & Neck Anatomy. 1 Credit Hour.
This review course is designed to provide the resident with the opportunity to acquire an anatomical foundation for oral and maxillofacial radiology. The course uses interactive computer-based head and neck clinical anatomy software as well as digital libraries of radiographic and cross-sectional anatomical specimens. Numerous Internet- based references are also used to provide the student with the most up-to-date and graphic information. Clinical anatomic information is correlated with plain film, CT, and MRI images to provide a contextual reference between clinical and radiographic anatomy. Written and oral examinations are given to assess competency in this area.

DIAG5017. Literature Review. 1 Credit Hour.
Each week a topic in Oral and Maxillofacial radiology is discussed. In addition, students receive a block of instruction in evidence-based literature evaluation. At each session a student leader presents from 2-4 papers that meet the current topic. Articles are approved by the course director beforehand for scientific accuracy, validity, and relevance. Students are expected to read the articles before the session and participate in the group discussion. Discussion is facilitated by a question and response format led by the course director. Literature from past reviews is filed for student reference.
DIAG5018. Practicum In Oral Medicine. 4 Credit Hours.
Practice in clinical skills required for diagnosis, management, and treatment of oral and perioral diseases, including such special procedures as sialoscopy, cytological smearing, biopsy, and culture taking is offered. A comprehensive review of the conditions that the dentist may be called upon to diagnose and treat as the result of the physical examination of the patient is the focus of this course. Topics include extroral findings such as general appearance of the hands, eyes, ears, nose and neck; intraoral findings such as lesions as in lip swelling or palatal swelling; and color changes, surface changes, and other problems such as pain and functional disorders.

DIAG5019. Digital Imaging. 1 Credit Hour.
This survey course is designed to give the maxillofacial radiology resident the opportunity to gain a basic understanding of digital imaging. The course utilizes classroom lectures as well as computer laboratory exercises to demonstrate the application of digital imaging in a clinical setting. The course covers all aspects of digital imaging including: fundamental basis for digital imaging, image enhancement and restoration, image analysis, image compression, image synthesis, and image display. The course also covers specific information related to digital imaging modalities such as computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound, and dental digital radiography.

DIAG5026. Diagnostic Imaging Of The Jaws Part 1. 2 Credit Hours.
The goal of this class is to achieve competency regarding the interpretation of plain and advanced images of hard and soft tissue conditions affecting the teeth, jaws, and surrounding structures of the maxillofacial complex including, but not limited to, the paranasal sinuses, salivary glands, and trauma. The material is presented and repeated through three basic formats: by pattern recognition, by disease process, and as further analyzed using contrast studies, CT, MR, nuclear scans, and ultrasound images where applicable. This course forms the basis for more advanced seminar and clinical courses through which proficiency is required to be achieved.

DIAG5027. Advanced Radiation Physics. 1 Credit Hour.
This course presents the advanced principles of radiation physics as they apply to medical and dental diagnostic radiology. Topics include the nature and production of X-rays, interactions of X-rays with matter, the physics of films and intensifying screens, the nature of the radiographic image, fundamentals of radiation protection, principles of tomography, and panoramic radiography.

DIAG5028. Advanced Radiation Physics Lab. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This laboratory is given in conjunction with DIAG 5027 Advanced Radiation Physics. Students will be given the opportunity to perform laboratory assignments designed to further their understanding of the practical applications of the principles of advanced radiation physics.

DIAG5036. Diagnostic Imaging Of Jaws Pt. 2. 2 Credit Hours.
This course building on DIAG 5026 Diagnostic Imaging Of The Jaws Part 1. The goal of this class is to achieve competency regarding the interpretation of plain and advanced images of hard and soft tissue conditions affecting the teeth, jaws, and surrounding structures of the maxillofacial complex including, but not limited to, the paranasal sinuses, salivary glands, and trauma. The material is presented and repeated through three basic formats: by pattern recognition, by disease process, and as further analyzed using contrast students, CT, MR, nuclear scans, and ultrasound images where applicable. This course forms the basis for more advanced seminar and clinical courses through which proficiency is required to be achieved.

DIAG5037. Oral And Maxillofacial Radiology Interpretation 1. 1 Credit Hour.
The overall purpose of this course is to provide students with learning experiences that will give them the opportunity to develop proficiency in OMR image analysis and interpretation. This course meets in one-hour sessions with a seminar or grand rounds format. Each week, students receive cases and are requested to generate a written report and present the case to other students and faculty. Cases include a variety of diagnoses that comprise the field of oral and maxillofacial radiology including both typical and unusual examples. Additionally, high-quality, properly exposed images are supplied. Many examples include plain film, CT, and MR for the same case. Additional cases include other imaging modalities such as tomograms, contrast studies, and nuclear scans. In some instances, glass slides and a microscope are used to correlate histological features with MR images, an activity much requested by students. Imaging particular to salivary gland disease and TMJ disorders will also be emphasized. Students will record these cases in a special section of their logbook and may, circumstances permitting, copy the cases for future reference or teaching. The course director's collection of cases is one of the most extensive and is broadly representative and thus guarantees the student exposure to a variety of clinical cases which cannot be assured through the various clinical experiences during the time frame of the program.

DIAG5040. Basic Principles Of Oral And Maxillofacial Imaging. 2 Credit Hours.
This is a didactic and clinical course aimed at providing oral and maxillofacial radiology residents with basic knowledge of oral and maxillofacial radiographic anatomy and helps the residents develop proficiency in routine and special OMF imaging procedures. The course consists of a complete review of plain film techniques used in OMF radiography and hands-on imaging exercises with radiographic phantoms. The radiographic anatomy displayed on these projections will be reviewed in lecture and exercise format using the practice phantom films and radiographic anatomy review sets. Bone anatomy and organ-based anatomy will be reviewed.

DIAG5044. Radiation Physics Lab. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This laboratory is given in conjunction with DIAG 5045 Radiation Physics. Students will be given the opportunity to perform laboratory assignments designed to further their understanding of the practical applications of the principles of radiation physics.

DIAG5045. Radiation Physics. 1 Credit Hour.
This introductory course presents the fundamental principles of radiation physics as they apply to medical and dental diagnostic radiology. Topics include the nature and production of X-rays, interactions of X-rays with matter, the physics of films and intensifying screens, the nature of the radiographic image, fundamentals of radiation protection, principles of tomo grams, and panoramic radiography.

DIAG5049. Practical Infection Control. 1 Credit Hour.
This course provides students with an opportunity to learn the special terminology associated with dental radiography in addition to theoretical principles of intraoral radiography. Students will have the opportunity to develop preclinical technical skills in placing, exposing, processing, and mounting dental radiographs using a technique mannequin (DXTTR), and as technology permits, preliminary experiences using digital imaging technology and the photostimulable phosphor system (PSP). Students will also have the opportunity to gain preliminary experience in the assessment of radiographs for normal anatomic structures, radiographic technique errors, caries, periodontal disease, and other common dental anomalies.
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management of temporomandibular disorders, and differential diagnosis of neuralgias, nerve trunk pain and deafferentation pain, differential vascular intracranial disorders, differential diagnosis and management of orofacial pain disorders, diagnostic classification of pain. The course objectives include: introduction to orofacial pain, management of patients with taste, smell and salivary gland functions of the oral cavity. Its focus will be on the prevalence and mechanisms of normal and diseased chemosensation and disorders can develop. This graduate level elective course is designed to make the graduate student (oral medicine) aware of the etiology, disease and side-effects of theory), disease prevention, and counseling of patients and relatives will be discussed.

DIAG6007. Graduate Oral And Maxillofacial Clinic. 3 Credit Hours.
The Graduate Radiology Clinic is in operation five full days per week. Services include intra- and extra-oral radiography, panoramic, cephalometric, linear, and multi-directional tomography; sialography; arthrography; CT image processing; and planned CT image acquisition.

DIAG6008. Orofacial Pain. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to introduce the student to the field of orofacial pain. The course objectives include: introduction to orofacial pain, assessment of orofacial pain disorders, diagnostic classification of orofacial pain disorders, differential diagnosis and management of vascular intracranial disorders, differential diagnosis and management of neuralgias, nerve trunk pain and deafferentation pain, differential diagnosis and management of intraoral pain, differential diagnosis and management of temporomandibular disorders, and differential diagnosis and management of mental disorders.

DIAG6009. Noninfectious Diseases/Oral Mucosa. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to discuss a selected group of diseases of the oral mucosa with the primary purpose of presenting diagnostic and therapeutic guidelines. The role of oral medicine specialists in the care of noninfectious oral mucosal diseases, appropriate (e.g., timely and accurate) consultations/referral, definitive therapy, clinical review (e.g., the disease and/or side-effects of theory), and counseling of patients and relatives will be discussed.

DIAG6010. Clinical Medicine. 2 Credit Hours.
Today's clinician must treat more medically and pharmacologically compromised patients than ever before. It is axiomatic that they must have a basic understanding of diseases throughout the body. Such an obligation is tempered by the extent to which a disease or illness affects the physical and emotional ability of the patient to undergo and respond to dental care. Finally, such an obligation is further influenced by the extent to which a condition (infectious disease) may impact on the well being of the oral health care provider. The course is based on the prevalent medical diagnoses suggested by the top 200 drugs dispensed by U.S. community pharmacies. It is designed to present the pathophysiology of disease states of special interest, the principles of current and accepted medical and/or pharmacological management of these conditions, and the clinical consequences of disease and illness in the oral health-care setting.

DIAG6011. Clinical Medicine. 2 Credit Hours.
This course meets weekly and serves as a venue for students to plan and present their cases to other students and faculty, and supply follow-up information where feasible.

DIAG6012. OMR Case Conference. 1 Credit Hour.
Each week a topic in Oral and Maxillofacial radiology is discussed. In addition, students receive a block of instruction in evidence-based literature evaluation. At each session, a student leader presents 2-4 papers that meet the current topic. Articles are approved beforehand by the course director, for scientific accuracy, validity, and relevance. Students are expected to read the articles before the session and participate in the group discussion. Discussion is facilitated by a question and response format led by the course director. Literature from past reviews is filed for student reference.

DIAG6018. OMR Case Conference. 1 Credit Hour.
This course meets weekly and serves as a venue for students to plan and present their cases to other students and faculty, and supply follow-up information where feasible.

DIAG6019. Chemosensory Disorders/Salivary Gl Dysfunctions. 2 Credit Hours.
Chemosensory disorders affect in particular disproportionately a large segment of the elderly population, the fastest growing segment of the western industrialized nation. Also saliva plays a major role in the preservation and protection of the oral and pharyngeal tissues. When salivary gland function is altered, multiple stomatologic and systemic disorders can develop. This graduate level elective course is designed to make the graduate student (oral medicine) aware of the etiology, prevalence and mechanisms of normal and diseased chemosensation and salivary gland functions of the oral cavity. Its focus will be on the diagnosis and management of patients with taste, smell and salivary gland dysfunctions.
DIAG6020. Tumor Board. 1 Credit Hour.
The class meets for one hour once a week at the MARC building and is sponsored by the Department of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery. Students will have the opportunity to learn case management and prognosis of patients with oral and maxillofacial and head and neck tumors, exposure to the diagnostic imaging work-up of the patients presented, interact with attending medical and dental specialists, attend special seminars related to tumor board, and have an opportunity to interact with various medical residents for further learning opportunities. Students are expected to share some of their learning experiences and present cases during case conferences to other OMR program venues such as graduate clinic.

DIAG6021. Medical Radiology Rotation. 2 Credit Hours.
Medical radiology training occurs within the dental school using image-acquired data from a medical clinic. It also occurs in the University Hospital, at Wilford Hall Medical Center at nearby Lackland Air Force Base, and in a private radiology clinic. Cases using advanced imaging are available in the program director's extensive collection to further enhance medical radiology training. A minimum of 7.5 semester credit hours are required. Each student must enroll in a minimum of three one-month rotations.

DIAG6022. Practicum In Oral Medicine. 6 Credit Hours.
Practice in clinical skills required for diagnosis, management, and treatment of oral and perioral diseases, including such special procedures as sialography, cytological smearing, biopsy, and culture taking is offered. The focus of this course is a comprehensive review of the conditions that the dentist may be called upon to diagnose and treat as the result of the physical examination of the patient. Topics include extraoral findings such as general appearance of the hands, eyes, ears, nose and neck; intraoral findings such as lesions in lip swelling or palatal swelling; and color changes, surface changes, and other problems such as pain and functional disorders.

DIAG6025. Diagnostic Imaging Of The Head And Neck Pt. I. 2 Credit Hours.
The goal of this course is to achieve competency regarding the interpretation of plain and advanced images of hard- and soft-tissue conditions affecting the teeth, jaws and surrounding structures of the maxillofacial complex including, but not limited to, the paranasal sinuses, salivary glands, and trauma. The material is presents and repeated through three basic formats: by pattern recognition, by disease process, and as further analyzed using contrast students, CT, MR, nuclear scans and ultrasound images where applicable. This course forms the basis for more advanced seminar and clinical courses through which proficiency is required to be achieved.

DIAG6027. Advanced Imaging Technology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course will provide oral and maxillofacial radiology residents with proficiency level understanding of the physical principles of all the advanced imaging methods and techniques (i.e., computed tomography), magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasonography and radionuclide imaging commonly used in medical care, and understand the clinical applications of these advanced imaging modalities. This will also cover the fundamental basis for digital imaging, image enhancement and restoration, image analysis, image compression, image synthesis and image displacement.

DIAG6035. Physical Evaluation 2. 1.5 Credit Hour.
The importance of an accurate diagnosis and patient evaluation upon which to base a rational treatment plan is the emphasis of this course. Lectures on types of clinical exams, chief complaint, and clinical and medical history are presented. Study of the normal appearance and presentation of abnormalities and disease as they relate to various areas of the oral cavity is also included, with special emphasis on the soft tissues. Methodology in diagnosis includes case history, general and oral clinical laboratory, and other supplementary examinations. The rationale of when to prescribe dental radiographs is presented. Factors affecting treatment plans, with emphasis on medical compromises, are also presented. Prerequisites: DIAG 5014.

DIAG6041. Basic Radiation Biology. 1 Credit Hour.
An introductory course in the basic concepts of radiation biology, this course is appropriate for dentists desiring an opportunity to gain additional knowledge of the biological effects of diagnostic and therapeutic levels of x-radiation. Concepts of designing an office for optimum radiation protection also are presented.

DIAG6043. Advanced Radiation Biology. 1 Credit Hour.
An in-depth study of radiation biology is presented, emphasizing such topics as radiation risk, dosimetry, theories of radiation damage, radiation hygiene and protection, and the effects of therapeutic levels of radiation on the oral tissues.

DIAG6045. American Board of OM Radiology Preparation. 2 Credit Hours.
The purpose of this course is to prepare 3rd year oral and maxillofacial radiology residents for taking the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology exam and gives an overview of exam expectations. The format of the course will reflect the same formatting and style of the National board examination: an oral and a written examination dealing with radiation physics, radiation biology and protection, and imaging techniques. The student will interpret various images and write radiographic reports for a number of cases.

DIAG6049. Oral And Maxillofacial Radiology Interpretation 2. 1 Credit Hour.
The overall purpose of this course is to provide students with learning experiences that will give them the opportunity to develop proficiency in OMR image analysis and interpretation. This course meets in one-hour sessions with a seminar or grand rounds format. Each week, students receive cases and are requested to generate a written report and present the case to other students and faculty. Cases include a variety of diagnoses that comprise the field of oral and maxillofacial radiology including both typical and unusual examples. Additionally, high-quality, properly exposed images are supplied. Many examples include plain film, CT, and MR for the same case. Additional cases include other imaging modalities such as tomograms, contrast studies, and nuclear scans. In some instances, glass slides and a microscope are used to correlate histological features with MR images, an activity much requested by students. Imaging particular to salivary gland disease and TMJ disorders will also be emphasized. Students will record these cases in a special section of their logbook and may, circumstances permitting, copy the cases for future reference or teaching. The course director's collection of cases is one of the most extensive and is broadly representative and thus guarantees the student exposure to a variety of clinical cases which cannot be assured through the various clinical experiences during the time frame of the program.
DIAG6051. Oral And Maxillofacial Radiology Interpretation 3. 1 Credit Hour.
The overall purpose of this course is to provide students with learning experiences that will give them the opportunity to develop proficiency in OMR image analysis and interpretation. Students receive cases and are requested to generate a written report and present the case to other students and faculty. Cases include a variety of diagnostically that comprise the field of oral and maxillofacial radiology including both typical and unusual examples. Additionally, high-quality, properly exposed images are supplied. Many examples include plain film, CT, and MR for the same case. Additional cases include other imaging modalities such as tomograms, contrast studies, and nuclear scans. In some instances, glass slides and a microscope are used to correlate histological features with MR images, an activity much requested by students. Imaging particularly to salivary gland disease and TMJ disorders will also be emphasized. Students will record these cases in a special section of their logbook and may, circumstances permitting, copy the cases for future reference or teaching. The course director's collection of cases is one of the most extensive and is broadly representative and thus guarantees the student exposure to a variety of clinical cases which cannot be assured through the various clinical experiences during the time frame of the program.

DIAG6052. Case Conference 3. 1 Credit Hour.
Oral and Maxillofacial radiology resident will plan and present an assigned case to other students and faculty and provide follow up information where feasible. It will enhance the residents ability to write and present accurate case reports; teaches the ability to plan a case, and interact with the referring practitioner, and enhance their ability to recognize imaging characteristics of a disease or condition.

DIAG6068. Diagnostic Imaging Of The Head And Neck Pt. 2. 2 Credit Hours.
This course builds on DIAG 6025 Diagnostic Imaging of the Head and Neck Part 1. The goal of this course is to achieve competency regarding the interpretation of plain and advanced images of hard- and soft-tissue conditions affecting the teeth, jaws, and surrounding structures of the maxillofacial complex including, but not limited to, the paranasal sinuses, salivary glands, and trauma. The material is presented and repeated through three basic formats: by pattern recognition, by disease process, and as further analyzed using contrast studies, CT, MR, nuclear scans, and ultrasound images where applicable. This course forms the basis for more advanced seminar and clinical courses through which proficiency is required to be achieved.

DIAG6071. Supervised Teaching. 1 Credit Hour.
Graduate students are assigned to the various clinics, laboratories, and classes for the opportunity to acquire experience in teaching undergraduate students in a variety of situations. Supervision and evaluation of teaching performance are provided by the graduate faculty.

DIAG6077. Supervised Teaching 3. 1 Credit Hour.
Faculty will supervise Maxillofacial radiology residents as they are involved in the active supervision of freshman during pre-clinical instruction in dental radiography. After gaining mastery of pre-clinic instructional skills, residents will be supervised as they instruct and guide undergraduate students in accurately exposing, processing and evaluating patient complete mouth radiographic surveys and ultimately instruct and enhance the sophomore and junior student's discernment of radiographic anomalies appropriate to the patient's diagnosis and treatment planning process.

DIAG6078. Literature Review 3. 1 Credit Hour.
During this course, oral and maxillofacial radiology residents will review the principles of evidence based medicine and learn how it applies to reviewing scientific articles. At each class session, a student will present articles from the current or classic radiology literature including radiation safety, periodontal disease, CT, systemic disease, digital imaging, endodontic disease, MRI, implants, bite-wings, tomography, developmental disorders, selection criteria, panoramic radiology, sectional criteria, trauma, forensics, inflammation, QARM, Caries, TMJ, tumors and biomedical modeling. Prerequisites: DIAG 6017.

DIAG6079. Graduate OMR Clinic 3. 3 Credit Hours.
The Graduate Radiology Clinic operates 4.5 days per week and provides opportunities for oral and maxillofacial radiology residents to develop skills in intra- and extra oral radiography, panoramic, cephalometric, linear and multi-directional tomography, sialography, arthrography, and CT imaging processing and planned CT image acquisition. Prerequisites: DIAG 6007.

DIAG6083. Forensic Odontology Lab. 1 Credit Hour.
Demonstration and application of information and principles are presented in this introductory course in laboratories of the Health Science Center and the Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office. Successful completion of DIAG 5181 Principles in Forensic Odontology and this course will fulfill requirements for membership in the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

DIAG6091. Diagnostic Science Seminar. 1 Credit Hour.
The format of this course includes presentations, reviews, and discussions of current cases from the Dental Diagnostic Science Clinic as well as cases of interest from the teaching file.

DIAG6097. Research. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This course consists of independent, original research under the direction of a faculty member.

DIAG6098. Thesis. 1.5 Credit Hour.
Completion of an acceptable thesis is required for the Master of Science degree. Registration in this course for at least one semester is required of all degree candidates.

DIAG6132. Dental Radiology 1. 1 Credit Hour.
This course offers didactic instruction in fundamental concepts of dental radiology and builds on information learned in DIAG 5009. Instructional content covers radiation physics, x-ray unit components and their function in creating a diagnostic image, radiation biology, radiation hygiene, film and image formation, digital imaging concepts, quality assurance, evaluation of panoramic radiographic errors, and recognition of conventional film processing errors.

DIAG6135. Clinical Case Conference. 1 Credit Hour.
Each student will be assigned one or more cases to cover in a written report and to present in conference. Over two semesters, weekly conferences will allow for a large variety of representative pathoses to be reviewed and discussed. Students will have the opportunity to correlate the historical, clinical, and radiographic findings in the formation of a differential diagnosis or a diagnostic impression.

DIAG7036. Radiographic Interpretation. 1 Credit Hour.
This is a comprehensive didactic course in dental radiologic interpretation of diseases of the jaws including differential radiological diagnosis of developmental abnormalities and pathological lesions of the teeth and jaws.
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DENH3004. Oral Anatomy. 2 Credit Hours.
The oral anatomy course is designed to provide the dental hygiene student with instruction in dental terminology and the anatomy of the teeth. Emphasis is placed on clinical considerations of oral anatomy relevant to dental hygiene practice. Includes one (1) lecture hour and three (3) laboratory hours per week. Course fees: Materials fee $50.

DENH3006. Preclinical Dental Hygiene. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to instrumentation techniques and basic clinical procedures. The course offers an opportunity to develop competency in fundamental clinical skills necessary to engage in patient treatment. Includes eight (8) clinical hours per week. Course fees: Lab fee $10 Corequisites: DENH 3023.

DENH3007. Preclinical Teaching Practicum. 4 Credit Hours.
This course will provide students with an introduction to concepts of preclinical instruction. Instruction will include seminar and laboratory application sessions emphasizing theories of psychomotor skill development; diagnosis of performance problems; provision of feedback; identification of cognitive, psychomotor, and affective behaviors; and faculty calibration. This course requires formal agreement with a participating dental hygiene program prior to the beginning of class. (The didactic portion of this course is delivered through Blackboard) Course Fees: Practicum fee $10 per hour.

DENH3015. Public Health Practicum. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is an opportunity to gain experience with oral health care delivery or promotion in a public health area. The course will include planning and execution of a project in the students individual area of interest. One full day per week requires the Bachelor of Science Completion student to work in a public health setting in San Antonio or in their community. A formal agreement must be established with the participating public health clinic prior to the beginning of class. Course Fees: Lab fee $10 per hour.

DENH3017. Clinical Teaching Practicum. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is an opportunity to gain experience with oral health care delivery or promotion in a public health area. The course will include planning and execution of a project in the student's individual area of interest. One full day per week requires the Bachelor of Science Completion student to work in a public health setting in San Antonio or in their community. A formal agreement must be established with the participating public health clinic prior to the beginning of class. Course fees: Practicum fee $10 per hour.

DENH3018. Dental Radiography. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to scientific principles of oral radiography including essential terminology, the production and absorption of radiation, X-ray unit function, imaging systems, processing, quality assurance, radiation biology, and protection. This course is designed to emphasize radiation health and protection principles and techniques of intraoral and extraoral radiography, exposing, processing, mounting, and critical evaluation of dental radiographs. Laboratory experience and clinical applications are emphasized. Includes two (2) lecture hours and three (3) clinical hours per week. Course fees: Materials fee $50.

DENH3019. Preventive Dental Hygiene Theory. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to concepts used in oral health instruction and patient education. Included in the course is the etiology of dental disease, plaque control, oral physiotherapy, methodology of oral health instruction, nutritional counseling, and patient motivational techniques. This course is designed to give the student an opportunity to develop skills which are necessary for teaching patients how to achieve optimal oral health and to offer experience in communication skills for interpersonal, professional and patient education interaction. The course will also provide an overview of current counseling recommendations to prevent dental and periodontal disease. Includes two(2) lecture hours and three (3) hours of lab per week.

DENH3020. Clinic 1 Seminar. 2 Credit Hours.
This course presents current theoretical perspectives in which to interpret and expand dental hygiene care. Topics included within the course are cultural diversity, instrument sharpening, communication skills, ultrasonic scalers, and air abrasive polishers. Other topics related to beginning clinical practice are also incorporated. Includes two (2) lecture hours per week. Corequisites: DENH 3021.

DENH3021. Clinic 1 Practicum. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a clinical experience in the practical application of patient education and oral prophylaxis techniques. Emphasis will be placed on comprehensive care for the simple patient classifications, including patient assessment, dental hygiene treatment planning, patient education, instrumentation, preventive therapies, and radiographic skills. Includes twelve (12) clinic hours per week. Course fees: Practicum fee $10 per hour Lab fee $30. Corequisites: DENH 3020.

DENH3022. Dental Materials. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a study of the materials and adjunct materials used in restorative dentistry and in various other specialty areas of dentistry to fabricate dental appliances and tooth restorations. This course includes lecture and laboratory components designed to help students develop an understanding of the composition, properties, structure, and manipulative variables of dental materials historically used in dentistry as well as the most current materials available. Emphasis is placed on practical, clinical applications of materials; the dental hygienist's role in educating patients regarding these materials; and the techniques for placement of the materials in the oral cavity. Also included is a discussion of the various categories of dental specialties and the materials used by each specialty. Includes two (2) lecture hours and three (3) lab hours per week. Course fees: Materials fee $50.

DENH3023. Intro To Clinical Theory. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to the theory associated with clinical procedures and patient care. Topics include prevention of disease transmission in the dental setting and patient assessment skills such as vital signs, health history, and oral inspection. An introduction to ethics related to the dental setting is incorporated. Includes three (3) lecture hours per week. Corequisites: DENH 3006.
DENH3033. Structures Of The Head And Neck. 2 Credit Hours.
The purpose of this course is to give dental hygiene students an appreciation of the anatomical structure of the head and neck region of the human body, which will serve as a foundation of anatomical knowledge that is essential for patient care and useful in understanding function, local pain, anesthesia, and oral pathology. Includes one (1) lecture hour and three (3) lab hours per week.

DENH3034. Periodontics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course presents an in-depth study of the basics of periodontics. This course will include, but is not limited to, the following: the tissues of the periodontium, clinical assessment of the periodontium, classifications of periodontal diseases, identification of etiologic factors, the relationship of the immune response to the inflammatory process and pathogenesis of periodontal diseases, clinical indices used in periodontics, and systemic factors involved in periodontal diseases. Emphasis is placed on the clinical application of current theory. Includes three (3) lecture hours. Corequisites: DENH 3021.

DENH3035. Pharmacotherapeutics. 4 Credit Hours.
This course integrates elements of dental hygiene care as they relate to the treatment planning for special patients, understanding pharmacological agents used in dentistry, and management of medical emergencies in the dental office to include: concepts and practice related to the prevention, recognition, and management of medical emergencies that occur in the dental office with specific emphasis on systemic disease processes; understanding drug groups, their mechanism of action, dosage, indication of use, adverse effects, drug interactions, oral side effects in the treatment of human disease process, and its application in the dental hygiene clinical setting. Includes three (3) lecture hours and three (3) laboratory hours per week. Course Fees: Materials fee $ 50.

DENH3040. Histology/Embryology. 2 Credit Hours.
This course continues the study of the oral cavity from a histological perspective. It includes the development and microscopic organization of the four basic body tissues in the formation of the oral cavity (i.e., development of the face, oral cavity, and teeth). This information is basic to the understanding of the histological changes arising from pathological alterations in the oral cavity. Includes two (2) lecture hours per week.

DENH4007. Clinical Administration Practicum. 4 Credit Hours.
The purpose of this course is to present Bachelor of Science Degree Completion students with an opportunity to hone administrative skills in a clinical environment. There will be interactions with second-year dental hygiene students as well as with the second-year clinic coordinator. The course includes conference and clinical application sessions to expand and refine teaching and evaluation skills and clinic administration issues including outcomes assessment, quality assurance, and information technology. NOTE: The course instructor may waive the prerequisites course requirement based on previous clinical teaching experience. Course Fees: Practicum fee: $10 per hour.

DENH4012. Oral Pathology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course introduces the principles of human disease including pathogenesis, clinical appearance, and treatment. In certain instances, microscopic features will be discussed if they enhance the understanding of the disease process. A portion of the course is devoted to basic principles of general pathology. The majority of the course is an overview of oral pathology with an emphasis on the dental hygienist's role in the recognition of oral disease. Includes three (3) lecture hours per week. Prerequisites: DENH 3033.

DENH4015. Clinic 3 Practicum. 3 Credit Hours.
A continuation of DENH 4022 Clinic 2, this course provides students the opportunity to incorporate all learning in providing comprehensive dental hygiene care for patients with simple to complex needs with emphasis on more complex cases, gain experience in the practical application of dental hygiene diagnosis, utilize preventive techniques in patient education skills, practice oral prophylaxis techniques including advanced scaling, implement various management techniques for the difficult patient, and improve efficiency and effectiveness in patient care. Includes twelve (12) clinic hours per week. Course fees: Practicum fee $10 Lab fee $30 Prerequisites: DENH 4012, DENH 4020, and DENH 4022 Corequisites: DENH 4016.

DENH4016. Clinic 3 Seminar. 2 Credit Hours.
This course will provide the dental hygiene student with current theoretical perspectives in which to interpret and expand dental hygiene care. Advanced and adjunctive procedures for clients of special populations are presented in seminar format and build upon the basic concepts and skills learned during Preclinical, Clinic I, and Clinic II. Knowledge gained will be applied in clinical practice through new skill acquisition and expanded client care options. Professional ethical codes and major contemporary health issues facing the dental hygienist will be presented as well as legal aspects of health care and state Dental Practice Act requirements. Includes three (3) lecture hours per week. Prerequisites: DENH 4012, DENH 4020 and DENH 4022. Corequisites: DENH 4015.

DENH4017. Community Oral Health Practicum 2. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is the continuation of the fall Community Oral Health Course Practicum 1 in which students apply public health/health education principles through implementing individual community oral health education projects, and through participating in service-learning activities outside the Dental School setting. Opportunities include rotations in public schools and in public health dental clinics. Emphasis is placed on students interacting with a variety of patients, including the physically and mentally challenged, indigent populations, and geriatric groups. Students gain experience in health education, as well as additional experience in providing clinical preventive services out in the community. Includes eight (8) clinic hours per week in off-campus rotations or community projects. Course fees: Practicum fee $10 per hour Prerequisites: DENH 4021.

DENH4018. Introduction To Research. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide the student with an opportunity to expand research knowledge in two dimensions: principles and applications. The course will consist of an in depth study of the research process, its contexts, design, data collection and communication techniques. Activities will include, but are not limited to collectively or individually: formulating a research question, completing a literature review, assisting in project design, writing and obtaining informed consent, performing pilot activities, planning data collection, collecting and managing research data (including data entry), and practicing statistical calculations.

DENH4019. Practice Management. 2 Credit Hours.
This course presents the fundamentals of dental practice for the transition from dental hygiene student to practitioner, including basic OSHA regulations and procedures necessary to be an OSHA compliance manager in private practice, maintaining a recall system, interpersonal relationships among members of the dental health team, resumé writing and interviewing skills, and computer applications to patient records. Emphasis will be on current issues in dental hygiene practice and on practical approaches to preparing students to enter the private practice setting as a member of the oral health team. Includes two (2) lecture hours per week.
DENH4020. Clinic 2 Seminar. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide the dental hygiene student with current theoretical perspectives in which to interpret and expand dental hygiene care. Advanced and specialized adjunctive procedures are presented in seminar format and build upon the basic concepts and skills learned during Preclinic and Clinic 1. Knowledge gained will be applied in clinical practice through new skill acquisition and expanded client care options. Case studies will be presented related to ethical issues encountered in clinical settings. Includes three (3) lecture hours per week. Prerequisites: DENH 3022, DENH 3035, DENH 3021, DENH 3034 Corequisites: DENH 4022.

DENH4021. Community Oral Health Practicum 1. 4 Credit Hours.
Community Oral Health Practicum 1, offered in the fall semester, is the prerequisite course to Community Oral Health Practicum II offered in the spring semester. The purpose of this course is to instill in students the important role of the dental hygienist in the community, and to provide an understanding of the relationship of community oral health to public health. Students will have an opportunity to learn how to promote oral health and prevent oral disease in the community. Students will have an opportunity to learn concepts such as assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation phases of community-based programs. During this course, the student will plan a community oral health education program that is implemented and evaluated during Community Oral Health Practicum II. Cultural differences, socioeconomic factors and barriers to health care are discussed in relation to developing preventive programs. In addition, students will have an opportunity to learn about federal and state public health programs and current public health issues. Community oral health programs for vulnerable populations such as indigent, geriatric, and special-needs patients are included. Also, students will have an opportunity to participate in community service learning activities that will allow them to provide clinical and educational services to underserved populations. The course includes three lecture hours and four clinical hours per week. Course fees: Practicum fee $10 per hour.

DENH4022. Clinic 2 Practicum. 3 Credit Hours.
A continuation of DENH 3021 Clinic 1, this course provides further opportunity to incorporate all learning in providing comprehensive dental hygiene care for patients with simple to complex needs with an emphasis on moderate cases. In addition, this course provides an opportunity for the student to gain experience in the practical application of dental hygiene diagnosis, utilize preventive techniques in patient education skills, practice oral prophylaxis techniques including advanced scaling, and implement various management techniques for the difficult patient. Includes twelve (12) clinic hours per week. Course Fees: Practicum fee $10 per hour Lab fee: $30. Prerequisites: DENH 3021, DENH 3022, DENH 3034, and DENH 3035 Corequisites: DENH 4020.

DENH4023. Special Topics. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Students will be given an opportunity to gain an in-depth understanding of selected topics through seminars, conferences, projects, or other appropriate learning methods.

DENH4024. Concepts And Practice In Teaching. 3 Credit Hours.
This course offered to Bachelor of Science Degree Completion students, introduces basic principles and techniques used in health care education. Topics include: issues and trends in professional education, principles of adult education, learning styles and motivation, case-based learning, competency-based education, patient and community education, clinical and laboratory instruction, course design, development of lesson plans and learning activities, guidelines for presentation skills, evaluating student performance, and using educational media and software.

DENH4025. Advanced Periodontics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course builds on the knowledge base presented in DENH 3034 Periodontics, and gives students the opportunity to expand their understanding of treatment, prevention, and diagnosis of periodontal disease. This course examines, but is not limited to, the following topics: the role of the hygienist in non-surgical soft-tissue management, exposure to surgical techniques, wound healing, new technology in diagnostic tools, and products used in treatment or home care. This course further emphasizes the integration of theory into the practice of clinical dental hygiene. Includes three (3) lecture hours per week. Prerequisites: Completion of first year dental hygiene coursework.

DENH4026. Healthcare Ethics. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to provide students with an overview of professional and ethical issues facing dental hygiene professionals. Topics to be explored include the beliefs, fundamental principles, core values and standards of professional responsibility set forth in the ADHA Code of Ethics for Dental Hygienists. Ethical dilemmas will be discussed and decision making models will be introduced and used to assist students in solving these dilemmas. Additionally, team-based learning activities will serve to support student learning.

DENH4027. The Summer Institute In Aging. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an intensive interdisciplinary service-learning study of the assessment, health promotion, disease prevention, and treatment of the aging person. The course will examine physical, mental, emotional, legal, cultural, and social aspects of gerontology. The course is also designed to encourage the learner to reflect on the impact of the elderly on society, the impact to the dental hygiene profession, and the learner on a personal level.

DENH4028. Public Health Policy. 3 Credit Hours.
This course will provide the learner with an overview of American Public health policy, and the changes in policy as a result of international and national initiatives. Included in the course is the evolution of oral health public policy in the United States. Many resources will be explored to gain understanding of the process of policy development. By the end of the term the learner will develop a "mock" public policy initiative that will include all elements discussed in the course.

DENH4091. Independent Study. 1-3 Credit Hours.
This course includes independent reading, research, discussion, project, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. The course may be repeated for credit.

DENH4103. Health Promotions. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides the Bachelor of Science Degree Completion student a theoretical framework for defining health promotions and set the foundation for students to see potential for health promotions in their work. Topics in this course will use evidence-based practice to reflect health promotion theories, prevention, risk assessment, health education, and health policy. Additionally, interventions and strategies will be used to effectively evaluate the determinants of health and the outcomes of individuals, families, groups and communities.

DENH4111. Current Issues In Dental Hygiene. 3 Credit Hours.
This course investigates trends influencing the practice of dental hygiene. The history and image of dental hygiene, career satisfaction, educational trends and access to care, independent practice and self-regulations are the issues addressed in this course. A closer look at the legal, political and ethical ramifications of these topic areas as they relate to the dental hygiene profession will be explored.
DENH4415. Advanced Public Health Practicum. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is a continuation of the Public Health Practicum and will provide the Bachelor of Science Degree Completion students with an opportunity to gain further experience with oral health care delivery projects, development of health promotion and prevention activities, or gain advanced skills in designing community-based and service learning programs. This course will include planning and execution of a project related to the student's individual area of interest. Course Fees: Practicum fee $10 per hour.

DENH5003. Current Issues In Dental Hygiene. 3 Credit Hours.
This course investigates trends influencing the practice of dental hygiene. The history and image of dental hygiene, career satisfaction, educational trends, and access to care, independent practice, and self-regulations are the issues addressed in this course. A closer look at the legal, political and ethical ramifications of these topic areas as they relate to the dental hygiene profession will be explored.

DENH5007. Clinical Administration Practicum. 4 Credit Hours.
The purpose of this course is to present the graduate student with an opportunity to hone administrative skills in a clinical environment. There will be interactions with second-year dental hygiene students as well as with the second-year clinic coordinator. The course includes web based interaction focusing on clinical application to expand and refine teaching and evaluation skills necessary for clinic administration. Specific topics include outcomes assessment, quality assurance, and information technology. Permission from the program director is required. Course Fees: Practicum fee $10 per hour.

DENH5010. Teaching Internship. 3 Credit Hours.
This internship will provide graduate students with the opportunity to teach in various clinics, laboratories, and didactic courses to acquire experience in instructing undergraduate students in a variety of situations. The course is arranged on a contractual basis and tailored to meet the individual goals, needs, and interests of each graduate student, while keeping in mind background experiences. Supervision and evaluation of teaching performance are provided by the graduate faculty. Course Fees: Practicum fee $10 per hour.

DENH5015. Public Health Practicum. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is an opportunity to gain experience with oral health care delivery or promotion in a public health area. The course will include planning and execution of a project in the student's individual area of interest. One full day per week requires the Master of Science student to work in a public health setting in San Antonio or in their community. A formal agreement must be established with the participating public health clinic prior to the beginning of class. Course Fees: Practicum fee $10 per hour.

DENH5017. Clinical Teaching Practicum. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to clinical instruction. The student will have the opportunity to gain experience in identifying and correcting performance problems relating to direct patient care. Instruction will include seminar and a clinical application session emphasizing the instructor's role as facilitator, role model, and evaluator. This course requires formal agreement with a participating dental hygiene program prior to the beginning of class. (The didactic portion of this course is delivered through Blackboard.) Course Fees: Practicum fee $10 per hour.

DENH5022. Research Apprenticeship. 3 Credit Hours.
This course allows a graduate to review the literature and to design a research project under the direction of a faculty advisor that leads toward thesis research. Students are expected to design a research proposal that prepares them to collect and analyze data for their future thesis project. Prior to registering for this course requires approval from the advanced program director. This course must be completed in its entirety prior to enrolling in Thesis (DENH 6098).

DENH5024. Professional Communication. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to help the student develop concepts of professional communication including verbal, visual, and writing skills using state-of-the-art communication resources. Within an interactive topic and computer laboratory format, the students are expected to produce a series of scientific writings, abstracts, annotated bibliographies, and a term paper/research report in the form of a review of the literature.

DENH5026. Research Principles & Application. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide the student with an opportunity to expand research knowledge in two dimensions: principles and applications. The course will consist of an in-depth study of the research process, its contexts, design, data collection, and communication techniques. Students are required to complete this course the first semester in the MS program.

DENH5027. The Summer Institute In Aging. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an intensive interdisciplinary service-learning study of the assessment, health promotion, disease prevention, and treatment of the aging person. The course will examine physical, mental, emotional, legal, cultural, and social aspects of gerontology. The course is also designed to encourage the learner to reflect on the impact of the elderly on society, the impact to the dental hygiene profession, and the learner on a personal level.

DENH5028. Public Health Policy. 3 Credit Hours.
This course will provide the learner with and overview of American Public health policy, and the changes in policy as a result of international and national initiatives. Included in the course is the evolution of oral health public policy in the United States. Many resources will be explored to gain understanding of the process of policy development. By the end of the term the learner will develop a "mock" public policy initiative that will include all elements discussed in the course.

DENH5036. Health Promotion. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a theory-based course in which oral health will be viewed holistically. Topics will include the evolving profession of dental hygiene, paradigm shifts in dental hygiene, concepts of health and wellness, behavioral foundations for the dental hygiene process, cultural diversity, approaches to health care delivery, and health needs assessment.

DENH5050. Educational Principles and Application. 3 Credit Hours.
The goal of this course is to investigate educational concepts, principles, theories and their influence on learning. Through this course the student will gain an understanding into the various learning theories to include Behaviorism, Social Cognitive Theory, and Socio-culturalism. Through the exploration of the taxonomy of significant learning, the student will gain an appreciation of change and problem solving processes in order to encourage creative thinking and decision-making in the classroom. Through this course students will apply information gained to their current professional setting and ultimately develop a personal educational statement.

DENH5091. Special Topics in Dental Hygiene. 1-9 Credit Hours.
Students will be given an opportunity to gain an in-depth understanding of selected topics through seminars, conferences, projects, or other appropriate learning methods.
DENH5903. Organizational Leadership. 3 Credit Hours.
The purpose of this course is to present foundational principles and theory relating to organizational leadership, communication strategies and behaviors, management of change, decision-making, and other essential elements of leadership. The course will provide students with general information relating to organizational theory, principles and styles. Additional topics will include leadership in educational organizations to include external and internal factors affecting leaders, program planning and as an elective and is open to all advanced education students enrolled in either the B.S. or M.S. Dental Hygiene Program and graduate students in other Health Professions Programs.

DENH5924. Biostatistics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to biostatistics. Emphasis is upon application of statistical methods to biological problems. Topics include descriptive statistics, probability, hypothesis testing, and estimation.

DENH5926. Preclinical Teaching Practicum. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to concepts of preclinical instruction. Instruction will include seminar and laboratory application sessions emphasizing theories of psychomotor skill development; diagnosis of performance problems; provision of feedback; identification of cognitive, psychomotor, and affective behaviors; and faculty calibration. This course requires formal agreement with a participating dental hygiene program prior to the beginning of class. (The didactic portion of this course is delivered through Blackboard.) Course Fees: Practicum fee $10 per hour.

DENH6091. Independent Study. 1-3 Credit Hours.
This course includes independent reading, research, discussion, project, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. The course may be repeated for credit.

DENH6098. Thesis. 1-9 Credit Hours.
Completion of an acceptable thesis project is required for the Master of Science degree. Candidates complete research and submit work on-line to faculty committee members. Registration in this course for at least one semester is required of all degree candidates. Prerequisites: Completion of 30 semester credit hours in the MS in Dental Hygiene program.

Emergency Health Sciences (EMSP)

Courses

EMSP1137. Emergency Procedures 1. 1 Credit Hour.
Application of emergency medical procedures.

EMSP1149. Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is an intense skill development in emergency field management, systematic rapid assessment, resuscitation, packaging, and transportation of patients. It includes experiences necessary to meet initial certification requirements.

EMSP1160. EMT Basic Clinical. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is a method of instruction providing detailed education, training, and work-based experience and direct patient/client care at a clinical site.

EMSP1161. Clinical 1. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is a method of instruction providing detailed education, training, and work-based experience and direct patient/client care at a clinical site.

EMSP1162. Clinical 2. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is a method of instruction providing detailed education, training, and work-based experience and direct patient/client care at a clinical site. Prerequisites: EMSP 1161.

EMSP1201. Anatomy and Physiology for Paramedic Practice. 2 Credit Hours.
A study of the structure and function of the human body, emphasis will be given to the study of cells and tissues, and anatomical and physiological interrelationships of the skeletal, muscular, nervous, and endocrine systems. This course is designed primarily for Paramedic students.

EMSP1238. Introduction to Paramedic Practice. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is an exploration of the foundations necessary for mastery of the advanced topics of clinical practice out of the hospital. Course Learning Outcomes: At the completion of this module, the student will be required to understand the roles and responsibilities of a paramedic within the EMS system, apply the basic concepts of development and pathophysiology to assessment, and management of emergency patients.

EMSP1248. Emergency Pharmacology. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is a comprehensive course covering all aspects of the utilization of medications in treating emergencies. The course is designed to complement Cardiology, Special Populations, and Medical Emergency courses. Course Learning Objectives: The student will be required to display a command of general pharmacological terminology, general drug mechanisms, administration routes and administration procedures, and drug dose calculations. Students will be required to demonstrate understanding of the pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, indications, contraindications, possible side effects, and common drug interactions of a variety of medications used in out-of-hospital medical care.

EMSP1256. Airway Management and Patient Assessment. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is a detailed study of the knowledge and skills required to reach competence in performing patient assessment and airway management. Course Learning Outcomes: At the completion of this module, the student will be required to take a proper history and perform a comprehensive physical exam on any patient, develop a patient care plan, communicate with others, and establish and/or maintain a patent airway, oxygenate, and ventilate a patient. Course fees: Lab materials fee $150.

EMSP1344. Cardiology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a detailed study of the knowledge and skills necessary to reach competence in the assessment and management of patients with cardiac emergencies. Prerequisite: EMSP 1244.

EMSP1501. EMT. 5 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to the level of EMT Basic. It covers the skills necessary to provide emergency medical care at the basic life support level with an ambulance service or other specialized service.

EMSP2135. Advanced Cardiac Life Support. 1 Credit Hour.
Instruction satisfies guidelines published by the American Heart Association for their ACLS core curriculum. The focus is on the initial management of the cardiopulmonary arrest patient, including advanced airway management techniques, cardiovascular pharmacology, defibrillation, and arrhythmia analysis. The student must review the current AHA ACLS text prior to class. Successful completion results in ACLS Provider Course Completion Card.

EMSP2138. EMS Operations. 1 Credit Hour.
This is a course of study to prepare the paramedic to safely manage medical incidents, rescue situations, hazardous materials, and crime scenes.
EMSP2160. Paramedic Clinical 3. 1 Credit Hour.
A method of instruction providing detailed education training and work-based experience and direct patient/client care at a clinical site. Prerequisites: EMSP 1162.

EMSP2161. Paramedic Clinical 4. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is a clinical internship requiring each student under close supervision to complete a stated number of objectives in both the hospital and ambulance environment. Clinical courses to be taken in the sequence are listed above. Students are evaluated on cognitive, psychomotor, and affective domains. A numerical grade is awarded based on performance levels and course objectives met. Note: Successful completion of clinical requirements is based on objectives met along with the required Hours. It may be necessary for a student to complete more than the scheduled 375 hours in order to meet the objectives.

EMSP2164. Paramedic Practicum. 1 Credit Hour.
Practical, general workplace training supported by an individualized learning plan developed by the employer, college, and student.

EMSP2174. Practicum for Advanced Paramedic Practice. 1 Credit Hour.
Practical, general workplace training supported by an individualized learning plan developed by the employer, college, and student.

EMSP2177. Emergency Procedures 3. 1 Credit Hour.
Application of emergency medical procedures.

EMSP2200. Preparation for Professional Practice. 3 Credit Hours.
Theory and skills necessary for the management of cardiac, medical, trauma and pediatric patients specified by American Heart Association and National Association of EMTs guidelines. May be repeated multiple times to improve student proficiency.

EMSP2234. Medical Emergencies 1. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a detailed study of the knowledge and skills necessary to reach competence in the assessment and management of patients with medical emergencies. At the completion of this module, students will be required to integrate pathophysiological principles and assessment findings to formulate a field impression and implement a treatment plan for the medical patient.

EMSP2317. Emergency Procedures 2. 2 Credit Hours.
A detailed study of the knowledge and skills necessary to reach competence in the assessment and management of patients with cardiac emergencies.

EMSP2334. Medical Emergencies 1. 3 Credit Hours.
The purpose of this course is to provide the learner with the ability to perform and work in non-traditional and rural settings. Learners will gain the skills of patient assessment, disease identification, health education, and preventative medicine. Learners are given the opportunity to study methods for understanding disease processes through proper techniques for eliciting a complete patient history and performing a thorough physical examination. (Successful completion of Physical Assessment & Airway Management and Physical Examination and History Taking satisfies the Physical Examination and History Taking course requirements for the EHS BS degree).

EMSP2374. Critical Care Paramedic. 3 Credit Hours.
A study of the fundamentals of electrocardiography with emphasis on the role of the 12-lead ECG for advanced paramedic and community paramedic practice. (Successful completion of Cardiology I and II satisfies the Electrocardiography in EHS course requirement for the EHS BS degree).

EMSP2371. Physical Exam and History Taking. 3 Credit Hours.
The purpose of this course is to provide the learner with advanced knowledge in critical care medicine and to prepare healthcare personnel to function as members of a critical care transport team. Topics will include monitoring technology, advanced procedures, diagnostic testing, and treatment of acutely critical patients. (Successful completion satisfies the Critical Care Paramedic course for the EHS BS degree.).

EMSP2300. Preparation for Professional Practice. 3 Credit Hours.
The purpose of this course is to provide the learner with the ability to perform and work in non-traditional and rural settings. Learners will gain the skills of patient assessment, disease identification, health education, and preventative medicine. Learners are given the opportunity to study methods for understanding disease processes through proper techniques for eliciting a complete patient history and performing a thorough physical examination. (Successful completion of Physical Assessment & Airway Management and Physical Examination and History Taking satisfies the Physical Examination and History Taking course requirements for the EHS BS degree).

EMSP2301. Foundations of Emergency Health Sciences. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to EMSP. This course surveys the history, evolution, theoretical concepts, and clinical methods and techniques that support the practice of EMSP.

EMSP2303. Critical Care Medicine. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide advanced knowledge in critical care medicine. Topics will include monitoring technology, advanced procedures, diagnostic testing, and treatment of acutely critical patients.

EMSP2304. Pharmacology 1 for EMS Providers. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide the learner with a fundamental knowledge of the actions and therapeutic uses of drugs. The topics covered will include basic principles of drug action, pharmacokinetics, autonomic and cardiovascular pharmacology, neuropharmacology, toxicology, endocrine pharmacology, and respiratory tract pharmacology.
EMSP3006. Electrocardiology in Emergency Health Science. 3 Credit Hours.
A study of the fundamentals of electrocardiology, this course will emphasize the role of the 12-lead ECG in out-of-hospital medical care. The purpose of this course is to teach a systematic-analytical approach to rapid 12-lead interpretation. Topics begin with cardiac anatomy and physiology and progress to the level of recognizing the classic 12-lead and multi-lead ECG patterns.

EMSP3007. Human Diseases. 3 Credit Hours.
This purpose of this course is to provide a foundation in basic disease conditions, pathophysiological process behind major diseases and their causes, definitions of disease, classifications of disease, and descriptions of diseases as they pertain to the emergency health sciences.

EMSP3010. Basic Cardiac Life Support. Credit Hours.
Course instruction satisfies AHA guidelines for Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS). Successful completion merits AHS BLS Course Completion Card. Topics include basic airway and ventilatory management of the choking and/or unconscious infant, child, and adult; cardiac chest compressions; and automated external defibrillation (AED). AHD Standard written and skills exams administered.

EMSP3011. EMS Informatics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a class designed to initiate today's EMS professional to the rapidly advancing field of information science and to acquaint the students with the concepts of electronic field data collection, database theory and its application to EMS, information driven performance improvement, and clinical education.

EMSP3012. Behavioral Medicine and Psychopathology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides an opportunity to develop an understanding of human behavior by providing an overview of behavioral disease processes and differentiation criteria to include disease presentation, physical examination findings, laboratory testing, and therapeutic approaches. The course will focus on issues pertinent to the pre-hospital environment including common patient presentation, overview of the legal system with mental health patients, and individual and system interventions.

EMSP3013. Professional Orientation and Legal Foundations. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides the student with an overview of the legal foundations for Emergency Medical Services. Topics include concepts of malpractice, litigation, consent and refusal of medical treatment, advanced directives, patient confidentiality, and expert and factual witness preparation.

EMSP3031. Directed Study. 1-4 Credit Hours.
This course is available to the learner to allow for a voluntary course of independent study in a clinical/advanced provider concentration.

EMSP3041. Current Research In Emergency Health Sciences. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a seminar designed to encourage the learner to discover research and research trends in the field of EMSP. Basic concepts in research methods will be discussed. The learner will have the opportunity to discover methods, procedures, and ways of analysis for examining research.

EMSP3100. Orientation to Online Learning. 1 Credit Hour.
A course designed to provide the student with necessary information, tools, and strategies to enhance and facilitate learning at a distance at the Health Science Center.

EMSP4001. Physical Examination and History Taking. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to assist students in refining history taking, psychosocial assessment, and physical assessment skills. Emphasis is placed on detailed health history taking, differentiation, interpretation, and documentation of normal and abnormal findings. Learners are given the opportunity to study methods for understanding disease processes through proper techniques for eliciting a complete patient history and performing a thorough physical examination.

EMSP4002. Pathophysiology for EMS Providers. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to introduce the student to pathophysiologic concepts related to altered biological processes affecting individuals across the lifespan. It includes basic mechanisms of disease, the immune response, and selected disorders of the following systems: neurologic, endocrine, reproductive, musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, hematologic, respiratory, urinary, and digestive.

EMSP4003. Flight Medicine. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide the learner with general physics of flight as well as the effect that flight has on patients and equipment utilized in patient care. Additionally, general aviation guidelines and safety protocols will be introduced as well as the regulatory structure of flight medicine.

EMSP4004. Management of Disasters and Hazard Materials. 3 Credit Hours.
This course discusses considerations of the theoretical and practical foundations necessary to manage multi-casualty and multi-agency incidents, including planning, response, triage, and scene control. Medical, surgical, mental health, and public health views are discussed along with the resolution phases of disaster.

EMSP4005. EHS Systems Management and Budget. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to identify and discuss various forms and trends of EHS Systems management. From the volunteer service to the large, urban EHS system, the learner will have the opportunity to become familiar with the various aspects of America's EHS services. Budgeting and financial management skills and understanding necessary to manage emergency health systems will be emphasized.

EMSP4006. Educational Issues in Emergency Health Sciences. 3 Credit Hours.
This course analyzes educational and training needs relating to EMS agencies. Principles of adult teaching and learning are presented.

EMSP4007. Human Resource Development. 3 Credit Hours.
This course reviews the policies necessary to ensure that properly prepared and motivated personnel are available to carry out the mission and daily operations of an EMS organization and to gain a scholarly understanding of and familiarity with foundational HRD theory and research. Topics include methods of hiring staff, performance appraisal processes, legal requirements around health and safety, union matters, and sexual harassment in the workplace.

EMSP4008. Leadership Development. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a study and application of contemporary leadership theories and conceptual, skill-building, feedback, and personal growth approaches for the development of effective organizational leadership behaviors and practices.
EMSP4009. Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). 1 Credit Hour.
Instruction presented satisfies guidelines published by the American Heart Association’s ECC for the PALS core curriculum. The focus is on the initial management of the cardiopulmonary arrest pediatric patient including advanced airway management techniques, cardiovascular pharmacology, defibrillation, and arrhythmia analysis. The student must review the current AHA PALS text prior to class. Successful completion results in PALS Provider Course Completion certification.

EMSP4012. Pharmacology 2 for EMS Providers. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide a fundamental knowledge of the actions and therapeutic uses of drugs. Topics covered include: fluid and electrolyte balance, bone and joint disorders, nutrition, infectious diseases, and cardiovascular and parasitic diseases. Online course. Note: EMSP 3004 Pharmacology I is not a prerequisite for this course.

EMSP4021. Internship. 6 Credit Hours.
This course is a semester internship/capstone experience by arrangement.

EMSP4031. Independent Study 2-Clinical. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is available to the learner to allow for a voluntary course of independent study in a clinical/advanced provider concentration.

EMSP6135. Advanced Cardiac Life Support. 1 Credit Hour.
Theory and skills necessary for the management of cardiovascular emergencies as specified by the American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines. This course was designed to be repeated multiple times to improve student proficiency and available for Master’s level of higher programs.

Emergency Medical Technology (EMST)

Courses

EMST4010. Emer Med Serv-Ambulance. 4 Credit Hours.
Orientation to the San Antonio Fire Department Standard Medical Operating Procedures (SMOPs) and EMS Organization is followed by assignment to SAFD Paramedic Ambulance teams. The student experiences emergency patient encounters involving on-the-scene pre-hospital management of medical, surgical, pediatric, psychological, obstetrical, and social emergencies. Experiences include vehicle extrication, full range of pre-hospital medical and trauma patients, EMS communication procedures, medical-legal situations, conflict resolution, EMS-Police cooperation, BLS/ACLS, hospital diversions experience and patient access to care problems peculiar to EMS. During 40 requisite patient encounters, the student makes brief assessment notes, assists in the care and transportation of patients to the 20 San Antonio Emergency rooms. The rotation also includes EMS Case Discussions, formal classes in comparative EMS organizations, methods of emergency triage, introduction to disaster medicine, management of mass casualties, and a survey of weapons of mass destruction. Prerequisite: Current BLS Certification and successful completion of third year of medical school is required.

EMST4100. Advanced Cardiac Life Support. 1 Credit Hour.
The focus of this course is the initial management of the cardiopulmonary-arrest patient including advanced airway management techniques, cardiovascular pharmacology, defibrillation, and arrhythmia analysis. The student must review the current AHA ACLS text prior to class. Successful completion results in an ACLS Provider Course Completion Card. Instruction presented satisfies guidelines published by the American Heart Association’s ECC for their ACLS core curriculum.

EMST5001. Basic Cardiac Life Support. Credit Hours.
Course instruction satisfies AHA guidelines for Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS). Successful completion merits AHA BLS Provider course completion card. Topics include basic airway and ventilatory management of the choking and/or unconscious infant, child, or adult victim; cardiac chest compression techniques; automated external defibrillation (AED). AHA standard written and skills exams administered.

EMST7001. Basic Cardiac Life Support. Credit Hours.
Course instruction satisfies AHA guidelines for Basic Cardiac Life Support. Successful completion merits AHA BLS Healthcare Provider course completion certification. Topics include basic airway and ventilatory management of the choking and/or unconscious infant, child or adult victim, cardiac chest compression techniques, and automated external defibrillation (AED). AHA standard written and skills exams administered.

Emergency Medicine (EMED)

Courses

EMED3001. Emergency Medicine. Credit Hours.
This elective introduces the third-year medical student to the specialty of emergency medicine and reviews principles of emergency care that will benefit a graduate entering any specialty.

EMED3005. Emergency Medicine Core Clerkship. 4 Credit Hours.
This four week core clerkship introduces the third year medical students to the specialty of emergency medicine and reviews principles of emergency care that will benefit a graduate entering any specialty.

EMED4002. Topics in Emergency Medicine. 2 Credit Hours.
This elective will allow students to create, implement, and/or complete special clinical, research and/or educational projects in the specialty of Emergency Medicine. Specific learning objectives will be written and tailored to the project by the supervising faculty member with approval by the course director prior to the start of the elective.

EMED4005. Emergency Medicine Selective. 4 Credit Hours.
This sub-internship is designed to prepare students for the intense and responsible role of the the intern. The sub-intern is an integral member of the team and will participate in all team activities and medical care for his/her patients, under the supervision of the Emergency Medicine attending. In addition to working clinical shifts, students are expected to participate in didactic sessions and perform ambulance ride-alongs to successfully complete the course. This course is an outpatient selective. Prerequisite: EMED 3005.
EMED4051. Emergency Ultrasound. 4 Credit Hours.
Senior (4th year) medical students will be instructed in the basic use of ultrasound equipment and its application in the emergency department. Topics to be covered during this elective include ultrasound equipment and knobology, basic ultrasound physics, ultrasound-guided vascular access (peripheral, central, arterial), Sonography for Trauma (E-Fast), aortic ultrasound, pelvic ultrasound, biliary ultrasound, bedside echocardiography, musculoskeletal ultrasound, deep venous thrombosis evaluation, ocular ultrasound, ultrasound-guided regional anesthesia, thoracic ultrasound, renal and bladder ultrasound, ultrasound-guided procedures. This training will be accomplished with a combination of didactic lectures, extensive supervised bedside ultrasound training on emergency department patients, independent student ultrasound scanning sessions, required textbook reading, weekly video review sessions and weekly literature review. Each student will be required to complete a minimum of 100 complete ultrasound examinations covering the scope of the course material. This elective is designed to provide a base knowledge in emergency ultrasound for students interested in pursuing an emergency medicine residency.

EMED4076. Emergency Medicine Rotation - Brooke Army Medical Center. 4 Credit Hours.
BAMC is a Level 1 Trauma Center seeking approximately 50,000 patients per year. All patient types are seen: trauma victims, complicated medical patients, children, OB/GYN patients and psychiatric patients. There is no “compartmentalization” of the Emergency Department. Students work on average of 5-8 hours per week with a mixture of days, evenings, nights and weekends. Students work one-on-one with staff physicians or senior emergency medicine residents. There are five hours of Grand Rounds per week. There is Morning Report every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Each student has the opportunity to participate in a procedure lab, DPL, chest tubes, thoracotomy, transvenous pacing and cricothyroidotomy. This rotation must be arranged through Vanessa Soto, even if you are a HPSP student. No late Drops will be accepted.

EMED7000. Off Campus Rotation In Emergency Medicine. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: “Course Approval” form, a written letter or email of acceptance from the emergency preceptor with the start and ending dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun.

Endodontics (ENDO)

Courses

ENDO5010. Clinical Endodontics 1. 2.5 Credit Hours.
An extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of endodontic practice is offered on the graduate level. Each student has the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive endodontic practice under the supervision of the director and staff of the postdoctoral program in endodontics.

ENDO5011. Clinical Endodontics 1. 3 Credit Hours.
An extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of endodontic practice is offered on the graduate level. Each student has the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive endodontic practice under the supervision of the director and staff of the postdoctoral program in endodontics.

ENDO5015. Dental Photography. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to expose the student to the principles of effective dental photography. Students are given the opportunity to make clinical photographs that are critiqued in class.

ENDO5017. Clinical Seminar 1. 2 Credit Hours.
These seminars provide the opportunity to discuss matters pertaining to clinical endodontics by exposing the student to a wide variety of clinical cases. The seminars provide information to give students the opportunity to become sophisticated diagnosticians and skilled clinicians. Students are provided the opportunity to achieve these goals through student case presentations, faculty case presentations, topical lectures by faculty, and consultant visits. Prerequisites: ENDO 5018.

ENDO5018. Clinical Seminar 1. 2 Credit Hours.
These seminars provide the opportunity to discuss matters pertaining to clinical endodontics by exposing the student to a wide variety of clinical cases. The seminars provide information to give students the opportunity to become sophisticated diagnosticians and skilled clinicians. Students are provided the opportunity to achieve these goals through student case presentations, faculty case presentations, topical lectures by faculty, and consultant visits. Prerequisite: ENDO 5017.

ENDO5020. Introduction to Advanced Endodontics. 2.5 Credit Hours.
This course is a laboratory and lecture review of endodontic concepts and techniques starting at the basic level and progressing to the advanced. Various techniques of access preparation, chemomechanical canal preparation, and obturation will be taught. Students will have an opportunity to prepare and obturate the root canal system using a variety of techniques and materials. Procedures are performed under simulated clinical conditions in a mannequin. Following completion of obturation, students dissect and photograph tooth roots under a dissecting microscope to evaluate the effectiveness of the various canal preparation and obturation techniques.

ENDO5052. Endodontic Surgical Anatomy. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This course consists of a series of four four-hour seminar sessions devoted to an in-depth discussion of endodontic surgical anatomy, surgical indications and techniques, and wound healing. This is followed by twenty hours of laboratory during which human head and neck prospected specimens are covered to demonstrate pertinent anatomic structures and the students practice actual surgical procedures on anterior, premolar, and molar teeth in cadaver specimens.

ENDO5060. Current Concepts In Endo. 1 Credit Hour.
Modern thoughts and concepts in endodontics will cover diagnosis, the dental pulp and periapex, pulpalgia, and referred pain; vital pulp therapy; treatment of the acute apical abscess, cellulitis, restorative considerations for the endodontically treated tooth, endodontic surgery, and the cracked tooth. Other topics include avulsions, endodontic-periodontic interrelationships, current concepts in endodontics and an overview of endodontic research.

ENDO5071. Supervised Teaching. 1 Credit Hour.
The goal of this course is to teach the student how to be an effective teacher. This course involves the student in teaching a sophomore lecture and laboratory course where dental students receive their initial exposure to endodontics. The student is given the opportunity to be actively involved in laboratory supervision of a small group of sophomore students as they perform specific endodontic procedures on extracted teeth. The student functions as an instructor side by side with endodontic faculty members who observe and critique the student's performance.
ENDO5073. Literature Review 1. 5 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to familiarize the student with pertinent articles, both topical and current, related to endodontics. The articles, selected from the dental, medical, and basic science literature, are assigned to the student to critically abstract and evaluate for research design, findings, and conclusions.

ENDO5074. Literature Review 1. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to familiarize the student with pertinent articles, both topical and current, related to endodontics. The articles, selected from the dental, medical, and basic science literature, are assigned to the student to critically abstract and evaluate for research design, findings, and conclusions.

ENDO5075. Literature Review 1. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to familiarize the student with pertinent articles, both topical and current, related to endodontics. The articles, selected from the dental, medical, and basic science literature, are assigned to the student to critically abstract and evaluate for research design, findings, and conclusions.

ENDO5080. Case Presentations 1. 4.5 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide faculty evaluation of endodontic cases treated by students. Critical evaluation will be made of the diagnosis, treatment plan, and treatment methodology. Differential diagnosis will be considered along with alternate treatment plans, and treatment methods. Reasons for any complications will be determined, and methods for preventing them will be discussed. The need for post-treatment follow-up examinations will be determined. The positive feedback provided by these courses is intended to increase student confidence and competence.

ENDO5081. Case Presentations 1. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide faculty evaluation of endodontic cases treated by students. Critical evaluation will be made of the diagnosis, treatment plan, and treatment methodology. Differential diagnosis will be considered along with alternate treatment plans, and treatment methods. Reasons for any complications will be determined, and methods for preventing them will be discussed. The need for post-treatment follow-up examinations will be determined. The positive feedback provided by these courses is intended to increase student confidence and competence.

ENDO5082. Case Presentations 1. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide faculty evaluation of endodontic cases treated by students. Critical evaluation will be made of the diagnosis, treatment plan, and treatment methodology. Differential diagnosis will be considered along with alternate treatment plans, and treatment methods. Reasons for any complications will be determined, and methods for preventing them will be discussed. The need for post-treatment follow-up examinations will be determined. The positive feedback provided by these courses is intended to increase student confidence and competence.

ENDO5095. Research. 6 Credit Hours.
The course requires the student to formulate a protocol for the purpose of conducting an original investigation. Following a critical evaluation and acceptance of the protocol, the student conducts a research project, suitable for publication, under the guidance of a mentor. The completed research paper is presented to the Endodontics Department research Committee, staff, and guests for evaluation and critique.

ENDO5096. Research. 6 Credit Hours.
The course requires the student to formulate a protocol for the purpose of conducting an original investigation. Following a critical evaluation and acceptance of the protocol, the student conducts a research project, suitable for publication, under the guidance of a mentor. The completed research paper is presented to the Endodontics Department research Committee, staff, and guests for evaluation and critique.

ENDO5097. Research. 2 Credit Hours.
The course requires the student to formulate a protocol for the purpose of conducting an original investigation. Following a critical evaluation and acceptance of the protocol, the student conducts a research project, suitable for publication, under the guidance of a mentor. The completed research paper is presented to the Endodontics Department research Committee, staff, and guests for evaluation and critique.

ENDO5098. Research. 2 Credit Hours.
The course requires the student to formulate a protocol for the purpose of conducting an original investigation. Following a critical evaluation and acceptance of the protocol, the student conducts a research project, suitable for publication, under the guidance of a mentor. The completed research paper is presented to the Endodontics Department research Committee, staff, and guests for evaluation and critique.

ENDO6000. Introduction to Advanced Endodontics for Interns. 1 Credit Hour.

ENDO6010. Clinical Endodontics 2. 6 Credit Hours.
An extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of endodontic practice is offered on the graduate level. Each student has the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive endodontic practice under the supervision of the director and staff of the postdoctoral program in endodontics.

ENDO6011. Clinical Endodontics 2. 3 Credit Hours.
An extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of endodontic practice is offered on the graduate level. Each student has the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive endodontic practice under the supervision of the director and staff of the postdoctoral program in endodontics.

ENDO6012. Clinical Endodontics 2. 5 Credit Hours.
An extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of endodontic practice is offered on the graduate level. Each student has the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive endodontic practice under the supervision of the director and staff of the postdoctoral program in endodontics.

ENDO6013. Clinical Endodontics 3. 0.5 Credit Hours.
An extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of endodontic practice is offered on the graduate level. Each student has the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive endodontic practice under the supervision of the director and staff of the postdoctoral program in endodontics.

ENDO6014. Clinical Endodontics 3. 2 Credit Hours.
An extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of endodontic practice is offered on the graduate level. Each student has the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive endodontic practice under the supervision of the director and staff of the postdoctoral program in endodontics.

ENDO6031. Hospital Endodontics Rotation. 1 Credit Hour.
Conducted at the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Affairs Hospital ("VA"), this rotation consists of the diagnosis, treatment planning, and clinical treatment of endodontically involved teeth and supporting structures. This rotation provides the second-year postdoctoral endodontics student the opportunity to diagnose and treat endodontic problems on all types of inpatients and outpatients in the hospital setting.

ENDO6032. Hospital Endodontics Rotation. 1 Credit Hour.
Conducted at the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Affairs Hospital ("VA"), this rotation consists of the diagnosis, treatment planning, and clinical treatment of endodontically involved teeth and supporting structures. This rotation provides the second-year postdoctoral endodontics student the opportunity to diagnose and treat endodontic problems on all types of inpatients and outpatients in the hospital setting.

ENDO6041. Endodontics Lecture. 1 Credit Hour.
This is a lecture course designed to introduce the student to the fundamentals of clinical endodontics.
ENDO6060. Pulp Biology and Pain Pharmacology. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This purpose of this course is to provide the solid foundation knowledge in the biology of dental pulp and periradicular tissues necessary for appropriate clinical decision making in endodontic and restorative diagnosis and treatment, and to ensure that residents are prepared for future change in therapy or understanding new risk factors in disease.

ENDO6071. Supervised Teaching. 1 Credit Hour.
The goal of this course is to teach the student how to be an effective teacher. This course involves the student in teaching a sophomore lecture and laboratory course where dental students receive their initial exposure to endodontics. The student is given the opportunity to be actively involved in laboratory supervision of a small group of sophomore students as they perform specific endodontic procedures on extracted teeth. The student functions as an instructor side by side with endodontic faculty members who observe and critique the student's performance.

ENDO6073. Literature Review 2. 5 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to familiarize the student with pertinent articles, both topical and current, related to endodontics. The articles, selected from the dental, medical, and basic science literature, are assigned to the student to critically abstract and evaluate for research design, findings, and conclusions.

ENDO6074. Literature Review 2. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of this course is for the student to develop a biological understanding and scientific basis for the diagnosis and treatment of a diverse group of topics and treatment modalities that are specifically listed as content in this course. Each topic and session will have goals and objectives specific to that area so that the student will have the opportunity to be able to assimilate information. Each resident will be assigned specific articles for review. Residents will be required to prepare written abstracts of these articles and orally present them to the class.

ENDO6075. Current Literature Review. 1.5 Credit Hour.
These courses are designed to familiarize the student with pertinent endodontic literature published during the academic year. Students will be assigned specific articles for review and literature will be critically evaluated in a seminar format.

ENDO6076. Current Literature Review. 1 Credit Hour.
These courses are designed to familiarize the student with pertinent endodontic literature published during the academic year. Students will be assigned specific articles for review and literature will be critically evaluated in a seminar format.

ENDO6077. Current Literature Review. 1 Credit Hour.
The goal of this course is for the student to develop a biological understanding and scientific basis for the diagnosis and treatment of various endodontic subjects by a review of current literature articles. Each resident will be assigned specific articles for review. Residents will be required to prepare written abstracts of these articles and orally present them to the class.

ENDO6078. Literature Review. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is intended to introduce the endodontic resident application manuscripts related to our specialty. The articles are selected according to their impact on clinical and biological considerations pertinent to the understanding of the endodontic practice. Subjects will be broad in scope and will cover the majority of topics and treatment alternatives of classic, relevant and contemporary literature. These manuscripts will be discussed and evaluated, placing emphasis on their strength to already existing endodontic comprehension.

ENDO6080. Focused Regendo Research. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is intended to provide a focused review on the most relevant scientific evidence on regenerative endodontics. Emphasis will be given on the critical appraisal of existing scientific evidence on stem cell biology and tissue engineering related to regenerative endodontics. The articles are selected according to their impact on clinical and biological considerations pertinent to the understanding of the endodontic practice.

ENDO6083. Case Presentations 2. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to provide faculty evaluation of endodontic cases treated by students. Critical evaluation will be made of the diagnosis, treatment plan, and treatment methodology. Differential diagnosis will be considered along with alternate treatment plans, and treatment methods. Reasons for any complications will be determined, and methods for preventing them will be discussed. The need for post-treatment follow-up examinations will be determined. The positive feedback provided by these courses is intended to increase student confidence and competence.

ENDO6084. Case Presentations 2. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide faculty evaluation of endodontic cases treated by students. Critical evaluation will be made of the diagnosis, treatment plan, and treatment methodology. Differential diagnosis will be considered along with alternate treatment plans, and treatment methods. Reasons for any complications will be determined, and methods for preventing them will be discussed. The need for post-treatment follow-up examinations will be determined. The positive feedback provided by these courses is intended to increase student confidence and competence.

ENDO6085. Case Presentations 2. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide faculty evaluation of endodontic cases treated by students. Critical evaluation will be made of the diagnosis, treatment plan, and treatment methodology. Differential diagnosis will be considered along with alternate treatment plans, and treatment methods. Reasons for any complications will be determined, and methods for preventing them will be discussed. The need for post-treatment follow-up examinations will be determined. The positive feedback provided by these courses is intended to increase student confidence and competence.

ENDO6086. Case Presentations 3. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide faculty evaluation of endodontic cases treated by students. Critical evaluation will be made of the diagnosis, treatment plan, and treatment methodology. Differential diagnosis will be considered along with alternate treatment plans, and treatment methods. Reasons for any complications will be determined, and methods for preventing them will be discussed. The need for post-treatment follow-up examinations will be determined. The positive feedback provided by these courses is intended to increase student confidence and competence.

ENDO6087. Case Presentations 3. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to provide faculty evaluation of endodontic cases treated by students. Critical evaluation will be made of the diagnosis, treatment plan, and treatment methodology. Differential diagnosis will be considered along with alternate treatment plans, and treatment methods. Reasons for any complications will be determined, and methods for preventing them will be discussed. The need for post-treatment follow-up examinations will be determined. The positive feedback provided by these courses is intended to increase student confidence and competence.

ENDO6091. Research. 1 Credit Hour.
The course requires the student to formulate a protocol for the purpose of conducting an original investigation. Following a critical evaluation and acceptance of the protocol, the student conducts a research project, suitable for publication, under the guidance of a mentor. The completed research paper is presented to the Endodontics Department research Committee, staff, and guests for evaluation and critique.
ENDO6092. Research. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to familiarize the student with pertinent articles, both topical and current, related to endodontics. The articles, selected from the dental, medical, and basic science literature, are assigned to the student to critically abstract and evaluate for research design, findings, and conclusions.

ENDO6093. Research. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to familiarize the student with pertinent articles, both topical and current, related to endodontics. The articles, selected from the dental, medical, and basic science literature, are assigned to the student to critically abstract and evaluate for research design, findings, and conclusions.

ENDO6094. Research. 4 Credit Hours.
The course requires the student to formulate a protocol for the purpose of conducting an original investigation. Following a critical evaluation and acceptance of the protocol, the student conducts a research project, suitable for publication, under the guidance of a mentor. The completed research paper is presented to the Endodontics Department research Committee, staff, and guests for evaluation and critique.

ENDO6095. Research. 4 Credit Hours.
The course requires the student to formulate a protocol for the purpose of conducting an original investigation. Following a critical evaluation and acceptance of the protocol, the student conducts a research project, suitable for publication, under the guidance of a mentor. The completed research paper is presented to the Endodontics Department research Committee, staff, and guests for evaluation and critique.

ENDO6098. Thesis. 4 Credit Hours.
Completion of an acceptable thesis is required for the Master of Science degree. Registration in this course for at least one semester is required of all degree candidates. Admission to candidacy for the Master of Science degree is required in order to enroll in this course.

ENDO6142. Preclinical Endodontics. 1.5 Credit Hour.
A preclinical endodontics course in which the student is introduced, under simulated clinical conditions, to clinical skills necessary to perform root canal therapy on single and multi-rooted teeth. The lab is fee included in the general laboratory fee.

ENDO7041. Junior Endodontics Lecture. 1 Credit Hour.
This course will build on the cognitive skills attained by the dental student who has successfully completed ENDO 6041 and ENDO 6142 in the Sophomore year. Topics covered include: endodontic case selection, diagnosis and treatment planning, vital pulp therapy, pain control, management of endodontic emergencies, and the evaluation of success and failure. The importance of the inner relationships with other dental disciplines such as periodontics and restorative dentistry are also emphasized.

ENDO7043. Endodontics Clinic. 1 Credit Hour.
Students are required to perform endodontic diagnosis and treatment procedures necessary to provide comprehensive care for patients.

ENDO8043. Senior Endodontics Lecture. 1 Credit Hour.
This course will build on the cognitive skills attained by the dental student who has successfully completed ENDO 6041 and 6142 in their sophomore year, and ENDO 7041 in their junior year. Topics covered include: endodontic radiology, management of the open apex, diagnosis and management of procedural errors that occur during routine endodontic therapy, management of post-operative complications, management of luxation injuries and root resorption, bleaching of endodontically treated teeth, endodontic pharmacology, and principles of endodontic surgery. A review of endodontic information necessary to pass licensing examinations will also be provided.

**Enrichment Elective (ELEC)**

**Courses**

ELEC4077. Wilderness Medicine Enrichment Elective. Credit Hours.
The curriculum consists of lectures, hands-on scenarios and case-based learning. Students will work as a team to care for patients in the backcountry. All scenarios will conclude with a debriefing by the faculty. Lecture content will include an introduction to Wilderness Medicine and medical content topics including tick bites, hyperthermia, hypothermia and infectious diarrhea, splinting, envenomations, lightning injuries and animal bites. Other educational activities will include safe water procurement, map utilization, patient extrication from the wilderness and basic camping skills. The scenarios will consist of role playing by participating faculty and will include different cases encountered in the wilderness. The medical students will work together as a team to find, care for and extricate the patient as necessary. During the three-day trip we will spontaneously role play during other wilderness activities such as hiking, building a fire or even during a lecture. Patients become ill at any point and we try to maintain some element of surprise with the scenarios. Students will be evaluated on their participation in group-based scenarios and a short quiz administered at the conclusion of the course. This is an enrichment elective and “credit” will be given to the students who showed active participation in the learning sessions.

ELEC5004. Surgical Oncology Service. Credit Hours.
Purpose and objective of this elective is to expose the student to the current and multi-modal approach in the diagnosis and management of cancer. Students will observe and monitor all activities directed to the workup, treatment, and follow-up of patients with cancer. Students will have the chance to observe and participate in the different surgical procedures, specifically those related to the treatment of cancer. He or she will be introduced to and familiarized with the principles and concepts of adjuvant chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and hormonal therapy before and after surgical treatment of different diseases. They will also have the opportunity to observe and partake in the different activities in the conduct of clinical trials as sponsored by the different national cooperative groups, i.e. the Southwest Oncology Group and the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Program. The students will learn the necessity for establishing different protocols in the quest for a greater understanding and improvement in the management of malignant diseases and will participate in the discussion of problems related to cancer patient care during rounds and more didactic teachings during Grand Rounds and the regular conferences of the service. Upon completion of this elective, students will have a fairly significant introduction and familiarization into clinical surgical oncology.
ELEC5006. Beginning Medical Spanish. Credit Hours.
This is not a Spanish language course, per se, but is designed to teach medical students how to perform specific tasks in Spanish. As such, there is no specific Spanish prerequisite to enroll in this course. Students who are interested in acquiring Spanish language in general are invited to enroll in a traditional Spanish course.

ELEC5022. History Of Anatomy. Credit Hours.
This course is designed to acquaint medical, dental and graduate students with the history of medicine and especially with the physicians and scientists who made essential discoveries in human anatomy. Using a biographical approach, the course is presented as a seminar with lectures, assigned readings and student presentations.

ELEC5023. Sports Medicine Perspectives. Credit Hours.
Course will expose students to the clinical practice of orthopaedic sports medicine. This includes exposure to high school, collegiate and professional sports. Emphasis will be on injury evaluation, prevention and treatment. Sports may include football, basketball, track and field, baseball, soccer, gymnastics and water sports.

ELEC5027. Family Violence Education. Credit Hours.
The course will analyze the dynamics of family violence, including the statistics, myths, types of abuse, characteristics of battered persons, the effect of violence on children, characteristics of batters, treatment programs, the skills needed for intervention and the responsibilities of the medical profession, the legal profession and law enforcement in family violence.

ELEC5029. Environmental Medicine/Border Health. Credit Hours.
The South Texas Environmental Education and Research (STEER) program gives participants the opportunity to learn about environmental and public health using an in vivo approach "Show, don't tell". During this month-long elective, participants learn about indoor and outdoor air quality, wastewater treatment, food sanitation, heavy metals, pesticides, international health programs, risk management, epidemiology, and zoonosis control, focusing on border health concerns. Participants will learn from local experts about water pollution, tuberculosis, dengue fever, rabies and traditional health practices such as consulting folk healers. This elective is taught in Laredo, Texas. Participants receive free housing and free transportation to and from activities. This opportunity is open to medical students, residents, nursing students, public health students and health care professionals.

ELEC5030. Advanced Neuroanatomy. Credit Hours.
This enrichment elective is intended to reinforce basic principles learned in Medical Neuroscience and to explore in greater depth current research and thought in neuroanatomy. Clinical relevance will also be stressed whenever applicable. The instructor will meet with the student(s) 2-3 hours per week for 4 weeks. A 20-page library research paper is also required. The course will be subdivided into the following components - 1) Essential Concepts - Cell Biology of Neurons & Glia, Electrochemical Basis of Neuronal Integration, Development of the Nervous System & Its Disorders; 2) Regional Neuroanatomy- Ventricles and Meninges, Cerebrovascular System, Spinal Cord, and Brainstem Anatomy; 3) Systems Neurobiology - Somatosensory System Chemosenses, Special Senses, Motor System, Extrapyramidal System, Cerebellum, Limbic System; and 4) Homeostatic Mechanisms.

ELEC5031. Introduction To Emergency Medicine. Credit Hours.
Students will be exposed to clinical emergency medicine in an extracurricular setting by working with assigned preceptors in the University Hospital Emergency Department (with the possible addition of BAMC ED or a community ED experience, including toxicology experience). Students will learn about the specialty of Emergency Medicine and its subspecialties. Students will also receive lectures on core emergency medicine topics and attend case presentations.

ELEC5032. Interdisciplinary Issues & Approaches to Death & Dying. Credit Hours.
The course provides an opportunity to explore issues and interdisciplinary approaches related to death and dying at both the personal and professional levels. Emphasis is placed on the positive and necessary values of compassion, listening and tolerance for varied beliefs. The course encourages participants to engage in constructive critical analysis through self-discovery about death and dying. Areas for discussion include: values clarification, definitions of death, stages of dying, emotions surrounding loss, survivorship, ethical and legal components of death, and transcultural aspects related to death and dying. Communication will be presented as a primary intervention method in dealing with death related issues. Critical analysis of a variety of situations will be stressed as an integral part of the interdisciplinary approach in determining appropriate therapeutic interventions.

ELEC5036. Let Your Life Speak: Authentic Decision-Making For Your Medical School Career. Credit Hours.
This course is designed to give students in their first or second year of medical school a unique opportunity to evaluate their personal decision-making process. The course will provide a forum for learning and dialoguing with other students about the various factors from a student's history and present circumstances that impact how the student makes decisions. Questions like, “How will I choose a specialty?” and “How will I maintain my passion for medicine?” will be addressed as the anatomy of the decision-making process is considered. Class will be held in a guided group discussion format with each student also receiving a one-hour personal coaching session with the instructor during the semester.

ELEC5038. Literature and Medicine 1. Credit Hours.
An elective for second- and fourth-year students, the purpose of the course is for students to use their readings as a tool to prepare for and process their clinical experiences, and to approach their development as people and as physicians. The course also will allow students to interact with other second- and fourth-year students and faculty in a venue that is open and informal. Most of the course will take place on the Web via Blackboard. After each reading block, there will an evening meeting to discuss the story and/or poem. Students will be expected to read the assignments and attend as many of the evening meetings as possible.

ELEC5039. Literature and Medicine 2. Credit Hours.
An elective for second- and fourth-year students, the purpose of the course is for students to use their readings as a tool to prepare for and process their clinical experiences, and to approach their development as people and as physicians. The course also will allow students to interact with other second- and fourth-year students and faculty in a venue that is open and informal. Most of the course will take place on the Web via Blackboard. After each reading block, there will an evening meeting to discuss the novel and/or poem. Students will be expected to read the assignments and attend as many of the evening meetings as possible.
ELEC5040. Trauma Enrichment Elective. Credit Hours.
This course is designed to give first- and second-year medical students an introduction to the exciting field of trauma and trauma surgery. It will offer students the opportunity to observe how attendings, medical residents, medical students, and hospital staff work towards caring for patients who suffer from traumatic injury. Students may also have the opportunity to observe the surgeries if approved by the attending on duty.

ELEC5041. Homelessness, Addiction, & How To Better Care For Patients. Credit Hours.
The goals and objectives of this course are to increase awareness about homelessness and addiction and how they relate to healthcare; to prepare first- and second-year students for working at student-run clinics; and encourage student teaching within all four years of medical school. This a student-run courses, led by MS4 students in the Humanism fellowship, for MS1 and MS2 students with a special interest in learning about issues of homelessness and addiction, and how these relate to the provision of healthcare.

ELEC5042. Enrichment Elective In Ethics. Credit Hours.
In this longitudinal course, students will be required to undertake an independent study into a specific issue in medical ethics or medical humanities. Students will be required to read on research methods in medical ethics as well as literature in their issue of interest, and then to propose and conduct an original study project, a literature review, a position paper, or an ethical analysis of a particular topic or case. Students will be expected to write an academically rigorous final research report of 10 to 15 pages. Students will be encouraged to produce a final paper that can be submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed bioethics or medical humanities journal. Students will be required to meet with the instructor and/or chosen faculty advisor over the course for assistance, guidance, and discussion.

ELEC5043. Public Health And The Physician. Credit Hours.
The purpose of this course is to provide a basic understanding of some of the important health issues faced by modern physicians. Each hour of this survey course covers a different public health topic. Half of the class hours will be discussion and education on reading assignments of public health topics. Guest speakers from the university and San Antonio will complement lecture and discussion.

ELEC5044. Enrichment Elective In Interprofessional Community Service Learning. Credit Hours.
This innovative inter-professional community service learning (CSL) course, offered in partnership with the UT School of Pharmacy, PHR 270S, to allow medical students to integrate meaningful community service with instruction, preparation, and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. Students will have the opportunity to examine social justice and social determinant of health issues and apply these principles in a structured service learning practicum. The student-led service learning project will address the social and health needs of a community partner and will be conducted with a partner agency in a culturally competent manner. Through online learning modules, readings and discussion; monthly class sessions; a group service learning project; and a structured service learning practicum, this course combines community service with preparation and reflection to help foster civic responsibility in the health professions.

ELEC5045. Clinical Knowledge And Surgical Skills. Credit Hours.
This elective is for second-year medical students who wish to gain extra insight and experience with the basic skills required for third-year clerkships. The goals of this course are to ease the student's "fear of the unknown" when they first start their surgery clerkship and to improve the educational experience by giving students the framework on which to learn, allowing them to hit the ground running on day one of the surgery clerkship. The course consists of all lectures (case presentations, didactic sessions, student/resident panel) in ELEC 5046 and in addition will include the technical skills sessions.

ELEC5046. Clinical Knowledge For The Surgical Clerkships. Credit Hours.
This elective is for second-year medical students who wish to gain extra insight to the third-year clerkships. The goals of this course are to ease the student's "fear of the unknown" when they first start their surgery clerkship and to improve the educational experience by giving students the framework on which to learn, allowing them to hit the ground running on day one of the surgery clerkship. The course consists of surgery case presentations, didactic sessions, and a student and resident panel. The course is similar to ELEC 5045 but does NOT include the technical skills sessions.

ELEC5048. Enrichment Elective in Art. Credit Hours.
This is an interactive, interprofessional course that takes students to the McNay Art Museum to learn physical observation skills. Studies demonstrate that increased observational skills translate to improved physical examination skills. Using artwork as patients, students will have the opportunity to learn how to observe details and how to interpret images based on available evidence. Taught jointly by Health Science Center faculty and McNay museum educators, students will have the opportunity to develop and hone their observation, problem solving, and assessment skills. They will also observe, interpret, and give case reports on the original works of art to teach them the skill of verbalizing descriptions of what is seen, and not to accept assumptions made with a first impression.

This is a survey course in which each hour covers a different Health and Human Rights topic. The course is designed to present an understanding of what are human rights and what human rights issues are relevant to the practice of medicine and delivery of appropriate healthcare. Students will have the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the ever increasingly apparent global problems that exist. This course aims to better equip students to address these relevant health and human rights issues as future physicians.

ELEC5051. Applied Neuroanatomy. Credit Hours.
This course is aimed at students and faculty who are interested in understanding applied neurosensory pathways. The purpose of the course is to reinforce the neurosensory material in the MSI Neuroanatomy course by applying the material to real world situations via interactive activities and clinical vignettes. Additionally, this course would allow students to use different types of art media to express themselves as they learn the material through different types of art media. The course content and schedule is constructed to correspond with the material and schedule of the MSI Neuroanatomy course. This elective will explore four neurosensory modalities: proprioception/balance, vision, auditory and taste/olfaction. Each modality will be covered in one two-hour class session that will be comprised of a lecture component and its corresponding laboratory component. The course will be open to 15 students.
This elective will complement the spring Health Care Reform Forum, which focuses in-depth on issues related to the cost of care and healthcare forum, primary care and access, and graduate medical education.

ELEC5053. Healthcare Reform Forum. Credit Hours.
The Healthcare Reform Forum is a springtime introductory-level elective on topics related to healthcare reform. The elective consists of a series of scheduled discussions on current topics in healthcare policy.

ELEC5054. Introduction to Culinary Nutrition. Credit Hours.
Introduction to Culinary Nutrition is a medical student enrichment elective that provides the foundation for learning the principles of culinary nutrition and its role in optimizing health and wellness for the physician as a healer as well as encouraging physicians to serve as role models and educators of their patients.

ELEC5055. Issues in Women’s Healthcare. Credit Hours.
A comprehensive introduction to Women’s Health, with an emphasis on topics that are not covered in preclinical curriculum. This course is an enriching supplement to medical school education. It will empower future doctors in any specialty to consider female patients in the context of their unique body processes, and potentially catch symptoms of various health problems early. Lectures will be given throughout the semester. Faculty and local experts in the fields under discussion will be our guest lecturers.

ELEC5057. Global Health Longitudinal Elective. Credit Hours.
Student demand to learn about global health and participate in global health service learning at the School of Medicine continues to grow every year. To date, the Center for Medical Humanities & Ethics has met this demand successfully. However, students who complete the Longitudinal Global Health elective (ELEC 5047) in their first year are now requesting the opportunity to continue their education in global health and engagement with global health service learning. These experienced students play an important role on subsequent trips as they serve as peer mentors and trip coordinators, improving the overall quality of the services our teams provide abroad. As a result, we are requesting the creation of a new Global Health Longitudinal Elective, specifically for second-year medical students who have previously completed ELEC 5047. The Center has set a precedent for offering another elective course for students wishing to participate in the Literature in Medicine course a second time, by offering the course to both second year (ELEC 5038-5039) and fourth year (MED 7004) medical students. This proposed elective will utilize a community service learning model, in which preparation, mentorship, evaluation, reflection and reporting are essential in meeting the expressed need of a particular community. The elective will also provide a foundation of practical knowledge in global health and will optimize the students’ overseas experiences, maximize the safety of their travel, facilitate their adaptation to working in different cultural settings, and maximize their impact in the communities where they serve. The course material will be presented through a variety of approaches, including lectures, small group case discussions, optional laboratory sessions, practical workshops, and online learning modules. Prerequisites: ELEC 5047.

ELEC5106. Intermediate Medical Spanish. Credit Hours.
This course is designed to offer first- and second-year medical students the opportunity to acquire important skills to communicate with Spanish-speaking only patients in a culturally sensitive environment. This class is restricted to students who have an intermediate level of written and conversational Spanish and/or have reached at least a Beginner level.

ELEC5206. Advanced Medical Spanish. Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide students with the specific medical vocabulary and terminology necessary to communicate with and help treat Latino patients with limited English proficiency. This class is restricted to students who have a previous knowledge of the Spanish language and have reached at least a conversational level. The course will include specific vocabulary groups relating to assessment and care of patients, vocabulary to establish rapport, and discussions leading to cultural competencies. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide answers in common medical situations in Spanish, conduct patient interviews, write medical histories, learn how to conduct physical exams in Spanish, and discuss readings related to the field.

ELEC6067. Fundamentals of Neuroethics. Credit Hours.
Recent advances in neuroscience have considerably improved our understanding of brain function. However, the fascinating examination of brain's mysteries often intersects with the concerns of ethics and public policy. This course aims at presenting and discussing philosophical and scientific perspectives on major bioethical issues pertinent to neuroscience research. Several subjects will be covered in the course, including the effects of pharmacological and surgical interventions on the brain/min binomial, therapy versus enhancement, brain imaging and mental privacy, neurobiology of decision making, consciousness, unconsciousness, and death.

Family Practice (FAPR)

Courses

FAPR3005. Family Medicine Clerkship. 6 Credit Hours.
The family medicine clerkship introduces students to the principles, philosophy, and practice of family medicine, including fundamental concepts of comprehensive, continuous, cost-effective, family-oriented medical care. Students participate in the care of patients in various outpatient and inpatient settings. Students will have the opportunity to practice clinical problem solving in the undifferentiated patient and to improve their basic clinical skills. Students are expected to gain basic knowledge in the diagnosis and management of common family medicine problems, health promotion/disease prevention, and geriatrics. Prerequisites: Successful completion of all required preclinical courses is prerequisite to enrollment in any of the clinical clerkships.

FAPR4000. Special Topics in Family Medicine. 4 Credit Hours.
This is a self-designed course created by both the student and the preceptor to cover a specific topic within Family Medicine. The student is required to work closely with the preceptor in a clinical and/or non-clinical setting. A Course Approval Form must be completed along with documentation of the designed course description and confirmation of appointment with preceptor. Objectives are to be designed by student and preceptor. Student must submit a prepared outline of course activities that is signed by their preceptor prior to the beginning of the course.

FAPR4008. Research in Family Medicine in San Antonio or Harlingen. 4 Credit Hours.
At least 8 weeks before the elective’s starting date the student must submit a completed course approval form and a written document that includes: the research topic; a printed literature search on that topic; readings on research design and/or statistical analysis that will be read as part of the course activities; the dates and times and locations of meetings between the student and the faculty member; expected course outcomes (e.g. presentations); and a signed statement from Dr. Sandra Burger (SA) or Dr. Adela Valdez (the RAHC) saying she will mentor and work with the student on the project.
FAPR4011. Community Geriatrics. 4 Credit Hours.
Interdisciplinary approach to acute care of elderly patients. At the completion of the selective, the student will be able to evaluate an elderly patient to include history and physical examination, and problem list; administer geriatric assessments for dementia, depression, and function; interpret assessment findings in the context of a patient’s functional level; make a comprehensive geriatric treatment plan; target and prevent functional decline; determine capacity for decision making; identify and describe the geriatric syndromes; utilize home health services appropriately; make referrals for outpatient rehab and for consultants; utilize geriatric principles in all specialty areas. Curriculum includes supervised clinical experience in a geriatric ambulatory care clinic; read assigned articles on geriatric topics encountered in the clinic; experiences in long term care and hospice may be arranged on request.

FAPR4012. Sub-Intern Family Medicine In-Patient Services (San Antonio or RAHC). 4 Credit Hours.
The objectives of this course are for the student to have the opportunity to learn to be able to perform initial patient history and physical, and develop comprehensive assessment and management plan of patients admitted to the hospital; efficiently conduct the initial evaluation of a patient for admission, including documenting the history and physical, writing admission orders, and initiating the appropriate paperwork and calls needed for indicated diagnostic studies; participate in all aspects of inpatient care including daily visits, writing progress notes, attending patient and family discussions, and planning patient discharge; under the supervision of the faculty and upper level residents, maintain daily responsibility for care of a panel of hospitalized patients.

FAPR4018. Office Procedures. 4 Credit Hours.
The objectives of this course are for the student to have the opportunity to learn to be able to conduct an informed consent for common ambulatory procedures; perform with assistance and supervision laceration repairs, skin lesion removal, wedge ingrown toenail removal, and cast/splint placement; assist with circumcisions, colposcopies, vasectomies, and flex sigmoidoscopies.

FAPR4020. Family Medicine Preceptorship with Clinical Faculty. 4 Credit Hours.
The objectives of this course are for the student to have the opportunity to learn to be able to evaluate known patients of all ages presenting in an ambulatory setting and develop management plans for chronic as well as acute illnesses; evaluate new patients of all ages presenting in an ambulatory setting and develop differential diagnoses and management plans for chronic as well as acute illnesses; corporate appropriate prevention and anticipatory guidance into chronic and acute patient visits; optimize management plans for minority and uninsured patients by collaborating with members of the health care team, identifying community resources, developing management plans that consider the costs of medications and interventions; understand how physicians contribute to improving the quality of patient care, access to care, and navigation through the health care system for traditionally underserved populations.

FAPR4022. Spanish Speaking Patient Clinic. 4 Credit Hours.
Objectives include at the end of this selective, the student will have had the opportunity to learn to and be required to evaluate and develop management plans with primarily Hispanic, Spanish-speaking patients under the supervision of family physicians at the Barrio Comprehensive Health Clinic; develop and present culturally appropriate patient education materials for Hispanic, Spanish-speaking patients; discuss public health initiatives including Healthy People 2010, HHS Hispanic Health Initiative, and the President's Initiative on Ethnic Health Disparities; discuss Institute of Medicine reports such as "Unequal Treatment" and "Health Literacy" concerning health care disparities for Hispanic and other minority patients; increase proficiency in Spanish in particular Medical Terminology. Curriculum includes direct patient care under the supervision of the medical director of the Barrio Comprehensive Clinic (7 half-days per week); development and presentation of patient education session (1 half day per week); self directed study (2 half days per week).

FAPR4030. The Patient-Centered Medical Home in Family Medicine. 4 Credit Hours.
This unique course for 4th year students provides an in-depth experience in the Patient-Centered Medical Home within the context of a multi-specialty practice. This model emphasizes care coordination and care transitions in the Southeast Texas Medical Associates, LLP Model of Care and features provider transparency public reporting of provider performance by provider name. Experiences include participating in a learning organization with collegial relationships with primary care and specialty physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, support staff and other members of the healthcare team. Students will also learn to design and sustain quality improvement projects and see the place and power of informatics in primary care. The course is conducted in Beaumont, TX and housing is provided.

FAPR4074. Rural Clinical Experience in Family Medicine (AHEC). 4 Credit Hours.
The Department of Family and Community Medicine (DFCM) and the South Central Area Health Education Center (AHEC) at the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio collaborate to provide fourth year medical students strong primary care training at various rural AHEC clinical training sites in South Texas. The experience occurs primarily in ambulatory settings, but may include inpatient experiences with physicians who follow their patients in hospital settings. The student, under the direct supervision of a physician certified by the American Board of Family Medicine, evaluates and manages a wide array of medical problems. The student also gains experience in preventing common disorders and medical problems and works with other health professionals to better understand the health care needs of and services available to patients in rural settings. All paperwork must be submitted to the Department of Family and Community Medicine at least 10 working days prior to the start of the course.

FAPR4101. Complementary & Alternative Medicine on US/Mexico Border. 0.5 Credit Hours.
Course is designed to enable fourth year medical students to problem-solve common situations where allopathic and alternative medicine interface. Students will meet twice a week for 4 weeks, for one hour, with the instructor. The instructor will teach the students about complementary and alternative medicine practices on the US/Mexico border. The students will be asked to review case vignettes to discuss these practices and how they would deal with certain common situations where alternative medicine interfaces with allopathic medicine. These discussions may lead to ethical and medicolegal issues.
FAPR103. Women's Health Seminar. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The students will meet once a week for 5 weeks for two hour, with the course instructor. The instructor will present women patient case vignettes and lead a discussion of the case. The students will then be asked to read medical literature in regarding women's health issues. The case vignettes will be in the one of six health disparities (Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease, Cancer, HIV/AIDS, Infant Mortality and Childhood and Adult Immunizations).

FAPR107. Sports Medicine In Family Medicine. 4 Credit Hours.
This interprofessional Sports Medicine clinical elective is taught by UTHSCSA faculty. Students see sports-medicine patients under supervision in multiple ambulatory clinics and work with musculoskeletal radiologists, orthopedic surgeons, and physical therapists as scheduled by the Family Medicine faculty. Students also work in athletic training room setting and cover athletic events with Family Medicine faculty.

FAPR4201. Practice Management-RAHC. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course will cover Medical Office Management issues. Topics will include Medical Insurance, Coding ICD-9 & CPT-4, Medical Insurance Billing, Computerized Medical Office Software(s), 3rd party payments, contractual issues and other related topics. This course will be beneficial to those medical students in preparation for internship and future office practice.

FAPR4202. Dermatology: A Short Review Course. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This 8-hour dermatology course will follow the American Academy of Family Practice (AAFP) board dermatology curriculum and will include the following topics: basic components of dermatology and common dermatologic problems, as well as common skin cancers. This is a Family Medicine MS4 didactic elective for Harlingen.

FAPR4203. Review of Evidence-Based Medicine. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course aims to provide medical students with a set of evidence-based exercises relating to diagnosis, prognosis, therapy, and harm. Students will be asked to formulate clinical questions so that they can be answered, to search for information, to critically appraise the evidence for validity and clinical importance, and apply the evidence in clinical practice. This is an MS4 didactic elective for Harlingen.

FAPR4205. Medicine and the Environment. 2 Credit Hours.
In this course students will read and view assigned and selected materials on environmental health and discuss the role of environmental factors in the diagnosis and treatment of patients. Objectives 1) Understand how environmental exposures in the personal environment and the community have an impact on health; 2) describe how sociocultural and economic factors influence the risk for and from common environmental exposures; 3) evaluate how characteristics such as age/development state, gender, genetics, and prior/concurrent exposures may affect individual susceptibility to exposures; 4) list 10 important areas to consider in performing and Environmental House Call to improve air quality and home safety; 5) obtain an exposure history for an adult or child; 6) demonstrate the ability to continue improving environmental health knowledge and skills.

FAPR7000. Off Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
In this course, the student is required to work closely with the preceptor in a clinical setting that can be either in-patient/outpatient or both. The physician can work in private practice or a residency program setting. The preceptor must be board-certified in family medicine and have a clinical faculty appointment with a LCME-Accredited Medical School. The student must not be a relative of the preceptor. Students must arrange the preceptorship directly with the family physician. Course Approval Form must be completed along with documentation of the designed course description and confirmation of appointment with preceptor.

FAPR7004. Family Medicine Preceptorship-External. 4 Credit Hours.
This is a full-time outpatient family medicine clinical experience with a board-certified family physician in either a private practice or residency program setting. Only a board certified family physician is acceptable for this course. The physician supervisor does not have to have an HSC faculty appointment but must have an affiliation with a LCME-accredited Texas Medical School. This elective can be arranged directly between the student and the family physician. Student must not be a relative of the preceptor.

FAPR7005. International Health Preceptorship. 4 Credit Hours.
The objectives of this course are for the student to have the opportunity to learn to be able to describe inpatient, outpatient, and community health activities in a setting outside the United States; diagnose and provide management for illnesses seldom seen in the United States under the supervision of a physician; make appropriate medical decisions, supervised by a local physician in that country, in a setting in which cultural norms, socio-economic factors, and religious beliefs differ from those commonly found in the United States influence patient care.

FAPR7008. Environmental Medical/Border Health. 4 Credit Hours.
The objectives of this course are for the student to have the opportunity to learn to be able to discuss contemporary environmental and public health concerns, as well as cultural influences, that affect the health of U.S.-Mexico border residents and other underserved populations; identify credible sources of public health information and assistance, and explain how to use these to help patients and communities; describe clinical manifestations of common environmental contaminants, such as lead, mold, allergens, and water pollutants, and tell how these exposures are measured; explain when and how to take an exposure history and the role of environmental house calls in addressing chronic health conditions such as asthma. To enroll in this elective, contact course director at least 6 weeks prior to rotation start date.

FAPR7010. Public Health at The US-Mexico Border. 4 Credit Hours.
This elective is available in Harlingen and Laredo (FAPR 7008). Student must spend four consecutive weeks in the STEER Course. NO LATE DROPS. Objectives include discuss contemporary environmental and public health concerns, as well as cultural factors, that affect health of U.S.-Mexico border residents and other underserved populations; identify credible sources of public health information and assistance, and explain how to use these to help patients and communities; describe clinical manifestations of common environmental contaminants, such as lead, mold, allergens, and water pollutants, and tell how these exposures are measured; explain when and how to take an exposure history and the role of "environmental house calls" in addressing chronic health conditions such as asthma.
General Dentistry (GEND)

Courses

GEND5001. Foundations Of Professional Development. 2 Credit Hours.
The course consists of introductory modules of practice and patient care management aimed at building the skills needed in establishing a successful practice and in contributing to the oral health of our communities. The modules include principles of professionalism, ethics, and behavior expected from health care providers. Students are evaluated on how they apply to their coursework the principles learned throughout the year. Specific modules provide a better understanding of the whole field of dentistry, career choices, and opportunities available in the dental school to assist students in making informed career decisions. Other modules are dedicated to personal finances, the economics of health care, and the foundations of strategic planning. Finally, modules on dental informatics introduce the students to the utilization of computers and to the basic software needed throughout the curriculum and for a successful practice.

GEND5027. Pain Control & Sedation. 3.5 Credit Hours.
The course is an in-depth, comprehensive assessment of pain control in dentistry. Beginning with neuroanatomy and pain, the course builds a valid foundation in basic science before advancing to a panoramic discussion of techniques in anxiety management and pain control. Behavioral management and conscious sedation techniques review are the major emphasis and are accompanied by demonstrations.

GEND6000. Introduction to Advanced General Dentistry for Interns. 1 Credit Hour.

GEND6001. Professional Development 2. 2 Credit Hours.
This is a continuation of the first-year course in which the students explored personal and professional goals, basic financial statements and the elements of strategic planning through an interactive web site. The students will continue to use the web site as (1) their main source of educational material, (2) the place where they perform interactive assignments and workshop exercises, (3) a mechanism for taking and organizing class notes, and (4) a place for consulting class reference manuals and linking to outside educational resources. Class time will be used to familiarize the students with the web-based course, facilitate the use of the web site, and answer student questions on its content. During the sophomore year, students will apply financial statement analysis and strategic planning to the internal environment of the practice, will assess strengths and weaknesses in the operation of a dental office, and establish a practice policy.

GEND7001. General Dentistry Clinic. 4 Credit Hours.
The Junior General Dentistry Clinic course oversees student progress towards competency in: patient assessment and diagnosis, comprehensive treatment planning and assessment of outcomes, management of periodontal and pre-implant tissues, and management of malocclusion and occlusal disorders as described in Statements 01, 02, 07, and 13 of the HSC Dental School Competencies for Graduating Dentists. Junior students will be evaluated by GPG faculty on their independent efforts in satisfying the educational outcomes described for each of the four component competencies included in the course. Results of the evaluation will be kept in the student portfolio by the group leader. Unsuccessful attempts will be repeated until the student demonstrates adequate progress towards competency. A final grade at the end of the junior year will be Pass or Fail. Each component of the course must be passed to receive a passing grade.

GEND7011. Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Fall Clinic. 0.5 Credit Hours.
AEGD students will gain clinical experience as they treat patients in the Advanced General Dentistry Clinic. Cases gradually increase in complexity and include treatment of medically compromised patients, implant cases, and interdisciplinary cases.

GEND7012. AEGD Spring Clinic. 0.5 Credit Hours.
AEGD students will gain clinical experience as they treat patients in the Advanced General Dentistry Clinic. Cases gradually increase in complexity and include treatment of medically compromised patients, implant cases, and interdisciplinary cases. Prerequisites: AEGD Fall Clinic.

GEND7026. Practice Administration. 2.5 Credit Hours.
This course presents the various career choices available in dentistry and presents material to aid students in the career decision-making process. An introduction to the basic principles of beginning and managing a dental practice with emphasis on establishing a philosophy of practice, establishing goals, selecting practice modes, and choosing a location. The principles of office design and equipment selection also are covered.

GEND8026. Practice Administration. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This series of lectures deals with the business aspects of conducting a practice. Consideration of establishing and administering a practice, estate planning, bookkeeping methods, banking, marketing, management and utilization of personnel, and completion of a prospectus and office design project also are presented.

GEND8077. General Dentistry Clinic. 26.5 Credit Hours.
Clinical experience for senior students under supervision of the Department of General Dentistry emphasizes comprehensive patient care in an atmosphere that closely simulates the private practice environment. Providing students an opportunity to accomplish procedures from each discipline of dentistry is the goal; therefore, students receive instruction from a faculty of general dentists. Various specialty departments provide didactic material, rotations in specialty clinics, and consultation. Senior Seminars, conducted by the Department of General Dentistry, entailing lectures, problem-solving sessions, and presentations of selected cases designed to enhance the students' knowledge of comprehensive clinical dentistry.

GEND8078. General Dentistry Seminar. 2 Credit Hours.
This seminar presents topics relevant to clinical practice including application and selection of dental materials, an overview of dental equipment, and clinical techniques. It is intended to reinforce philosophies presented by the specialty disciplines, to provide the opportunity to discuss dental topics of current interest, and to promote dialogue between students and faculty.

Interdisciplinary Course (INTD)

INTD Courses

INTD1091. Independent Study. 4 Credit Hours.
Students will work directly with a faculty advisor or assistant dean to develop an independent plan of study.
INTD3001. International Elective. Credit Hours.
Students will work with the course director and Assistant Director of Global Health to identify an appropriate international elective site, using established sites/programs or one that the student discovers on their own. All rotations must be vetted and approved by the course director and will adhere to a community service-learning model that is a structured educational experience combining community service with preparation and reflection. Students are expected to help shape the learning experience around community-identified needs and advance insight related to the context in which service is provided, the connection between service and academic coursework, and students' roles as citizens and professionals. Students will spend 4 weeks living and working at an international service site. Sites may allow for a range of experiences, such as participating in patient care, conducting clinical or public health research, and/or participating in a language immersion program. There may also be opportunities for patient education and emphasis on efforts of local empowerment, aiming to build up the communities in a sustainable way. Regardless of the focus, all sites must be supervised by qualified health care providers. Students are encouraged to integrate themselves into the health care delivery system, to explore community needs that they could address, and when possible, to strive to make an impact through community education, home visits, and research. Reflection essays serve as a way to process experiences, including clinical cases, new perspectives gained, and analysis of health care disparities, and strategies for the overcoming poverty-related health problems. Students are encouraged to share their experiences upon return through a formal presentation.

INTD3002. School of Medicine Research Elective. Credit Hours.
Students will participate in basic or clinical research projects under the supervision of university faculty. The goal of this elective is to immerse students in a rich research environment and provide an opportunity to work with research mentors to fully engage in the research process from writing the proposal to collecting the data to disseminating research results. This elective is open to students who already have an established working relationship with a faculty member and who wish to continue their work, students who wish to establish a new project, and for students who are in the MD-MPH degree program and MD with Distinction in Research Program. Interested students must contact the course director prior to the enrollment date to express interest in the elective and receive further instructions on the application process for the research and identification/confirmation of the faculty mentor.

INTD3030. Clinical Foundations. 3 Credit Hours.
The purposes of this course are to 1) Prepare students to excel as learners in clinical settings by providing foundations for clinical skills including finding information, presenting cases, charting, writing orders, completing other paperwork, and clinical reasoning including basic EKG and radiograph interpretation; 2) Assist students in developing new skills expected of third-year clerks including lab skills (phlebotomy, ABG, blood cultures, hemoccult cards), IV insertion, PPD placement, sterile gowning/gloving, basic suturing, nasogastric tube placement, O2 management, and Basic Cardiac Life Support; and 3) Prepare students for their new roles in clinical settings, where they encounter patient care responsibilities along with patient privacy and ethical issues. Successful completion of the first two years of Medical School and approval of the director of the MD/PhD program are required.

INTD3058. Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Credit Hours.
This rotation offers clinical experience in Hospice and Palliative Medicine (HPM). Palliative care provides treatment for seriously ill hospitalized and ambulatory patients and focuses on symptom management, enhancement of function, physical comfort, quality of life, psychosocial support, and communication about the goals of medical care for the patients as well as their families.

INTD3091. Independent Study. 9 Credit Hours.
Students will work directly with a faculty advisor or assistant dean to develop an independent plan of study.

INTD4007. Interprofessional Community Service Learning. 2 Credit Hours.
This is an innovative interdisciplinary service learning (CSL) course offered in partnership with the UT School of Pharmacy, PHR 270S, to allow medical students to integrate meaningful community service with instruction, preparation, and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. This course will provide the opportunity for students to examine social justice and social determinant of health issues and apply these principles in a structured serviced learning practicum. The student-led service learning project will address the social and health needs of a community partner and will be conducted with the partner agency in a culturally competent manner. Through online learning modules, readings, and discussion; monthly class sessions; a group service learning project; and a structured service learning practicum, this course combines community service with preparation and reflection to foster civic responsibility in the health professions.

INTD4008. Interprofessional Care in HIV. 0.5 Credit Hours.
Students will have the opportunity to learn how to function as a member of an interprofessional team in HIV case management. The objective is for students to become familiar with issues of patient safety, health literacy, medication reconciliation, and interprofessional teamwork in HIV care. This is an elective didactic course. This is an elective didactic course.

INTD4009. Interprofessional Care in HIV. 2 Credit Hours.
Students will have the opportunity to learn how to function as a member of an interprofessional team in HIV case management, and become familiar with issues of: patient safety, health literacy, medication reconciliation, treatment guidelines, and interprofessional teamwork in HIV care.

INTD4015. Humanism in Medicine Fellowship. 2 Credit Hours.
This is a longitudinal 4th-year elective to support and nourish the inherent altruism of our students. This elective will bring together like-minded students and faculty who have a passion for caring for the medically underserved in their communities. The students will take a leadership role in managing and directing the student-run clinics at the Alpha Home and SAMM Transitional Living and Learning Center under faculty supervision. Clinical experiences will be at these clinics and on trips with Frontera de Salud to the Colonias of South Texas. This elective will include required monthly seminars in which students and faculty meet to discuss their experiences in these clinics. Activities in the elective will include working with vulnerable populations, advocating for social justice, reflecting, and writing. Each student fellow will develop a mentorship relationship with at least one faculty member. Students will keep a journal and may elect to conduct some scholarly project with their faculty mentor(s).
INTD4018. Independent Elective in Ethics. 2 Credit Hours.
In this longitudinal course, students will be required to undertake an independent study into a specific issue in medical ethics or medical humanities. Students will be required to read on research methods in medical ethics as well as literature in their issue of interest, and then to propose and conduct an original study project, a literature review, a position paper, or an ethical analysis of a particular topic or case. Students will be expected to write an academically rigorous final research report of 10 to 15 pages. Students will be encouraged to produce a final paper that can be submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed bioethics or medical humanities journal. Students will be required to meet with the instructor and/or chosen faculty advisor over the course for assistance, guidance, and discussion. (Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics).

INTD4019. Clinical Ethics. 2 Credit Hours.
Students in this two-week course will have the opportunity to focus on work in clinical ethics consultation. The student will be required to participate in rounds as an ethicist, do in-depth reading on clinical ethics consultation, observe clinical ethics consults, attend ethics committee meetings, and provide an educational seminar to hospital staff on an issue of ethical significance.

INTD4025. Healthcare Practice and Policy Elective. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The Healthcare Practice Elective is an introductory-level, discussion-based, eight-hour course targeted to fourth-year medical students. The course focuses generally on practice and policy issues of payment methodologies, cost-effectiveness, and access to care.

INTD4030. Preparing for Global Health Work. 2 Credit Hours.
This is a 2-week multidisciplinary course for fourth-year medical students who are planning future global health experiences, arising in response to enormous interest in international medicine, with increasing numbers of students choosing to spend time overseas during medical school. This preparatory course aims to provide a foundation of practical knowledge in global health to optimize the students' overseas experiences, facilitate their adaptation to working in different cultural settings, and maximize their impact in the communities where they serve. Topics include chronic and infectious disease, parasite infection, prioritizing community resources, health disparities, ethical dilemmas, cultural awareness, and professionalism. Course material is presented through a variety of approaches, including lectures, small-group case discussions, laboratory sessions, and online learning modules.

INTD4045. Patient Notes- Enrichment Elective. Credit Hours.
It is an interactive, inter-professional course that engages students in music listening sessions to teach students active listening skills. Through various forms of music, students will learn how to actively listen for specific details to gain insight on meaning, become comfortable with ambiguity and interpretation, and develop pattern recognition skills to quickly recognize deviation. Students will also develop stronger methodology for writing patients notes through conceptual practice of SOAP format notes for music pieces. Taught jointly by UTHSCSA faculty and professional musicians, this strategy of applying practical skills to an abstract concept such as music will refine these skills for students in clinical settings. Specifically, this course aims to improve interpersonal communication skills, and organizational note writing. This is also an opportunity for students to practice problems solving with other healthcare professionals.

INTD4048. Art Rounds. 2 Credit Hours.
This is an interactive, interprofessional course that takes students to the McNay Art Museum to learn physical observation skills. Studies demonstrate that increased observational skills translate to improved physical examination skills. Using artwork as patients, students will have the opportunity to learn how to observe details and how to interpret images based on available evidence. Taught jointly by Health Science Center faculty and McNay museum educators, students will have the opportunity to develop and hone their observation, problem solving, and assessment skills. They will also observe, interpret, and give case reports on the original works of art to teach them the skill of verbalizing descriptions of what is seen, and not to accept assumptions made with a first impression.

INTD4058. Hospice and Palliative Medicine Elective. 4 Credit Hours.
This rotation offers clinical experience in Hospice and Palliative Medicine (HPM). Palliative care provides treatment for seriously ill hospitalized and ambulatory patients and focuses on symptom management, enhancement of function, physical comfort, quality of life, psychosocial support, and communication about the goals of medical care for the patients as well as their families.

INTD4103. Communication Skills. 0.5 Credit Hours.
To introduce fourth year medical students to the principles of conducting public interviews, presentations and effectively disseminating information to the communities they will serve.

INTD4104. Improving Patient Outcomes. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to increase a student's knowledge of and skills in identifying systemic problems with health care delivery and patient safety, collecting and analyzing data, generating solutions, presenting results and evaluating peers. The course objectives include facilitating systems thinking, exposing students to the ACGME general competencies (with emphasis on practice-based learning and improvement and systems-based practice), increasing understanding of health care economics and working in teams.

INTD4105. Medical Jurisprudence. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The course will center on the Texas Medical Practice Act and applicable federal laws.

INTD4106. Practical Ethics For Healers. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The course is the capstone of the four-year longitudinal curriculum in humanities and ethics. The goals are to reflect upon 1) physician's values, attitudes, and their intersection with cultural values and attitudes; 2) the historical and moral traditions of medicine in the context of society, politics, spirituality, and the health care system; and 3) the personal identity of a doctor.

INTD4107. The Skin Around Us: A View of Skin Disease from a Humanities Perspective. 4 Credit Hours.
This elective is for fourth year medical students with a special interest in learning about skin diseases through a humanities perspective. Throughout the four week course, students will attend daily clinics, create a project and write an essay on activities encountered during the elective. The students will also complete brief writing assignments each week after watching videos, movies, and/or reading books.
INTD4110. Getting Ready to Teach During Your Residency Program. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The goal of this 8-hour course is to help senior medical students, who will be residents in a few months, develop teaching skills that will enhance the quality of their interactions with students. The course will be conducted in an interactive workshop format to allow participants to practice important teaching skills for residents. These include 1) orienting and priming students to their responsibilities and roles and accepting the personal role of teacher and role model, 2) giving feedback to improve student performance, 3) helping students to improve their patient presentations: the use of questioning, and 4) coaching procedural and technical skills. The participants will practice these skills and receive feedback from their course peers and instructors based on the guidelines for clinical teachers in action with students and provide critiques. Large and small group discussions and role plays will be used to reinforce teaching principles.

INTD4201. Getting Ready to Teach During Your Residency-RAHC. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The goal of this course is to help senior medical students, who will be residents in a few months, develop teaching skills that will enhance the quality of their interactions with medical students. The course addresses four important residents' teaching skills: (1) teaching learners with different learning styles, (2) providing constructive feedback, (3) teaching at the bedside, and (4) teaching psychomotor procedures.

INTD4205. Veritas Mentors in Medicine Longitudinal Elective. 2 Credit Hours.
This is longitudinal elective and the course work requirements will be for 2 week credit and must be complete by March 1st. Evaluation of MiM performance will include feedback from faculty mentors and students.

INTD4210. School of Medicine Research Elective Level 1. 4 Credit Hours.
Medical research is multidisciplinary and broad in scope. Students will participate in basic, clinical research, quality improvement, or patient safety research projects under the supervision of faculty in the Health Science Center. The goal of this elective is to immerse students in a rich scholarly environment and provide an opportunity to work with research/faculty mentors to fully engage in a scholarly research process from writing the proposal to collecting the data to disseminating results. This elective is open to students who already have established working relationship with a faculty member and reflects their increasing experience with the research process. INTD 4210 Level 1 elective or evidence of past experience knowledge and/or skills is a prerequisite. The expectation is that enrolled students will continue with research experiences begun in INTD 4210 Level 1 including students pursuing the MD-MPH degree and MD with Distinction in Research. Interested students must submit a research elective application which includes the faculty mentor the student will work, to the office of UME, no later than 12 weeks before the research elective is to begin. Applications will be reviewed and confirmed or declined no later than 8 weeks prior to the proposed start date of the elective.

INTD4211. School of Medicine Research Elective Level 2. 4 Credit Hours.
Medical research is multidisciplinary and broad in scope. Students will participate in basic, clinical research, quality improvement, or patient safety research projects under the supervision of faculty in the Health Science Center. The goal of this elective is to immerse students in a rich scholarly environment and provide an opportunity to work with research/faculty mentors to fully engage in a scholarly research process from writing the proposal to collecting the data to disseminating results. Students enrolled in this course will have prior experience with research and ongoing research activities. As such, this elective is open to students who already have established working relationship with a faculty member and reflects their increasing experience with the research process. INTD 4211 Level 2 electives is a prerequisite. As with INTD 4211 Level 2, the expectation is that enrolled students will continue with research experiences begun in INTD 4210 Level 1 and INTD 4211 Level 2 including students pursuing the MD-MPH degree and MD with Distinction in Research or produce evidence of past experience knowledge and/or skills which are deemed equivalent to these prerequisites. Interested students must submit a research elective application which includes the faculty mentor the student will work, to the office of UME, no later than 12 weeks before the research elective is to begin. Applications will be reviewed and confirmed or declined no later than 8 weeks prior to the proposed start date of the elective. Students will be able to formulate a research question and identify a research methodology to answer that question; understand research ethics and apply an ethical approach to research design, implementation, and dissemination; design a research study and gather quality data; apply and interpret basic biostatistics relevant to the individual research project; write scientific reports. The supervising faculty member will evaluate the performance of the student using a standard, research specific, medical student evaluation form. Students will receive a Pass or Fail summative grade at the conclusion of the 4 week elective. Faculty will be expected to give the student formative feedback after two weeks to assist the student in meeting all expectations to pass the elective.

INTD5005. Core Course 1: Biochemistry. 2 Credit Hours.
Topics to be covered include: protein structure; properties of enzymes; structure, biosynthesis, and function of lipids; pathways and regulation of carbohydrate metabolism and biosynthesis and regulation of amino acids, nucleotides, and related compounds. Prerequisites: consent of instructor.
INTD5007. Advanced Cellular And Molecular Biology. 4 Credit Hours.
This course provides an in-depth learning experience that instructs students on the fundamentals of molecular biology and cell biology as well as prepares the student to evaluate and design new research in the cutting-edge areas of modern molecular biology and cell biology. The course combines a didactic program of lectures along with a small group discussion format in which students interact closely with a group of faculty who have active research programs. The course focuses on active areas of research in molecular biology: Chromatin structure, DNA Transcription, DNA Replication and Repair, Recombination, RNA processing and regulation, Protein processing, targeting and degradation and in cell biology: Cell Signaling and Communication, Cell Growth, and Cell Death. Each week, the faculty provide students with didactic lectures on a current research area. Students and faculty will then jointly discuss key publications that serve to bridge the gap between the fundamental underpinnings of the field and the state of the art in that area.

INTD5013. Perio/Pros/Endo/Orth Interdisciplinary Course 1. 1 Credit Hour.
A seminar that brings together the residents and graduate staff from the periodontic, prosthodontic, endodontic and orthodontic postdoctoral programs to share clinically relevant multidisciplinary information. Patient diagnostic evaluations and treatment plans are evaluated in an interactive environment. Selected topics involving new advancements are presented and discussed.

INTD5020. Dental Biomed Core 1. 4 Credit Hours.
The Biomedical Core Course will provide a multidisciplinary approach to basic science instruction as it relates to the clinical practice of dentistry. Both basic science and clinical science faculty will participate to provide a sound base of material required by each program. Individual programs will supplement the Biomedical Core Course in the basic science areas particular to that discipline. This combination of core instruction with individual supplementation should provide the advanced education student the appropriate background in biomedical science.

INTD5021. Dental Biomed Core 2. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is a continuation of INTD 5020 Dental Biomedical Core Course 1.

INTD5023. Research Ethics. 1 Credit Hour.
The goal of this course is to provide the Master's student an opportunity to gain the essential standards necessary for training and education approved by the National Institute of Health. This course links to the web-based NIH Clinical Research Training On-Line Course http://www.cc.nih.gov/training/training/crt/infor.html for Principal Investigators that is required for all individuals conducting research.

INTD5030. Introduction To Patient Care. 5 Credit Hours.
The first component of this course is an informatics module so that students become familiar with their new computers and are trained on specific software. In the second and overlapping component, students are assigned to a variety of small-group rotations in a clinical setting to prepare them for patient-care activities. In the first semester, the students are required to become certified in basic life support. They also are required to rotate through a clinic orientation that is followed by a rotation as an assistant in the General Practice Groups. They are expected to follow proper infection control protocol and utilize some basic assisting skills. They also are required to rotate through a head and neck exam activity, followed with a patient activity in the second semester. Second semester activities also include intraoral radiography technique, a clinic component of their periodontics, and school-based prevention courses, a sealant lab and clinic, and radiographic interpretation. Students are evaluated primarily on professional development expectations.

INTD5040. Fundamentals Of Neuroscience1: Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Neuroscience. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is intended to introduce students to a broad survey of the basics of molecular, cellular and developmental neuroscience. The course is organized into a series of three modules: biochemical and cellular properties of nervous system cells, development of neuronal systems, and neurotransmission and neuromodulation, which covers the fundamentals of these three areas. Current topics and concepts are discussed in discussion sessions that include student participation. Two components; Neuroscience students register for both PHYL 5041 and INTD 5040.

INTD5043. Fundamentals Of Neuroscience 2: Systems Neuroscience. 3 Credit Hours.
This course, the second component of our broad survey of the basics of neuroscience, begins at the level of the neural circuit, and guides the students through an understanding of increasingly complex levels of organization and function in the brain. Topics include neurotransmitter systems, sensory and motor function, motivated behavior, regulation and integration of autonomic, behavioral, and emotional responses in the limbic system, higher order cognitive processes, and the neurobiological basis underlying some important psychiatric disorders and their treatment.

INTD5046. Metanalysis In Cognitive Neuroimaging. 2.5 Credit Hours.
The objective of this course is to familiarize students with human functional brain imaging methods, experimental designs, statistical analyses, inferential strategies, and content. Students are guided through a literature-based research project that culminates in a quantitative metanalysis of a set of studies using similar tasks.

INTD5047. Neuroanatomy. 2 Credit Hours.
The purpose of this course is to provide students with a practical working knowledge of the structure of both the peripheral and central nervous system. The emphasis will be on the organization of the human brain, although the brains of other species may also be included if appropriate for a specific brain region. The course will look at each of the individual components of the central nervous system in some depth but will also emphasize the complex integration of these various components into a functional brain. The topics covered in the course are specifically designed to mesh in time with those covered in Fundamentals of Neuroscience 2 describing the function of these areas. For this reason, it would be best if these two courses were taken concomitantly. The course will be didactic with digital images, models, and wet specimens included in the course.

INTD5051. Research Methodology and Evidence-Based Practice. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to introduce dental residents and faculty to critical thinking, research methodology, and evidence-based practice skills.

INTD5057. Research I Protocol Development and Design. 3 Credit Hours.
The introductory course in research design and protocol development is limited to postdoctoral students enrolled in advanced education programs. It is the 1st of four required core research course for the Masters of Science in Dental Science curriculum. Registration for this course requires permission by the respective program director for a particular Masters of Science education track. The course occurs during the PGI year offered in summer, fall and spring semesters. Credit hours vary between educational tracks for a particular semester from 1-3 hours, with a total of 3 credit hours required for course completion.
INTD5064. Applied Statistics for Health Care Practitioners. 3 Credit Hours.
This online course focuses on the application of descriptive and inferential statistics in research studies. Students are expected to gain knowledge and skills that will enable them to understand, interpret, and evaluate statistical results; work with a consultant statistician; and use software to enter, analyze, and summarize data. Course requirements include homework assignments, online discussions and/or chats, and periodic projects.

INTD5066. Laughter is the Best Medicine: An Interdisciplinary Elective about Humor, Healing, and Healthcare. 1 Credit Hour.
This class is a serious look at humor! The physiological and psychological benefits of humor, as well as its therapeutic use with patient interactions, will be explored. Students will learn how to develop and improve their personal use of humor to combat burn out, through techniques to enhance coping skills and stress reduction. Student participation and interaction is integral to the content delivery.

INTD5067. Introduction To Bioinformatics And Computational Biology. 2 Credit Hours.
The course will be taught by faculty from Biochemistry, Cellular & Structural Biology, CCRI, Periodontics, and faculty from UTSA. The course will be an introduction to methods and tools for working with DNA sequences and protein families, learning basic Unix networking, overview of numerical modeling, systems biology approaches to complex diseases, gene expression analysis, bioinformatics in clinical research, statistical tools for complex datasets, proteomics, structural methods for protein biology, chemoinformatics, molecular modeling, and mathematical model building.

INTD5074. Topics In Translational Medical Product Development. 1 Credit Hour.
It is crucial to understand the intricate process of translating basic research into market driven products, navigate the complex pathways of intellectual property management and the regulatory affairs of agencies such as the FDA. This course will offer students in biomedical sciences the opportunity to integrate industry-relevant training and experience with their basic science education. The course will explore the marketing and regulatory process by which a biomedical product is developed and brought to commercialization.

INTD5075. Complementary Healthcare for the Clinician. Credit Hours.
The goal of this elective is to introduce future doctors to practices outside of the classical medical school curriculum that promote an evidence-based approach to wellness. This is so that the medical students of the UTHSC School of Medicine are informed about the reality, evidence and rumor surrounding a variety of commonly used alternative and supplementary healthcare practices. The of this class is not to make the student an expert in areas such as acupuncture or yoga, but to be well informed of the role of such practices as it relates to patient treatment and wellness. To this end, all the classes will have a practical component which will allow the students to experience the alternative modalities in a structured setting.

INTD5076. Introduction To Informatics. 1 Credit Hour.
This elective course is designed for students interested in information technologies in the context of clinical investigation. It offers an overview of the field of informatics applied to biomedicine, covering specific applications and general methods, issues, capabilities and limitations of informatics systems. Student teams will conceive, design, specify, implement, evaluate and report on a software project in the domain of biomedicine. The projects will include proposal writing, peer review, and preparing final reports, as well as guest lectures from field experts.

INTD5081. Topics In Cardiovascular Research. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to familiarize students with the current literature related to cardiovascular disease. Each week a different research topic selected from the recent literature is presented and discussed. Students are expected to attend and participate in the discussions. In addition, students are required to prepare and present once during the semester. A list of previous and current course presentations will be available online.

INTD5082. Responsible Conduct of Research. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This foundational course introduces students to core ethical content necessary for responsible research conduct. Through interactive seminars, students will learn about (1) scientists as responsible members of society (contemporary ethical issues in biomedical research and environmental/social impacts of research), (2) policies for research with human subjects and vertebrate animals, (3) collaborative research, (4) conflicts of interest (personal, professional, financial), (5) data acquisition and laboratory tools (management, sharing, ownership), (6) responsible authorship and publication, (7) mentor/trainee responsibilities and relationships, (8) peer review, and (9) research misconduct (forms of misconduct and management policies).

INTD5090. Grad Research Methodology. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to methods and techniques used in dental research. Topics will include basic assumptions and concepts of scientific research, selecting research topics, specifying objectives and hypotheses, literature reviews, and experimental design.

INTD5091. Special Topics. 1-4 Credit Hours.
This is a placeholder course, for which graduate students may register, if they are unable to select a specific track core course at the time of registration. Tracks are: Biology of Aging, Cancer Biology; Cell and Molecular Biology; Genetics, Genomics, & Development; Membrane Biology & Cell Signaling; Metabolism & Metabolic Disorders; Microbiology & Immunology; Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry; Molecular, Cellular, & Integrative Physiology; Neuroscience; and Pharmacology. The course may be repeated for credit.

INTD5094. Independent Study. 1-4 Credit Hours.
This elective allows for detailed in-depth study in a specific area of study. The area and mode of study are to be agreed upon by the student and instructor. The course may be repeated for credit when the area of study varies. Clock hours are to be arranged. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of instructor.

INTD5157. Research 1- Project Proposal. 1 Credit Hour.
The introductory course in research design and protocol development is limited to postdoctoral students enrolled in advanced education programs. It is the 1st of four required core research courses for the Master of Science in Dental Science curriculum. Registration for this course requires permission by the respective program director for a particular Master of Science educational track. The course occurs during the PGI year offered in the spring semester. In fulfillment of the Master of Science degree, registration for this course requires completion of INTD 5257 in the preceding semester.

INTD5257. Research 1- Project Proposal. 2 Credit Hours.
The introductory course in research design and protocol development is limited to postdoctoral students enrolled in advanced education programs. It is the 1st of four required core research courses for the Master of Science in Dental Science curriculum. Registration for this course requires permission by the respective program director for a particular Master of Science educational track. The course occurs during the PGI year offered in the spring semester.
INTD5357. Research 1- Project Proposal. 3 Credit Hours.
The introductory course in research design and protocol development is limited to postdoctoral students enrolled in advanced education programs. It is the 1st of 4 required core research courses for the Master of Science in Dental Science curriculum. Registration for this course requires permission by the respective program director for a particular Master of Science educational track. The course occurs during the PGI year offered in the spring semester.

INTD6002. Ethics In Research. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course covers topics relevant to ethics in scientific research. The course is taught on a case-study basis, dealing with real and hypothetical situations relevant to the conduct of scientific research. Topics discussed will include, but will not be limited to: data management, peer review, recognizing scientific misconduct, authorship, and The University of Texas regulations relevant to human and animal research. This course is required of all doctoral graduate students.

INTD6007. Advanced Cell Biology. 2 Credit Hours.
This course provides an in-depth learning experience that instructs students on the fundamentals of cell biology as well as prepares the student to evaluate and design new research in the cutting-edge areas of modern cell biology. The course combines a didactic program of lectures along with a small-group discussion format in which students interact closely with a group of faculty who have active research programs. The course focuses on active areas of research in cell biology: Cell Signaling and Communication, Cell Growth, and Cell Death. Each week, the faculty jointly discuss key publications that serve the bridge the gap between the fundamental underpinnings of the field and the state of the art in that area. Students and faculty will then jointly discuss key publications that serve to bridge the gap between the fundamental underpinnings of the field and the state of the art in that area.

INTD6008. Mitochondria & Apoptosis. 1 Credit Hour.
This course will focus in depth on Mitochondria and Apoptosis. Topics will include: Mitochondria and Respiration; Mitochondria and Reactive Oxygen Species; Mitochondria and Apoptosis. It will provide an opportunity for a unique learning experience where the student can prepare to evaluate and design new research in the cutting-edge areas of modern cell biology and molecular biology. Instead of a didactic program of lectures, the entire course comprises a small-group format in which students interact closely with a group of faculty who have active research programs. Each week, faculty will provide students with a brief overview of the research area. Students and faculty will then jointly discuss key publications that serve to bridge the gap between the student's prior understanding of the field and the state of the art in that area.

INTD6009. Advanced Molecular Biology. 2 Credit Hours.
This course will provide an in-depth learning experience on the fundamentals of molecular biology as well as prepare the student to evaluate and design new research in the cutting-edge areas of modern molecular biology. The course combines a didactic program of lectures along with a small-group discussion format in which students interact closely with a group of faculty who have active research programs. The course focuses on active areas of research in molecular biology: Chromatin structure, Transcription, DNA Replication and Repair, Recombination, RNA processing and regulation, Protein processing, targeting and degradation. Each week, the faculty provide students with didactic lectures on a current research area. Students and faculty then jointly discuss key publications that serve to bridge the gap between the fundamental underpinnings of the field and the state of the art in that area.

INTD6010. Evidence Based Dentistry. 1 Credit Hour.
Designed to help students establish an "evidence-based practice" the course will provide students the opportunity to learn the skills necessary to evaluate and select new dental products and clinical procedures. This requires an ability to read and evaluate various sources of knowledge, including articles published in the dental and medical literature, advertisements, Internet sources, and continuing education programs. Lectures and readings are designed to provide a basic understanding of clinical research, epidemiology, and statistical procedures such that dental journal articles and other sources of knowledge can be critically evaluated. The long-range goal is to prepare the student to think critically and to make sound judgments regarding the acceptance of new knowledge, products, and procedures in private practice.

INTD6011. Introduction To Science Of Teaching. 1 Credit Hour.
This course will provide insight into the basic skills of learning and teaching. Faculty from the Academic Center for Excellence in Teaching and the Graduate School will provide the opportunity to learn the skills, strategies, and experiences for a future in academia and teaching. Topics include lecture presentations on why scientists choose to teach, planning a student learning experience in addition to developing a lecture syllabus, curriculum and teaching portfolio and philosophy. The course is recommended for Supervised Teaching Course INTD 6071.

INTD6014. Perio/Pros/Endo/Orth Interdisciplinary Course 2. 1 Credit Hour.
This seminar brings together the residents and graduate staff from the periodontic, prosthodontic, endodontic and orthodontic postdoctoral programs to share clinically relevant multidisciplinary information. Patient diagnostic evaluations and treatment plans are evaluated in an interactive environment. Selected topics involving new advancements are presented and discussed.

INTD6019. Pharmacotherapeutics. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to review general principles of pharmacology; current and accepted pharmacotherapy for the medical management of pain, infection, and selected systemic diseases; and associated adverse drug events. It is based on the top 200 drugs dispensed by U.S. community pharmacies for the prevention, diagnosis, and/or treatment of disease with special reference to dentistry.

INTD6033. Cell Signaling Mechanisms. 2 Credit Hours.
This course covers the molecular mechanisms of action of various extracellular mediators including hormones, neurotransmitters, growth factors, cytokines, etc., and cell signaling events. Several areas will be discussed including: (1) mechanisms of mediator synthesis; (2) interaction of mediators with specific receptors; (3) modulation by mediators of various second messenger systems including cyclic nucleotides, inositol phospholipids, calcium, protein phosphorylation, ion flux, etc.; and (4) intra- and intercellular mechanism for regulating mediator action.

INTD6041. Basic Science Resident Lecture Series In Neurology. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This is an interdisciplinary advanced elective in which students attend 20 lectures, selected from the full offering of daily one-hour lectures comprising the Neurology Residents' Basic Sciences lecture series. These lectures cover a range of topics, such as Epilepsy, Movement Disorders, the Thalamus, Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's Disease, Stroke, Sleep, etc., all given from a clinical perspective. In addition, graduate students will have the opportunity to observe or participate in at least two enrichment activities related topically to the lectures they attend, which may include such settings as case presentations, diagnostic training sessions, or clinical observations, again selected from the list of offerings included in the "Neurology Residents" series.
INTD6043. Structure & Function Of Membrane Proteins. 2 Credit Hours.
This is a course targeted at students within any of the Graduate Tracks. The objective is to provide a broad view, allowing for in depth consideration in selected areas, of the structure and diverse functions of proteins within a membrane environment. Specific topics covered will include: ion selective channels, large membrane pores, membrane transporters, membrane pumps, and membrane receptors. The format of the course will be didactic lecture followed by student presentations of relevant topics.

INTD6045. Clinical Practicum In Neuroscience. 1 Credit Hour.
This course will provide students with a brief, but intense and very focused exposure to clinical practice in a relevant area of their choosing, designed and coordinated to best match their interests in close individual collaboration with a clinical mentor in one of the participating components: Neurosurgery, Neurology, Psychiatry, or Endodontics. Representative activities could include participation in case presentation and treatment planning, attending rounds with physicians and residents, direct observation of clinical procedures, patient interviews, follow-up care and outcome review. Potential venues may include inpatient psychiatric ward, sleep clinic, epilepsy clinic, stroke clinic, neurosurgical theater and surgical ICU. In consultation with the course director, students will first select one of the following sub-sections, then design their individually tailored clinical practicum experience with the coordinator for that section.

INTD6057. Research 2 - Data Collection. 6 Credit Hours.
The course focuses on refining research design, implementation, and data collection. Enrollment limited to postdoctoral students in advanced education programs who have completed successfully both INTD 52057 and INTD 5157, or INTD 5357 in PG1. This is the 2nd of four required core research courses for the Masters of Science in Dental Science curriculum. Registration for this course requires permission by the respective program director for a particular Masters of Science education track. The course occurs during the PG2 year offered in the spring semester. Credit hours vary between educational tracks for a particular semester from 1-6 hours, with a total of 6 credit hours required for course completion.

INTD6058. Research 3- Data Analysis. 2 Credit Hours.
The course focuses on analysis of research data and experimental design. Enrollment limited to postdoctoral students in advanced education programs who have completed successfully INTD 52057. This is the 3rd of four required core research courses for the Masters of Science in Dental Science curriculum. Registration for this course requires permission by the respective program director for a particular Masters of Science education track. The course occurs during the PG2 year offered and is offered in both fall and spring semesters. Credit hours vary between educational tracks for a semester from 1-2 hours, with a total of 2 credit hours required for course completion.

INTD6070. Teaching Excellence And Academic Skills (Texas). 1 Credit Hour.
This course, designed to assist graduate students and faculty in acquiring teaching skills, is composed of four modules, each covering a range of topics from lecture and clinical teaching to instructional development to assessing student achievement.

INTD6088. Clinic Introduction. 4.5 Credit Hours.
The informatics module, one component of this course, is a continuation from the first-year module. Students continue training on a higher level of computer use. The clinic component of the course is a series of small-group rotations for distinct clinic modules including patient assessment, periodontics, caries detection, preventive methods, sealants, pulp testing, local anesthesia, oral surgery, radiographic technique recertification, radiographic interpretation, digital photography, constructing a stabilizing appliance, patient education, infant exam, and opportunities for assisting in various clinics with the Dental School at external sites. At the end of the sophomore year, students will have had the opportunity to become well acquainted with the clinic environment and techniques for initial patient visits scheduled for the summer clinic. Professional development expectations are emphasized in the overall evaluation.

INTD6097. Research. 0.5-12 Credit Hours.
This course is intended for first-year IMGP students only. Students will be required to attend a minimum of 10 departmental (any) seminars during the semester and submit a 100-150 word synopsis of each seminar within two weeks of the seminar.

INTD6098. Thesis. 4 Credit Hours.
The research thesis course is limited to postdoctoral students in advanced education programs who have completed successfully INTD 6058. This is the 4th of four required core research courses for the Masters of Science in Dental Science curriculum. Registration for this course requires permission by the respective program director from a particular Masters of Science education track. The course is offered in fall, and spring semesters. Credit hours vary between educational tracks for a semester from 1-4. The course occurs during the PG II and PG II year offered in summer, fall, and spring semesters. Credit hours vary between educational tracks for a semester from 1-4 hours, with a total of 4 credit hours required for course completion.

INTD6115. Perio/Pros/Endo/Ortho Interdisciplinary Course 3. 1 Credit Hour.
This is a seminar that brings together the residents and graduate staff from the periodontic, prosthodontic, endodontic and orthodontic postdoctoral programs to share clinically relevant multidisciplinary information. Patient diagnostic evaluations and treatment plans are evaluated in an interactive environment. Selected topics involving new advancements are presented and discussed.

INTD6357. Research 2- Data Collection. 3 Credit Hours.
The course focuses on refining research design, implementation, and data collection. Enrollment limited to postdoctoral students in advanced education programs who have completed successfully INTD 5257 and INTD 5157 or INTD 5357 in PG1. This is the 2nd of four required core research courses for the Master of Science in Dental Science curriculum. Registration for this course requires permission by the respective program director for a particular Master of Science education track. The course occurs during the PG2 year offered in fall and spring semesters. In fulfillment of the Master of Science degree, registration for this course requires registration for INTD 6357 for two semesters.

INTD6657. Research 2- Data Collection. 6 Credit Hours.
The course focuses on refining research design, implementation, and data collection. Enrollment limited to postdoctoral students in advanced education programs who have completed successfully INTD 5257 and INTD 5157 or INTD 5357 in PG1. This is the 2nd of four required core research courses for the Master of Science in Dental Science curriculum. Registration for this course requires permission by the respective program director for a particular Master of Science education track. The course occurs during the PG2 year offered in the spring semester.
INTD7002. Neurobiology Of Learning And Memory. 1 Credit Hour.
This course will focus on recent findings and topics related to the underlying aspects of the neural basis of learning and memory. Students will have the opportunity to learn about: molecular basis of memory formation, consolidation and retrieval, memory and emotion, associative learning, memory and amnesia, and recognition memory and the medial temporal lobe. The lectures will be interactive and driven by discussions of key journal articles. Each week the first hour will be reserved for lecturing and the second hour will be reserved for a discussion of a journal article.

INTD7003. Elective in International Medicine. 4 Credit Hours.
This elective serves as a vehicle for students to participate in international medicine rotations. Students will work with a faculty sponsor to identify a program, either a pre-established site or a site discovered by the student which requires faculty approval. This elective includes: 1) The Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics International Scholars Program in India, a competitive program requiring a separate application through the department of Medicine, 2) Shoulder to Shoulder program in Latin America, which requires a separate application process and some cost (airfare and small project fee), and is available October, January, and April, 3) Programs in Nicaragua, Mexico, Panama, and Guatemala, and 4) Other sites available through online directory: http://www.globalhealth-cc.org/GHEC/Resources/GHonline.htm. All rotations share a commitment to service learning - medical education and self-reflection that arises out of service to needy populations. Students spend up to 4 weeks (or possibly longer) living in an international site and participating in the care of patients, under the supervision of local and visiting health care providers. The clinical settings and caseload will vary based on the location. There may be opportunities for patient education and emphasis on efforts of local empowerment, aiming to build up the communities in a sustainable way. Students will be expected to integrate themselves into the health care delivery system, and when possible, to strive to make an impact through community education and home visits. For certain Latin American sites, fluency in Spanish is a prerequisite. Students are encouraged to seek similar service learning experiences with underprivileged populations in San Antonio and Border communities prior to or after the rotation. End of rotation "reflection essays" are required and will serve to process student experiences.

INTD7005. Indian Health Care Preceptorship. 4 Credit Hours.
This elective offers the opportunity for an experience in the health care of Native Americans, coordinated through the Indian Health Service. Most experiences involve both inpatient and outpatient care under direct supervision of board certified family physicians or internists. Educational activities such as conferences, teaching rounds, etc., may vary from site to site. All clinical sites are located outside the state of Texas, including sites in New Mexico, Arizona and Alaska. Early application is recommended. Students completing appropriate application forms may be reimbursed for transportation costs and provided room and board by the Indian Health Service.

INTD7007. Literature and Medicine. 2 Credit Hours.
In this course you are required to read short stories, poems, and a book of nonfiction. While many of the stories or poems directly address medical or ethical issues, the primary purpose is not to enhance your store of knowledge in these areas, but to promote your appreciation of these works through discussions with other students (online via Blackboard and in class) and with authors and lecturers. Your own contributions to the course - not just the insights you've gained as medical students but the wisdom you bring to the class as human beings - will be critical to its success. We hope that the readings will help you prepare for and process your clinical experiences, furthering your development as a person as well as physician. There will be no "right" or "wrong" answers in this course; rather, our goal is to encourage thoughtful and serious responses to the readings and a lively and fulfilling conversation about them and the issues they raise. Students from Christian Medical College in Vellore, India, will join in our discussion online. MSIV students will receive two credits for completion of this longitudinal elective. All students are expected to participate in class discussions. Grades are earned by reading assignments, attendance at class meetings, and posting primary and secondary responses to posted discussion questions.

INTD7020. Clinical Patient Management. 5 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to help students develop skills in clinical behavioral dentistry through small group discussions, lectures, and routine patient treatment by application of the principles of coordinating patient care; communicating effectively with colleagues, staff, and faculty; and managing time, records, and environment. The students are required to manage their comprehensive care patients in the Junior Clinic following the principles presented in this course.

INTD7074. Topics In Translational Medical Product Development. 1 Credit Hour.
It is crucial to understand the intricate process of translating basic research into market driven products, navigate the complex pathways of intellectual property management and the regulatory affairs of agencies such as the FDA. This course will offer students in biomedical sciences the opportunity to integrate industry-relevant training and experience with their basic science education. The course will explore the marketing and regulatory process by which a biomedical product is developed and brought to commercialization.

INTD7091. Independent Studies. 1-9 Credit Hours.
Students will have the opportunity to use this course to study for the National Board, Part II examination, according to their own need. This course also will serve as a framework for a student returning from a leave of absence or from other protracted time away from classes or clinic. At the conclusion of the course, the enrolled student must demonstrate knowledge and/or skills and/or values consistent with the expectations for entering the level of course study from which the student left. An individualized course of study will be developed once the student is enrolled.

Medicine (MEDI)

Courses

MEDI3035. Medical Intensive Care Unit Elective. Credit Hours.
This elective is designed to prepare students for the challenge and responsibility of caring for highly complex patients in the intensive care unit. Students are expected to develop an advanced knowledge of the evaluation, diagnosis, and management of Internal Medicine patients with complicated illness and to prepare for the direct responsibility and professionalism required in caring for patients as a sub-intern.
MEDI3105. Medicine Clerkship. 8 Credit Hours.
The objectives of this clinical experience are to provide opportunities for students to develop patient evaluation skills, productive self-learning techniques, a sound pathophysiological approach to medical disease, a concern and awareness for the patient's needs, and personal professional behavior. The student spends eight weeks, divided into two 4-week blocks, assigned to the inpatient General Medicine Service. An additional four weeks are spent in outpatient services. Bedside clinical teaching is emphasized by asking the student to perform patient evaluations, to contribute to the care of selected patients, and to participate in the clinical rounds of the services. During this clerkship the student receives intensive instruction from the Internal Medicine house staff and faculty. In addition, the student is expected to undertake independent patient-oriented reading and to systematically review pertinent information introduced during the preclinical years. Finally, students attend a series of clinical conferences including medical grand rounds, morbidity and mortality conferences, clinical subspecialty conferences, and organized courses in electrocardiography and nutrition. Successful completion of all required preclinical courses is prerequisite to enrollment in any of the clinical clerkships. The student spends eight weeks, divided into two 4-week blocks, assigned to the inpatient General Medicine Service. An additional four weeks are spent in outpatient services. Bedside clinical teaching is emphasized by asking the student to perform patient evaluations, to contribute to the care of selected patients, and to participate in the clinical rounds of the services. During this clerkship the student receives intensive instruction from the Internal Medicine house staff and faculty. In addition, the student is expected to undertake independent patient-oriented reading and to systematically review pertinent information introduced during the preclinical years. Finally, students attend a series of clinical conferences including medical grand rounds, morbidity and mortality conferences, clinical subspecialty conferences, and organized courses in electrocardiography and nutrition.

MEDI4000. Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours.
This is a self-designed course created by both the student and the department to cover a specific topic. A Course Approval Form must be completed along with documentation of the designed course description.

MEDI4002. Clinical Cardiology. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are required to participate in inpatient consultations and outpatient clinics evaluating patients with cardiovascular disease. Students are required to perform inpatient consultations at University Hospital and Audie L. Murphy V. A. Hospital. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exam, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plan on each assigned patient. Students are required to also have learning opportunities in ECG interpretation, the cardiac catheterization laboratory, and non-invasive test interpretation such as exercise treadmill testing and echocardiograms. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4004. Cardiovascular Research. 4 Credit Hours.
Students can participate in original research, basic or clinical, in collaboration with a faculty member of the Division of Cardiology. Students must meet expectations of research responsibilities based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4006. Coronary Care Unit - Subinternship - VA. 4 Credit Hours.
This subinternship is designed to prepare students for the intense and responsible role of the intern. The subintern is an integral member of the team and is required to participate in all team activities and participate in all medical care for his/her patients, under the supervision of the Internal Medicine resident, Cardiology fellow, and Cardiology attending. Students are required to care for patients in the CCU and Telemetry ward. The student will be involved in the inpatient care of patients with cardiac disease, including critically ill patients needing hemodynamic and respiratory monitoring and ventilation support. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4007. Cardiology Care Unit Sub-Internship-SAMMC. 4 Credit Hours.
This subinternship is designed to prepare students for the intense and responsible role of the intern. The subintern is an integral member of the team and is required to participate in all team activities and participate in all medical care for his/her patients, under the supervision of the Internal Medicine resident, Cardiology fellow, and Cardiology attending. Students are required to care for patients in the CCU and Telemetry ward. The student's clinical performance will be evaluated by the supervising attending. Students are required to participate in the care of patients with a wide spectrum of acute and chronic cardiovascular problems. Emphasis is placed on mastering basic physical assessment through history and detailed cardiovascular physical examination and the interpretation of non-invasive and invasive cardiac testing. Students will have exposure to the catheterization laboratory, M-mode, 2-D, and Doppler echocardiography, color flow imaging, exercise testing, and 24-hour dynamic ECG rhythm monitoring and analysis. No late drops will be accepted. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4008. Clinical Endocrinology. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are required to participate in inpatient consultations and outpatient clinics evaluating patients with pituitary and hypothalamic disease, adrenal disease, diabetes mellitus, thyroid disorders, and lipid disorders. Students are required to perform inpatient consultations at Audie Murphy VA Hospital and University Hospital. Outpatients will be evaluated in weekly endocrine clinics at the VA Hospital and Texas Diabetes Institute. Students will be responsible for the initial evaluation of assigned patients, presentation of findings from the history and physical exam, interpretation of endocrine testing, and formation of differential diagnosis. If rotation is done as the Ambulatory selective, the student is required to prepare a written essay based upon specific course objectives concerning systems of care. Essays must be submitted on the last day of the rotation and are required to receive a passing grade in the course. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4009. Calcium & Bone Metabolism Research. 4 Credit Hours.
This research elective is recommended for students with serious research interests. It offers the opportunity to participate in ongoing projects under the supervision of division faculty. Students must meet expectations of research responsibilities based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.
MEDI4010. Clinical Dermatology. 4 Credit Hours.
This elective is recommended for students with a serious interest in Dermatology, and for those intent upon further training in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, and Pediatrics. It offers considerable clinical experience in both outpatient clinics and supervised inpatient consultations. Students rotating at UTHSCSA are required to attend teaching conferences every Wednesday (all day) and Friday afternoons. This didactic time for students and residents includes lectures, journal reviews, text reviews, and clinical Kodachrome sessions. Didactic sessions will be held separately at WHMC and BAMC. Each student is required to do a 10-minute PowerPoint presentation on a topic of choice that is both dermatology related and fits in with choice of residency. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to “pass” course.

MEDI4012. Clinical Endocrinology - WHMC. 4 Credit Hours.
Students will have exposure to a very active clinical endocrinology consultation service, outpatient endocrine clinic, and the performance and interpretation of diagnostic procedures in endocrinology. Students must perform appropriately focused history and physical exams, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plan on all assigned patients. Clinical performance will be evaluated by supervising attending. No late drops will be accepted. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to “pass” course.

MEDI4013. Clinical Epidemiology Research. 4 Credit Hours.
Students will have the opportunity to participate in ongoing epidemiological surveys in diverse populations. Topics covered include population and genetic epidemiologic studies sampling, family studies (including studies of candidate genes and systematic genome searches), design of epidemiological instruments, quality control of field operations, documentation of health outcomes, management of large data bases, and data analysis including complex segregation and linkage analysis. Students must meet expectations of research responsibilities based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to “pass” course.

MEDI4014. Gastrointestinal Research. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are required to participate in ongoing research projects under the supervision of division faculty. Supervising faculty will complete evaluations at end of the project. Students must meet expectations of research responsibilities based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to “pass” course.

MEDI4015. Clinical Gastroenterology. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are required to participate in inpatient consultations at Audie L. Murphy V. A. Hospital (ALMVAH) and University Hospital, outpatient clinics at ALMVAH and University Health System, and special gastrointestinal diagnostic testing under the supervision of Internal Medicine residents, GI fellows, and GI Faculty. Students are required to participate in the independent evaluation of patients with disorders of the gastrointestinal tract, pancreas, and liver. Students are required to become familiar with the application, indications, contraindications, and complications of gastrointestinal procedures, as well as the proper preparation of the patient for the procedure. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exams, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plans on all assigned patients. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to “pass” course.

MEDI4017. Gastroenterology - SAMMC. 4 Credit Hours.
Students will be exposed to clinical gastroenterology with didactic instruction, and will work in conjunction with house staff as part of the primary care team. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exams, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plan on all assigned patients. Students will have exposure to the full range of special diagnostic procedures including observation of upper endoscopy, endoscopic ultrasound, colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), percutaneous liver biopsy, laparoscopy, and related techniques. No late drops will be accepted. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to “pass” course.

MEDI4018. Clinical Hematology. 4 Credit Hours.
The consultation service includes clinical exposure to inpatient consultations, conferences, and outpatient clinics. There is opportunity for training in blood and marrow morphology, observation, and performance of special clinical and laboratory procedures. Students are responsible for the following on all assigned patients: history and physical examination, admission/progress notes, doctor's orders, interpretation of laboratory data, formation of differential diagnosis, assessment, and management plan. Students on both services are required to attend conferences including Hematology Clinical Conference, Hematology/Pathology Conference, Bone Marrow Transplant Conference, and Coagulation Conference. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to “pass” course.

MEDI4019. Hematology Research. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are required to participate in ongoing clinical or basic research; individual projects encouraged with written report or results required. Opportunity may be provided for combined clinical and research experience in individual cases by special arrangement. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to “pass” course.

MEDI4022. Infectious Disease Research. 4 Credit Hours.
For the students who wish to learn research techniques in Infectious Disease, an individual project will be designed that may involve studies of antimicrobial activity, animal models of infection, host defense mechanisms, immunologic aspects of infectious diseases, or application of molecular biology to studies of pathogens. We are prepared to teach research methodology pertinent to measurement of antigens and antibodies; and the molecular biology and immunobiology of fungal, bacterial, and chlamydia infections. Research may be directed toward in vitro work, work with laboratory animals, or direct clinical investigation. In addition, students may review local clinical experience with a given infectious disease process (e.g. tuberculosis, meningitis, amebiasis, endocarditis, etc.) with the goal of preparing a paper for publication. Students must meet expectations of research responsibilities based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to “pass” course.
MEDI4023. Clinical Infectious Disease. 4 Credit Hours.
Infectious diseases cross all subspecialty lines, especially because antibiotics and antifungal and antiviral agents are employed widely throughout medical practice. This elective will provide practical experience in the diagnosis and management of patients with infectious diseases. There will be particular emphasis upon the pharmacology and pharmacodynamics of antimicrobial agents, selection of appropriate diagnostic tests and therapeutic agents, and the appropriate orientation of the clinician to hospital microbiology laboratories. Students are required to participate in outpatient clinics and inpatient consultations at University Hospital and Audie L Murphy V. A. Hospital and the associated clinics. Students will be responsible for the following in all assigned patients: history and physical examination, written and verbal patient presentations, interpretation of laboratory testing, participation in applicable procedures, development of differential diagnosis, assessment, and management plans. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4024. Infectious Disease - SAMMC. 4 Credit Hours.
The course will provide students the opportunity to obtain a broad experience in the management of infectious diseases. The spectrum of illness ranges from HIV infection to chronic osteomyelitis. Students are required to care for patients with primary infectious disease problems, or patients with major illnesses in whom an infectious complication has arisen, under the direction of the consultation resident, with supervision from the fellow and staff on the Infectious Disease Service. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exams, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plans on all assigned patients. Basic bacteriological techniques and specific techniques of bacteriological identification and sensitivity testing are reviewed. No late drops will be accepted. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4025. Clinical Nephrology. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are required to participate in the consultation service, outpatient clinics, conferences, acute dialysis unit, and renal biopsy program. A variety of acid-base fluid and electrolyte disorders are seen in addition to the entire spectrum of renal diseases. Student exposure to chronic dialysis and renal transplantation programs is also possible. Students perform appropriately focused history and physical exam, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plans on all assigned patients. If rotation is done as the Ambulatory Selective, the student is required to prepare a written essay based upon specific course objectives concerning systems of care. Essays must be submitted on the last day of the rotation and are required to receive a passing grade in the course. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4026. Nephrology Service - SAMMC. 4 Credit Hours.
The Nephrology Service offers students training and experience in the broad field of clinical nephrology. This consult rotation provides exposure to ambulatory and hospitalized patients with a variety of renal diseases including hypertension, glomerulonephritis, acute and chronic renal failure; exposure to problems of fluid, electrolyte, and acid-base disturbance. While on the service, students will be able to observe acute and chronic hemodialysis. Students are required to perform initial evaluations, including history and physicals, and will, under appropriate supervision, perform selected diagnostic procedures. A didactic lecture series, covering the broader topics of nephrology, is repeated on a monthly basis and the students are expected to attend. No late drops will be accepted. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4026. Renal Research. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are required to participate in ongoing research with the opportunity to learn some of the fundamental techniques of renal physiology and cell biology. Major focus of research is the role of peptide growth factors in mediating hemodynamic and metabolic events in the kidney. Independent research encouraged if student spends two or more selective periods in the laboratory. Students must meet expectations of research responsibilities based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4034. Oncology Consultation Service. 4 Credit Hours.
The students are required to participate in the clinical activities of the Medical Oncology Section of the Division of Hematology/Oncology, with experience on the consultation service at both University Hospital and the VA Hospital, plus intensive outpatient experience in the Oncology Clinics. The inpatient consultation experience provides exposure to management of complex oncology problems. The clinic experience provides exposure to a variety of clinical medical oncology problems and their management in the outpatient setting. The student is required to become familiar with all aspects of supportive care for the oncology patient. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exams, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plans on all assigned patients. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4042. Coronary Intensive Care Unit - Subinternship - UH. 4 Credit Hours.
The objective of this subinternship is to prepare students for the intense and responsible role of the intern. The subintern is an integral member of the team and are required to participate in all team activities and participate in all medical care for his/her patients, under the supervision of the Internal Medicine resident, Cardiology fellow, and Cardiology attending. The student is required to become proficient in the work-up, diagnosis, and management of patients with acute myocardial infarction, acute respiratory failure, and other commonly encountered acute crises; develop expertise at arrhythmia recognition/ therapy, principles involved with airways management/mechanical ventilation. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.
MEDI4043. Clinical Chest Disease Consultation Service. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are required to work in the inpatient and outpatient settings, participating in clinics, inpatient consultations, and division conferences. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exams, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plans on all assigned patients. Students are required to actively participate in the work-up and management of patients with acute and chronic lung diseases seen by the Consultation Service and attend Pulmonary clinics at the VA Hospital and UHC-D. Students will be exposed to various diagnostic methods including radiographic, radionucleotide, bronchoscopy, and pleural biopsy techniques. Through active participation, the student should become proficient in interpreting commonly used pulmonary function tests and chest x-rays. Principles and methods involving respiratory therapy, antimicrobial therapy, and evaluation of common pulmonary disorders will be emphasized. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4045. Pulmonary Medicine- SAMMC. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are required to learn the recognition and treatment of acute and chronic pulmonary problems on a consult service with selection and implementation of appropriate treatment modalities. Students also are required to become familiar with pulmonary function testing to include interpretation and application of pulmonary physiology to a clinical setting. Principles of respiratory therapy will be emphasized to include the utilization of respirators and oxygen delivery systems. Clinical projects may be assigned to stress key teaching points. An active pulmonary clinic and complete pulmonary function laboratory will be available for students to gain clinical experience. No late drops will be accepted. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4046. General Medicine Ward Subinternship-UH/VA. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of this subinternship is to prepare students for the intense and responsible role of the intern. The subintern is an integral member of the team and is required to participate in all team activities and participate in all medical care for his/her patients, under the supervision of the Internal Medicine resident, Critical care fellow and attending. Familiarization with pulmonary and hemodynamic physiology, as it applies to intensive care medicine, as well as the use and interpretation of data obtained from monitoring instruments, will be covered. No late drops will be accepted. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4047. General Medicine Ward Subinternship-SAMMC. 4 Credit Hours.
This subinternship is designed to prepare students for the intense and responsible role of the intern. The subintern is an integral member of the team and is required to participate in all team activities and participate in all medical care for her/his patients, under the supervision of the Internal Medicine resident and attending. No late drops are accepted. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4048. Medical ICU Subinternship - SAMMC. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of this subinternship is to prepare students for the intense and responsible role of the intern. The subintern is an integral member of the team and is required to participate in all team activities and participate in all medical care for his/her patients, under the supervision of the Internal Medicine resident, Critical care fellow and attending. Familiarization with pulmonary and hemodynamic physiology, as it applies to intensive care medicine, as well as the use and interpretation of data obtained from monitoring instruments, will be covered. No late drops will be accepted. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4049. Clinical Rheumatology. 4 Credit Hours.
The differential diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic and autoimmune diseases are taught through active student participation in outpatient clinics, consultation rounds, journal clubs, and division conferences. Students are required to evaluate patients at University Hospital, Audie Murphy VA Hospital, and UHC-D. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exams, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plans on all assigned patients. Students will also have exposure to community resources for the special problems encountered by the patients in this clinic and be able to identify different types of medical delivery systems. If rotation is done as the Ambulatory Selective, the student is required to prepare a written essay based upon specific course objectives concerning systems of care. Essays must be submitted on the last day of the rotation and are required to receive a passing grade in the course. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4062. Allergy-Immunology - WHMC. 4 Credit Hours.
The student will be a member of the Allergy-Immunology Ward Consult Team, along with a staff member, first-year fellow, and usually a resident. Students are required to assist in the evaluation of the inpatient consultations, and in addition see outpatients and attend all Allergy-Immunology Service educational activities. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exam, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plan on all assigned patients. No late drops will be accepted. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.
MEDI4066. Medical ICU Subinternship - UH/VA. 4 Credit Hours.
This subinternship is designed to prepare students for the intense and responsible role of the intern. The subintern is an integral member of the team and is required to participate in all team activities and participate in all medical care for his/her patients, under the supervision of the Internal Medicine resident, Pulmonary fellow, and Pulmonary/Critical care attending. Students are expected to participate in daily hospital rounds, morning report, Grand Rounds, Morbidity and Mortality conference, IM Housestaff conferences. The students are required to actively participate in the work-up and management of patients with critical illnesses under close supervision of the housestaff, fellows, and faculty. During this rotation, the student will be exposed to the fundamentals of ventilation support, airway management, respiratory and hemodynamic monitoring, stabilization and support of the critically ill patient. Emphasis is placed upon a system approach to patient evaluation and will include didactic sessions with critical care faculty in addition to daily rounds. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4068. Geriatric Medicine. 4 Credit Hours.
This rotation offers clinical experience in geriatric internal medicine. The student is required to participate in the Section's outpatient clinic, academic nursing home, and didactic educational activities. The student also has the opportunity for exposure to other multidisciplinary programs in geriatric medicine, including hospital-based home care. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exams, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plans on all assigned patients. Students will also have exposure to community resources for the special problems encountered by geriatric patients and have the opportunity to learn to be able to identify different types of medical delivery systems. If the rotation is done as the Ambulatory selective, the student will be required to prepare a written essay based upon specific course objectives concerning systems of care. Essays must be submitted on the last day of the rotation and are required to receive a passing grade in the course. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4069. Research in Aging. 4 Credit Hours.
This research elective offers the opportunity to participate in ongoing basic and clinical research on aging, including basic mechanisms of aging, nutritional modification of the aging process, gerontologic aspects of hormone action and hepatic glucose metabolism, clinical geriatric issues of long-term care interventions, ethics, and health services for the elderly under the supervision of faculty in the Department of Medicine (Division of Geriatrics) and the Department of Physiology. Students must meet expectations of research responsibilities based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4074. AHEC Clinic Experience. 4 Credit Hours.
Under the auspices of the UT Health Science Center's South Texas Program, this experience exposes students to primary care of ambulatory patients at various clinical training sites in South, East, West, and the Coastal area of Texas. The goals are to expose you to 1) primary care, 2) community-based practice, and 3) delivery of medical care to underserved/rural populations and health disparities. Please reference the link http://southtexas.uthscsa.edu for more information. The student must spend time working in the office practice of a physician who is board certified in Internal Medicine and/or one of its specialties. In addition, the student can gain experience in preventive services applicable to infectious diseases, tuberculosis, diabetes, etc., and work with health professionals to gain a broader understanding of health care needs and services depending upon the area in which he/she is working. The student will be required to prepare a written essay based upon specific course objectives concerning systems of care. Essays must be submitted on the last day of the rotation and are required to receive a passing grade in the course. Student housing expenses may be covered by the AHEC, but there will be no reimbursement for travel costs. No late drops will be accepted. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4077. EKG Interpretation. 2 Credit Hours.
This rotation is designed for students who have basic to intermediate expertise in reading ECG's and who are motivated to enhance this expertise through independent study. Students have the opportunity to become proficient in the interpretation of ECG's through daily self-study of electrocardiograms. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4078. HIV/AIDS Inpatient Service. 4 Credit Hours.
This elective on the HIV/AIDS Medicine Team 6 at University Hospital offers the opportunity to assume direct patient responsibility under the supervision of a resident, Infectious Disease fellow, and attending faculty. This subinternship is for persons interested in obtaining extensive teaching in HIV disease. It provides practical experience in the diagnosis and treatment of HIV complications such as PCP, CMV, toxoplasmosis, invasive fungal infections, mycobacterial disease, and oncological and neurological complications of this disease. These objectives will be obtained through a team approach to patients with HIV infection involving nurses, physicians, and other staff, and also will include a formal didactic teaching series. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.
MEDI4079. Clinical Preceptorship in General Internal Medicine. 4 Credit Hours.
The student will join the practice of a clinical faculty member practicing general internal medicine in an internal medicine subspecialty in the local community. Activities include hospital rounds, office visits, hospital committee meetings, and an introduction to practice management. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exams, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plans on all assigned patients. Students will also have exposure to community resources for the special problems encountered by patients in the ambulatory setting, and be able to identify different types of medical delivery systems. If rotation is done as the Ambulatory Selective, the student will be required to prepare a written essay based upon specific course objectives concerning systems of care. Essays must be submitted on the last day of the rotation and are required to receive a passing grade in the course. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4084. Medicine Intensive Subinternship - RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
This sub-internship in MICU is designed to prepare students for the intense and responsible role of the intern caring for the patients in the intensive care unit. The sub-intern is an integral member of the team and will participate in all team activities and medical care for his/her patients, under the supervision of the Internal Medicine resident and Pulmonary/ Critical Care attending. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4085. General Medicine Ward Subinternship - RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
This sub-internship is designed to prepare students for the intense and responsible role of the intern. The sub-intern is an integral member of the team and will participate in all team activities and medical care for his/her patients, under the supervision of the Internal Medicine resident, and will follow no more than 5 patients at any time, depending on the complexity of the patients. Students will provide comprehensive patient care from admission to discharge and participate in procedures. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4103. Hematology for the Intern. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The Advanced Hematology course will be taught using a case-based discussion. The first session will be a review of red blood cell and white blood cell abnormalities. The remainder of the sessions will focus on two to three specific cases of red blood cell or white blood cell disorders. Discussion will cover differential diagnosis, appropriate laboratory studies, clinical findings, and prognosis. Discussions will include adult and pediatric cases of various types of anemia, leukemia, myeloproliferative disorders, myelodysplastic states, plasma cell disorders, and lymphoma. The pass/ fail grade will be determined by attendance and participation in group discussions.

MEDI4114. Combined Consultation Service in Geriatrics & Palliative Medicine. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This elective didactic course will introduce the basic elements of assessing a geriatric patient or a patient in need of palliative care in the in-hospital setting.

MEDI4115. Palliative Care. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This MS4 didactic elective will focus on the main beliefs of palliative care, which include symptom control and end-of-life care in general and in specific populations, fulfilling the following educational principles, applicable to many other areas in medicine: 1) Communication skills instruction for medical students, 2) Exposure to interdisciplinary teams (IDT) and 3) Instruction in the multicultural practice of medicine.

MEDI4120. Intermediate ECG Interpretation. 0.5 Credit Hours.
Course consists of 8 one-hour sessions. Each session will cover 5 to 15 examples of ECG teachings for discussion moderated by the instructor. Each student will be given a handout with copies of the tracings. Topics covered will include hypertrophy, atrial arrhythmia, ventricular arrhythmia, conduction abnormality, ischemia, injury, infarction, and pacemakers. Grade based on class participation.

MEDI4121. Intermediate Bedside Cardio Exam. 0.5 Credit Hours.
Course consists of 8 one hour sessions. Each session will include demonstrations of physical findings and their elucidation in patients with cardiovascular disease. Topics covered will include brief review of cardiac cycle, characteristics of innocent murmurs, systolic murmurs, diastolic murmurs, evaluation of arterial and venous pulsations, congestive heart failure, and self assessment. Grade based on class participation.

MEDI4150. Tropical Medicine & International Health. 0.5 Credit Hours.
Course consists of 10 contact hours and will cover topics specifically related to health in the tropics and developing world. The course will consist of an introductory lecture and nine 1 hour small group case-based discussions. Students will prepare for the small group discussions through self-initiated study of the provided syllabus and faculty will lead the case-based discussion groups. Student grades will be determined by participation in the small group discussions (50%) and a final exam (50%).

MEDI4151. Poverty, Health, And Disease Elective. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This elective course is offered to students who wish to gain insight into the complex interplay between poverty and health, both in the United States and in resource-limited settings around the world. The purpose of the course is to expose the students to several thought leaders and appropriate published literature, including books written to address these concepts. The course will explore the problems of inequality of access to health care and its impact on health delivery systems with examples from Guatemala, Haiti, and New Orleans.

MEDI4153. Informatics and Advanced Evidence-Based Medicine. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The course is for students who want to master information and evidence. We will use the computer lab to learn advanced skills in: 1) retrieving information, 2) storing and filing information, 3) assessing information, and 4) keeping up with new advances. The skills will include both strategies and techniques. To pass the course, students must complete a small final project that previous students have enjoyed. In their project, they will publish on Wikipedia a short, structured summary of one article for a clinical topic. I will walk you through creating the edits. The edit can be done anonymously if the student prefers. By completing the project, the students learn the goals of the course. Credit for successful completion of the course requires active participation in class activities, a minimum of 100% attendance, and successful completion of final project.
MEDI4155. Clinical Epidemiology for the Intern. 0.5 Credit Hours.
Clinical epidemiology -- the basic science of clinical medicine that makes predictions about individual patients based on the occurrence of clinical events in groups of similar patients and using strong scientific methods to ensure that the predictions are accurate -- is especially powerful in situations of medical uncertainty. Essential concepts and methods of clinical epidemiology are presented as they pertain to obtaining answers to clinical questions and guiding clinical decision-making with the best available evidence. A case-based approach is used to illustrate the relevance of clinical epidemiological approaches to decision-making about the care of individual patients. Learning activities incorporate both didactic, small-group problem solving approaches, and procedure skills (e.g., central venous line placement, incision and drainage of abscess, lumbar puncture, and thoracentesis). Credit for successful completion of the course will be based on attendance.

MEDI4170. Internal Medicine Internship Readiness Elective. 4 Credit Hours.
This rotation (Internal Medicine Boot Camp) is a 4-week elective restricted to students who will begin a categorical internal medicine residency in July of that same academic year. The purpose of the course is to present the diagnosis and management of common medicine topics that an IM intern can expect to encounter during residency, enhance differential diagnosis skills of common chief complaints seen on a medicine service, and develop procedural skills and patient evaluation skills. Students are expected to attend all scheduled conferences and interactive laboratory and clinical sessions focused on procedural skills and clinical assessment of standardized patients. Clinical skills labs will include heart sounds using Harvey manikin, intubation, mechanical ventilation, PFT, joint aspiration and placement of central lines. Students will receive training in BLS and ACLS and can receive certification if all classes are attended and performance is satisfactory. Students are required to give an oral presentation on a medicine topic/clinical question. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4201. ECG Interpretation-RAHC. 2 Credit Hours.
This rotation is designed for students whom have basic to intermediate expertise in reading ECGs and who are motivated to enhance this expertise through independent study. Students have the opportunity to become proficient in the interpretation of ECGs through daily self-study of electrocardiograms. The ECGs are referenced from the textbook: Clinical Electrocardiography - Review and Study Guide, Franklin H. Zimmerman, McGraw-Hill, 2nd ed, 2004, ISBN 0-07-142302-8. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4204. Geriatrics/End of Life - RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
This rotation offers clinical experience in both geriatric medicine and palliative medicine. For the geriatric portion, the student is required to participate in the care of patients in a clinic, a nursing home, with home health agencies, and will have didactic educational activities. For the end-of-life portion, the student is required to work with professionals from different disciplines involved in a hospice-affiliated with the Harlingen teaching hospital (VBMC). Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4206. Office Cardiology-RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
The student will work with a cardiologist in solo or group practice and will participate in the evaluation of patients with cardiac symptoms and disease. The student will have full-time participation in clinics, consultations, ECG interpretation, non-invasive cardiac test interpretation, and possible observation in the cardiac catheterization laboratory. The student is expected to learn the pathophysiological approach to the diagnosis and management of disease of the cardiovascular system, a detailed assessment through history and detailed cardiovascular physical exam, and interpretation of diagnostic tests. If rotation is done as the Ambulatory Selective, the student is required to prepare a written essay based upon specific course objectives concerning systems of care. Essays must be submitted on the last day of the rotation and are required to receive a passing grade in the course. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4207. Office Endocrinology-RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
The student will work with an endocrinologist in solo or group practice and is required to participate in the evaluation of patients with endocrine disease. The student will have full-time participation in clinics, consultations, and endocrine test interpretation. The student is expected to learn the diagnosis and management of disease of the endocrine system, patient assessment through a detailed history and physical exam, and interpretation of tests. Exposure to patients with pituitary and hypothalamic disease, thyroid disease, abnormalities in calcium metabolism, adrenal disease, diabetes, and lipid disorders may be seen. If rotation is done as the Ambulatory Selective, the student is required to prepare a written essay based upon specific course objectives concerning systems of care. Essays must be submitted on the last day of the rotation and are required to receive a passing grade in the course. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4208. Office Gastroenterology-RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
The student will work with a gastroenterologist in solo or group practice in Harlingen or in McAllen. The student is required to participate in the evaluation of patients with gastrointestinal diseases, liver disease, and diseases of the pancreas. The student will have full-time participation in clinics, consultations, and special gastrointestinal diagnostic techniques. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exams, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plans on all assigned patients. If rotation is done as the Ambulatory Selective, the student is required to prepare a written essay based upon specific course objectives concerning systems of care. Essays must be submitted on the last day of the rotation and are required to receive a passing grade in the course. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to "pass" course.

MEDI4209. Intermediate ECG Interpretation-RAHC. 0.5 Credit Hours.
Each session will consist of discussions of examples of ECG tracings covering topics of hypertrophy, atrial arrhythmia, ventricular arrhythmia, conduction abnormality, ischemia, injury, infarction and pacemakers.
MEDI4210. Office General Medicine - RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
The student will work with general internists at Su Clinica Familiar clinic and is required to participate in the evaluation of patients with common internal medicine problems. The student is required to independently evaluate patients, present findings to the attending physician, document notes in the medical record, and participate in the management discussion and any procedures related to the patient. Students will have exposure to community resources for special problems encountered by the patients in obtaining health care and be able to identify different types of medical delivery systems. The student will be required to prepare a written essay based upon specific course objectives concerning systems of care. Essays must be submitted on the last day of the rotation and are required to receive a passing grade in the course. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to “pass” course.

MEDI4211. Office Nephrology-RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
The student will work with a nephrologist in a solo or group practice and are required to participate in the evaluation of patients with a variety of renal diseases including hypertension, acute and chronic renal failure, acid-base disturbances, fluid and electrolyte disturbances, and glomerular disease. The student will have full-time participation in clinics, consultations, special diagnostic procedures, and the dialysis unit. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exams, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plans on all assigned patients. If rotation is done as the Ambulatory Selective, the student is required to prepare a written essay based upon specific course objectives concerning systems of care. Essays must be submitted on the last day of the rotation and are required to receive a passing grade in the course. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to “pass” course.

MEDI4212. Office Pulmonary Medicine - RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
The student will work with a pulmonologist in solo or group practice, and is required to participate in the evaluation of patients with acute and chronic lung diseases. The student will have full-time participation in clinics, inpatient hospital consultations, and various diagnostic methods. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exams, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plans on all assigned patients. The student will be expected to become proficient in the interpretation of chest x-rays, pulmonary function tests, the evaluation of common pulmonary disorders, and the principles and methods of respiratory therapy, antimicrobial therapy, and arterial blood gases. The student may also have exposure to bronchoscopy, thoracentesis, pleural biopsy, and radionucotide testing. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to “pass” course.

MEDI4213. Office Rheumatology-RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
The student will have the opportunity to work with a rheumatologist in solo or group practice and is required to participate in the evaluation of patients with rheumatologic disease. The student will have full-time participation in clinics, consultations, and special diagnostic techniques. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exams, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plans on all assigned patients. The student is expected to become proficient in the differential diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic and autoimmune diseases. If rotation is done as the Ambulatory Selective, the student is required to prepare a written essay based upon specific course objectives concerning systems of care. Essays must be submitted on the last day of the rotation and are required to receive a passing grade in the course. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to “pass” course.

MEDI4214. Office Hematology-Oncology-RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
The student will have the opportunity to work with a hematologist/oncologist in solo or group practice in Harlingen or in McAllen. The student is required to participate in the evaluation of patients with hematologic disease and malignancies through daily clinics, consultations, interpretation of special clinical, and laboratory procedures. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exams, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plans on all assigned patients. If rotation is done as the Ambulatory Selective, the student is required to prepare a written essay based upon specific course objectives concerning systems of care. Essays must be submitted on the last day of the rotation and are required to receive a passing grade in the course. Students must meet expectations of clinical performance and professional behavior based on School of Medicine evaluation for fourth year students to “pass” course.
MEDI5070. Responsible Conduct Of Patient-Oriented Clinical Research. 2 Credit Hours.
This interdisciplinary course is designed to train participants in the responsible conduct of patient-oriented clinical research. Students will have the opportunity to learn to and, by the end of the course, be required to: (1) delineate a history of hallmark abuses of humans enrolled in clinical research; (2) describe the evolution of national and international codes and regulations guiding inclusion of human subjects in clinical investigations; (3) list the elements of informed consent and describe procedures and precautions for enrolling special populations into clinical investigation; (4) write a consent form in understandable language; (5) recognize different forms of scientific misconduct; (6) describe the role and processes of a peer review board to judge violations in research ethics; (7) develop strategies for self-assessment and validation of scientific objectivity in one's own research; and (8) recognize the ethical responsibilities and consequences of whistle blowing.

MEDI5071. Patient-Oriented Clinical Research Methods-1. 2 Credit Hours.
This interdisciplinary course is the first in a two-semester sequence designed to train participants in the conduct of patient-oriented clinical research. Students will have the opportunity to learn to and, by the end of the course, be required to: (1) define a research question; (2) effectively conduct a systematic review of the scientific literature; (3) design strategies for recruitment into a study; (4) delineate strategies for minimizing bias in cross-sectional and retrospective studies; and (5) read and interpret research reports of cross-sectional and case-control investigations.

MEDI5072. Patient-Oriented Clinical Research Biostatistics-1. 2 Credit Hours.
This interdisciplinary course is the first in a two-semester sequence designed to train participants in the analysis and biostatistics of patient-oriented clinical research. Students will have the opportunity to learn to and, by the end of the course, be required to: (1) identify and summarize different categories of data; (2) set up and perform tests of hypotheses; (3) estimate sample sizes for survey and case-control studies; and (4) use statistical software packages to enter, summarize, graph, visualize, and analyze data.

MEDI5073. Integrated Molecular Biology With Patient-Oriented Clinical Research. 1 Credit Hour.
This interdisciplinary course is designed to train participants on integrating molecular biology methods into patient-oriented clinical research. Students will have the opportunity to learn to: (1) appropriately use molecular terms in clinical investigation; (2) describe the events involved in protein synthesis; (3) describe the principles involved in molecular techniques (e.g., polymerase chain reactions, southern blots); (4) identify the appropriate specimens, collection, and handling requirements for each molecular technique; (5) identify and correct common sources of error in performing molecular techniques; (6) cite examples of clinical applications of molecular techniques in clinical medicine; and (7) apply molecular techniques in the laboratory to specific clinical problems.

MEDI5074. Data Management, Quality Control And Regulatory Issues. 2 Credit Hours.
This interdisciplinary course is designed to train participants in the necessary data management and quality control procedures required for the conduct of patient-oriented clinical research. It consists of three segments: (1) introduction to data management principles and standard practices; (2) development of the student's own mentored research; and (3) introduction to bioinformatics.

MEDI5075. Scientific Communication. 2 Credit Hours.
This interdisciplinary course is designed to train participants to write effectively in all aspects of conducting patient-oriented clinical research. Students will have the opportunity to learn to and, by the end of the course, be required to: (1) recognize and avoid errors in grammar, punctuation, and usage that are common in scientific writing; (2) construct units of writing whose structure, style, and logical continuity allows instant and clear comprehension; (3) construct concise, informative titles; (4) develop clear, comprehensive, abstracts for papers and grant proposals; (5) construct complete, well-rationalized sets of specific aims for grant proposals; and (6) effectively apply the 4-Point Rule (What is the question? How did we approach it? What happened? What does it mean?) to all forms of scientific writing.

MEDI5077. Translational Science Training (TST) Practicum. 1-3 Credit Hours.
This elective course provides an opportunity for participation in unique clinical and translational research activities that are highly individualized for each student on the basis of prior experience and research interests.

MEDI5078. Introduction to Intellectual Property, Technology Transfer and Commercialization. 1 Credit Hour.
This elective course provides an in-depth overview of the essential components encompassed in the protection of intellectual property, patents, licensing, technology transfer, and product commercialization. Content is provided through a series of lectures, assigned readings, literature reviews, class presentations, and discussions with faculty.

MEDI5079. Practicum in Intellectual Property, Technology Transfer and Commercialization. 0.5-1 Credit Hours.
This elective course provides an opportunity for participation in unique and translational research activities that focus on the processes involved in the protection of intellectual property and the transfer and commercialization of technology. Activities are highly individualized for each student on the basis of prior experience and research interests.

MEDI5080. Integrating Molecular Biology with Patient-Oriented Clinical Research Practicum. 1 Credit Hour.
This is the required practicum to MEDI 5073. This practicum is designed to provide the opportunity for highly individualized research activities for integrating molecular biology methods into patient-oriented clinical research.

MEDI6001. Introduction To Translational Science. 1 Credit Hour.
This elective course provides an in-depth overview of the essential components encompassed by translational science. Content is provided through a series of lectures, assigned readings, literature reviews, class presentations, and discussions with faculty.

MEDI6060. Patient-Oriented Clinical Research Methods-2. 2 Credit Hours.
This interdisciplinary course is the second in a two-semester sequence designed to train participants in the conduct of patient-oriented clinical research. Students will have the opportunity to learn to and, by the end of the course be required to: (1) define criteria for inferring causation from observational studies; (2) design strategies for subject retention in a prospective study; (3) design strategies for monitoring progress in a randomized control trial; (4) delineate strategies for minimizing bias in cohort studies and randomized control trials; (5) compare and contrast the uses, strengths, and weaknesses of different clinical trial designs; (6) read and interpret research reports of cohort studies and randomized control trials; and (7) describe the steps in conducting a meta-analysis. Prerequisites: MEDI 5071.
MEDI6061. Patient-Oriented Clinical Research Biostatistics-2. 2 Credit Hours.
This interdisciplinary course is the second in a two-semester sequence designed to train participants in the biostatistical analysis and patient-oriented clinical research. Students will have the opportunity to learn and, by the end of the course, be required to: (1) perform a two-way analysis of variance and explain the results; (2) perform survival analysis; (3) compare and contrast the purpose and characteristics of different forms of interventional trials; and (4) plan the sample size, analysis, and stopping rules of a randomized clinical trial. Prerequisites: MEDI 5072.

MEDI6064. Grantsmanship and Peer Review. 1 Credit Hour.
The purpose of this elective course is to provide an overview of the peer review process for research proposals as well as the essential components of grant management. Lecture and assignment topics will include: (1) funding agencies, missions, deadlines, and instruction; (2) Institutional Grantsmanship Issues; (3) National Institutes of Health (NIH) Organization (Institutes, Councils, Centers, and Budgets); (4) NIH Awards and Study Sections; (5) process and communications with the NIH; (6) interpreting and responding to written critiques; (7) mock study section meeting; and (8) grantsmanship after funding.

MEDI6065. Health Services Research. 2 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on concepts and methods used in research focusing on health care quality, utilization, access, and safety. The seminar will utilize skills-based learning, small group activities, and outside assignments. By the end of the course, candidates will be required to: (1) Articulate underlying core concepts; (2) Describe basic methods used in health services research; (3) Identify relevant databases and data sources for health services research; (4) Critically appraise and interpret published reports of health services research; (5) Discuss current issues in HSR; (6) Understand how to incorporate health services concepts, methods, or tools into current research. Prerequisites: MEDI 5071 and 6060.

MEDI6066. Instrument Development And Validation. 1 Credit Hour.
This elective course introduces methods to develop and evaluate self-report measures. The seminar is built on classical test theory with a focus on the practice of creative surveys. Participants should be able to (1) estimate various forms of reliability; (2) demonstrate various forms of validity evidence; and (3) explain how statistical analyses may be used to inform the validation process.

MEDI6067. Genetics And Genetic Epidemiology. 1 Credit Hour.
The main objective of this elective course is to familiarize students with current concepts and methods used in patient-oriented genetic studies. The class is oriented toward all health professionals - no prior genetics coursework is required. Topics include a review of the human genome structure followed by lectures and discussion on current research areas such as genetic epidemiologic studies, applications of microarray technologies, and pharmacogenomics. By the end of the course, candidates will have had the opportunity to learn to: (1) articulate basic concepts and current analytical methods used for human genetics research; (2) identify and use relevant databases and data sources for genetics research; (3) interpret the literature and discuss current issues of human genetics research; and (4) understand the potential and current limits of personalized medicine.

MEDI6068. Cross-Cultural Adaptation Of Research Instruments. 1 Credit Hour.
This elective course introduces students to the concept of cross-cultural equivalence of research instruments - a prerequisite for making valid comparisons across two or more ethnic groups - and the process of cross-cultural adaptation used to achieve this equivalence. Students will have the opportunity to learn the multiple steps necessary to successfully cross-culturally adapt research instruments and how to assure content, semantic, technical, conceptual, and criterion equivalence of individual items and scales. A number of instruments used in cross-cultural research will be reviewed and critiqued with regard to their cross-cultural equivalence.

MEDI6069. Statistical Issues, Planning, And Analysis Of Contemporary Clinical Trials. 2 Credit Hours.
This elective course will serve as an in-depth survey of the various clinical trial designs, analysis, and regulatory issues. Students will learn to apply statistical principles in designing clinical trials to minimize risk to patients while maximizing generalizable discovery. Specific topics include Phase I-V studies, adaptive designs, longitudinal and survival studies. Students will learn to specify the primary outcome and to estimate the required sample size for common trial designs. Clinical trial design and analysis is often complicated by idiosyncrasies such as missing data, and the methodology for handling these will be covered. Prerequisites: MEDI 5072 and MEDI 6061.

MEDI6070. Biostatistics Methods For Longitudinal Studies. 2.5 Credit Hours.
This elective course will discuss a broad range of statistical techniques for deriving statistical inference from longitudinal studies. Main topics include design of longitudinal studies (power analyses and sample size estimation), analyses of repeated measured outcomes (continuous and discrete), analyses of time to event outcomes, techniques to address challenges associated with missing data and confounding, and rigorous casual modeling approaches. Students will learn to identify feasible and efficient statistical design of longitudinal studies and to conduct rigorous and robust statistical methods to analyze data arising from longitudinal studies. The goal is to develop students` biostatistical competencies in conducting high-quality longitudinal studies in medical research. Prerequisites: MEDI 5072 and MEDI 6061.

MEDI6097. Research. 1-12 Credit Hours.
The Research Course is set up for the student to conduct their Mentored Research Project with their supervising professor. This time is to be spent directly working on the project and includes, but is not limited to, writing consent forms, collecting data, analyzing data, and preparing a manuscript. After MSCI COGS approval of the research project, students take three semester credit hours of research during each semester of the Master of Science in Clinical Investigation Degree Program.

MEDI6098. Thesis. 1-12 Credit Hours.
An MSCI Program student is required to enroll in Thesis the semester they submit their manuscript for approval by the MSCI COGS. The 1.0 semester credit hour is required to graduate from the MSCI Program.

MEDI6100. Practicum In IACUC Procedures. 1 Credit Hour.
This elective course presents an in-depth introduction to the institutional program that provides oversight and regular review of projects that involve the care and use of animals. This includes consideration of the operational procedures of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio. Course objectives are achieved through a combination of readings, monthly attendance at selected IACUC meetings, and discussions with faculty.
MEDI6101. Topics In Translational Science. 1 Credit Hour.
This elective course addresses selected topics in translational science through a series of lectures, assigned readings, literature reviews, class presentations, and discussions with faculty.

MEDI6102. Practicum In IRB Procedures. 1 Credit Hour.
This elective course presents an in-depth introduction to the institutional program that provides oversight and regular review of research projects that involve human subjects. This includes consideration of the operational procedures of the multiple Institution Review Boards (IRB) of the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio. Course objectives are achieved through a combination of readings, monthly attendance at selected IRB meetings, and discussions with faculty.

MEDI6103. Selected Topics In Advanced Research Ethics. 1-3 Credit Hours.
This elective course provides an in-depth understanding of a selected topic in research ethics. Students work independently to develop a detailed literature review specific to an area of research and are required to prepare a manuscript describing the results. Regular meetings with the Course Director will review progress towards course goals.

MEDI6105. Topics in Cancer Prevention. 1 Credit Hour.
This course addresses current topics in cancer prevention science through a series of didactic lectures and discussions with cancer prevention faculty. Topics span the continuum of cancer prevention from basic cancer epidemiology and carcinogenesis, to cancers of special relevance in South Texas and interventions. An exposure to prevention clinical trials and disparity research will also be presented. Consent of instructor is required for registration.

MEDI6106. Practicum in Cancer Prevention Science. 0.5-1 Credit Hours.
This elective course provides an opportunity for participation in unique clinical and laboratory cancer prevention research activities that are highly individualized for each student on the basis of prior experience and research interests. Consent of the instructor is needed for registration.

MEDI7000. Off Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: "Course Approval" form, a written letter or email for acceptance form the physician preceptor with the start and end dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun. Contact the department for assistance with enrolling in this course.

MEDI7099. Dissertation. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Preparation and writing of the Doctoral dissertation. Registration for at least two terms is required of Ph.D. candidates.

Microbiology (MICR)

Courses

MICR4000. Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours.
This is a self-designed course created by both the student and the department to cover a specific topic. A Course Approval Form must be completed along with documentation of the designed course description.

MICR4002. Advanced Medical Microbiology. 4 Credit Hours.
This elective is available to selected fourth-year students. Responsibilities during the period would include 1) the reading of 20-25 short articles out of Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Reports (generally 5-7 pages each), so as to be prepared to 2) lead discussions as MS1 students present summaries of these articles (1 article per student in a small group setting). In addition to enriching the curriculum of the first-year class, this elective will provide the MS4 student with the opportunity to be updated on some of the most current issues of the day in infectious disease.

MICR5003. Core Concepts In Microbiology & Immunology. 4 Credit Hours.
This course will provide an integrated view of the microbial world and the mammalian immune response. Students will receive a foundation in the basic concepts and experimental approaches that are crucial for understanding core concepts in pathogenic microbiology, virology, parasitology, mycology, and immunology through directed readings and didactic instruction. A special emphasis will be placed on integrating knowledge from each discipline using specific examples to illustrate important concepts in host-pathogen interaction.

MICR5013. Microbiology. 4 Credit Hours.
Foundation in immunology, bacteriology, virology, and mycology for all subsequent teaching of microbial pathology and oral infectious diseases is provided. Relevant aspects of preventive medicine and public health are included. Course Fees: Lab fee: $32.

MICR5025. Eukaryotic Pathogens. 1 Credit Hour.
The course will provide students with the opportunity to gain a basic comprehensive understanding of parasitology and mycology. The first part of this course will focus on virulence mechanisms and the host immune response with respect to a variety of parasites that cause major human diseases. The second part of this course will cover several important areas of medical mycology including molecular biology, diagnostic/epidemiology, mating/phenotypic switching, morphology, pathogenesis, and antifungal therapies.

MICR5026. Bacterial Pathogenesis. 1 Credit Hour.
This is an introductory course in microbial pathogenesis focusing on bacterial pathogens that are important in human disease. Students will receive a foundation in the basic concepts and experimental approaches that are crucial for understanding the discipline through directed readings and didactic instruction. Specific concepts, strategies, and mechanisms used by human bacterial pathogens to cause disease will be illustrated.

MICR5027. Immunology. 1 Credit Hour.
This course will focus on fundamental concepts in immunology with emphasis on experimental strategies for elucidating the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying immune responses. Lecture topics will illustrate important concepts in innate immunity, cytokine signaling, antigen recognition and presentation, the genetics of immune receptors and the major histocompatibility complex, immunity to infection, and immunopathology (e.g., hypersensitivity, autoimmunity, immunodeficiency, etc.).

MICR5028. Virology. 1 Credit Hour.
This course focuses on the molecular and cellular biology of animal viruses, and their interactions with host cells. Many of the viruses to be covered in this course are medically significant or have provided critical information that has expanded our understanding of cell biology, immunology, development, and differentiation.
MICR5029. Building Scientific Thinking Skills. 2 Credit Hours.
The goal of this course is to provide the opportunity for graduate students to develop critical thinking skills in reading scientific literature, developing/critical scientific ideas and grant proposals and effectively communicating one's own scientific ideas with peers. The courses will be offered in three consecutive stages. First, each student will be assigned/encouraged to read articles focusing on a topic in the areas of Microbiology and Immunology and give a 50 minute review presentation on the topic to the class followed by questions/critiques from fellow students and faculty members. Second, each student is guided to develop a mini-proposal on a chosen topic followed by written critiques from fellow students and faculty members. Finally, each student is arranged to give an oral defense of his or her written proposal to the class followed by questions from fellow students and faculty members. Since the proposal writing and defense portions mimic the process involved in M&I track qualification examination, this course will not only have a long lasting impact on the students' scientific skill development, but also help prepare the students for the immediate qualification examination.

MICR5030. Microbiology And Immunology Track Journal Clubs. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The MI track students, together with faculty members and other researchers, will meet once a week to discuss articles on life science with an emphasis on the Microbiology and Immunology disciplines. At each meeting, an individual will present one or several papers, or a review and related materials. The presentation will be followed by questions and discussions involving everyone present at the meeting. Each meeting is scheduled for one hour.

MICR5031. Pathogenic Microbiology. 4 Credit Hours.
This lectures-only course integrates different disciplines (immunology, cell biology, genetics, biochemistry, molecular biology, physiology, and medical microbiology) with a central theme focused on molecular mechanisms of microbial pathogenesis in man. Prerequisite: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

MICR5051. Intro To Immunology. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is a study of immune responses with emphasis on experimental strategies for elucidating cellular and molecular mechanisms. Three phases of study: (1) immunoochemistry and molecular biology of antibodies, lymphocyte receptors, and products of the major histocompatibility complex; (2) cellular interactions and immunoregulation; and (3) immunopathologies (hypersensitivity, autoimmunity, immunodeficiency, transplantation rejection, and tumor immunology). Prerequisites: consent of instructor, courses in General Biology and Genetics recommended.

MICR5090. Acquiring Presentation Skills. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to prepare the student for giving a scientific lecture or seminar. Students present at least one lecture per academic year. Each student is coached and evaluated by faculty members in terms of both effective public speaking and critically analyzing scientific data. In addition, the seminars are videotaped. Students are required to attend all seminars.

MICR5091. Current Topics In Microbiology And Immunology. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Students will be given an opportunity to gain in-depth understanding of selected topics in microbiology and immunology through a combination of library research and discussion with faculty. Prerequisites: consent of instructor.

MICR5092. Special Problems. 1-9 Credit Hours.
The course provides an opportunity for the student to engage in a special research project or to develop proficiency in the use of certain laboratory methods. Prerequisites: consent of instructor.

MICR6022. Advanced Microbial Physiology. 2 Credit Hours.
This course consists of readings and conferences. The course includes current concepts and experimental studies in microbial structure-function relationships and regulatory mechanisms. Prerequisites: consent of instructor.

MICR6024. Advanced Microbial Genetics. 1-4 Credit Hours.
This course consists of lectures and conferences. This course is an in-depth study of selected areas of microbial genetics, and presentation and discussion of current literature in these areas. Prerequisites: Consent of instructor.

MICR6026. Advanced Molecular Genetics Of Eukaryotic Pathogens. 2 Credit Hours.
This course will cover the major research methods and techniques used to study human fungal pathogens.

MICR6043. Advanced Topics In Virology. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is an in-depth study of selected topics in animal virology at the molecular level. Prerequisites: consent of instructor.

MICR6050. Advanced Topics In Tumor Immunology. 1 Credit Hour.
This course provides an opportunity for students to gain a solid foundation in modern tumor immunology. Topics include tumor antigens, autoimmunity, mechanisms of killing, dysregulation of inflammation, and counter measures mediated by tumor to thwart or subvert host immunity.

MICR6052. Advanced Immunobiology. 2 Credit Hours.
This course consists of lectures only. This course is an in-depth study of the immune system and how it is regulated, including presentation and discussion of current literature in these areas. Prerequisites: MICR 5051 or consent of instructor.

MICR6071. Supervised Teaching. 1-9 Credit Hours.
This course consists of teaching under the close supervision of instructors as laboratory assistants and as leaders in tutorial or review sessions. The more advanced students may present formal lectures in the classroom or lead discussions in the laboratory. Prerequisites: consent of chair or department.

MICR6091. Seminars In Microbiology & Immunology. 1 Credit Hour.
Presentations and discussions of recent advances in various areas of Microbiology & Immunology. Invited speakers may be from inside or outside the HSC. Each graduate student in the M&I Track is expected to register for this course each fall and each spring semester for as long as the student is enrolled in graduate school.

MICR6097. Research. 1-12 Credit Hours.
This course consists of independent, original research under the direction of faculty advisor. May be conducted in bacteriology, virology, mycology, parasitology, and immunology.

MICR6098. Thesis. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Registration for at least one term is required of M.S. candidates. Admission to candidacy for the Master of Science degree is required.

MICR7099. Dissertation. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Registration for at least two terms is required of Ph.D. candidates. In addition, Ph.D. candidates may be required to complete a course in Biostatistics. Prerequisites: Admission to candidacy for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.
Molecular Medicine (MMED)

Courses

MMED5001. Molecular Medicine. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to integrate the fundamental principles of molecular biology with modern medicine. The topics will include the basics of gene mapping, tactics used in the cloning of genes involved in diseases, the analysis of the structure and function of genes in relation to the characteristics of various diseases, alterations of the genome in disease states, and potential strategies to exploit this knowledge in gene therapy. This course will build upon the basic knowledge presented in Advanced Molecular Biology using specific examples of current and future applications of this new knowledge.

MMED5015. Modern Methods in Cell and Molecular Biology. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to introduce students to the basic experimental techniques used in the study of cell biology, molecular biology, and protein analysis.

MMED5016. Fundamentals Of Biostatistics. 1 Credit Hour.
Fundamentals of modern biostatistics with special emphasis on proper design of experiments, critical analysis of data and their presentation will be offered. Particularly, modern biostatistical techniques required to solve the practical problems in bioinformatics will be discussed. A refresher of very basic concepts in statistics will be given; however, the course will be devoted to contemporary statistical analysis of data including hypothesis construction and testing, model validation, and data association. The course will include short lectures describing particular statistical problems faced by researchers in molecular biology, approaches to solve them and interpretation of the results of statistical analysis. Extensive practical training using popular statistical software packages will follow each lecture.

MMED5017. Practical Bioinformatics for Molecular Biologists. 3 Credit Hours.
An introduction to bioinformatics through computer laboratory exercises designed to have students familiar with quantitative multi-dimensional data analysis methods. Problem areas such as sequence analysis, molecular evolution, gene regulation, and pathway construction and analysis will be approached from a practical viewpoint. Comparative genomics and functional genomics will also be covered. The required biostatistics background required for implementation will also be reviewed as part of this course. A combination of survey lectures on broader topics and focused computer exercises covering specific methodologies will be used.

MMED5019. Graduate Colloquium In Molecular Medicine. 1 Credit Hour.
(1) To train students to critically read and comprehend the scientific literature; (2) To train students to concisely present the data in scientific papers in a manner that conveys the significance of the findings; (3) To sharpen student skills in seminar preparation and presentation with an emphasis on critical evaluation of data, methods, interpretations, and conclusions; (4) To train students to critically evaluate the presentations of their colleagues. This course is not a didactic course. Instead, it is an interactive discussion and presentation formatted course. Participation is the underlying theme of this course and all students will be graded on their overall participation as well as the quality of their presentations. Grading will reflect the improvement shown by each student in each subsequent presentation. Students should address weaknesses indicated to them by the presiding faculty, TA’s & Students.

MMED6016. Advanced Molecular Cell Bio. 5 Credit Hours.
This course is a study of the organization and function of the genome at the molecule level. The topics include: gene structure, transcriptional control, RNA structure and processing, translation, genome replication and repair, the molecular biology of tumors, and the molecular genetics of development. This is a general course intended to introduce the student to the important molecules involved in the life processes of the cell. Their structure, function, localization, and interactions will be the focus of study. The students will also be introduced to the implications that these molecular events have in human health and disease.

MMED6071. Supervised Teaching. 1-9 Credit Hours.
This course consists of teaching under the close supervision of instructors in Advanced Molecular Biology and Modern Methods in Cellular and Molecular Biology as laboratory assistants, review session, and tutorial leaders. Assistants may be called upon to present formal lectures.

MMED6091. Seminars On Molecular Medicine. 1 Credit Hour.
Registration every term in residence is required of all Molecular Medicine students.

Neurology (NEUR)

Courses

NEUR3005. Neurology Core Clerkship. 4 Credit Hours.
This core clerkship is designed to give the student experience in evaluation of patients with neurologic disorders an opportunity to master the neurological exam in inpatient ward and consultation settings, as well as outpatient settings. The student will be expected to participate in the complete care of assigned General Neurology Ward patients and patients on the Stroke Specialty Wards. Students will also participate in Neurology consult rounds and have an opportunity to see consult patients. They will be assigned to either the University Hospital or VA Neurology wards/consult services for two weeks of the rotation. They will spend one week of the rotation of the Stroke wards service and participate in stroke specialty clinics during that week. One week of the rotation will be devoted to participating in a variety of general neurology and specialty clinics. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exams, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data and develop a differential diagnosis and management plan on all assigned patients. Students will also attend neurology morning report, the MS3 Neurology Lecture Series, selected Neurology Residency Lecture Series topics and Neurology grand Rounds. Students will receive a clinical performance evaluation by the supervising attending and residents using the SOM 3rd year medical student evaluation form.
NEUR4002. David Sherman Academy of Teaching Neurology. 2 Credit Hours.
A longitudinal medical student elective, David Sherman Academy of Teaching Neurology, provides the foundation for learning the principles of practical clinical teaching techniques and the opportunity to create a Neurologic educational product. Teaching is a skill and this class provides students with formal training to help them excel as effective clinical teachers. The elective is longitudinal and provides 2 elective credits. There are three major objectives of this elective: (1) To gain mentored teaching experience in a variety of settings through completion of at least 10 sessions over the course of the year; (2) To complete an educational product of the student’s choice that may be incorporated into the future Neurology curriculum. This product may also meet criteria for the MD in Education Distinction (see below), but this is not a requirement; (3) To complete the Distinction in Medical Education Course topics through attending the presentations and/or online video and readings. A clinical teaching didactic will be completed through http://www.med-ed.virginia.edu/courses/resasteachers/home.cfm. The student may choose to pursue the MD Distinction in Medical Education using the project designed for this elective if they also meet the following requirements: 1) Develop a measurement tool to assess the effectiveness of the educational project; 2) Submit the project for publication; 3) Display the project on a poster presentation; 4) Give a capstone presentation and reflective summary to the DIME Committee and advisors. Students completing DIME will receive project feedback and support from the DIME Committee for the development of their project. The student will also have an advisory committee with up to three people. Students who wish to achieve the distinction will need to apply by December 1st of the fourth year. After the committee reviews all projects and capstone presentations are complete, they will determine the students who have achieved distinction.

NEUR4029. Neurology Consultation Service. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are required to perform neurological consultations both at the University Hospital and Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital. One student will be assigned to each hospital service. Attending rounds with the staff neurologist will be made daily Monday-Friday. Weekend rounds will be at the discretion of the supervising attending. Students are required to perform appropriately focused history and physical exam, prepare written and verbal presentations, interpret laboratory data, and develop differential diagnosis and management plans on all assigned patients. Students will also attend neurology morning report, neuropathology conference, neuroradiology conference, and grand rounds. Students will receive a clinical performance evaluation by the supervising attending and resident. If rotation is done as the Ambulatory Selective, the student is required to prepare a written essay based upon specific course objectives concerning systems of care. Essays must be submitted on the last day of the rotation and is required to receive a passing grade in the course. Rotation must be four consecutive weeks if done as an Ambulatory selective.

NEUR4030. Neurology Subinternship - University Hospital & Audie Murphy VA. 4 Credit Hours.
The objective of this sub internship is to prepare students for the intense and responsible role of the intern. The sub intern is an integral member of the team and is required to participate in all team activities and participate in all medical care for her/his patients, under the supervision of the Neurology resident and attending. The student’s clinical performance will be evaluated by the supervising attending and resident. The student will function as a sub-intern under the direct supervision of the Neurology resident. Considerable responsibility in the management of neurologically impaired patients is provided on the inpatient ward services at the University Hospital and Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital. The student will work at least one weekend day and will participate in night call. The student will also spend one day each week in the adult Neurology Clinic evaluating patients with chronic neurologic problems. Attendance at daily rounds, consultation rounds, and formal conferences is expected. Students will also participate in Friday morning Neurology Grand Rounds.

NEUR4032. Research In Neurology. 4 Credit Hours.
Several clinical and basic research projects, especially in the area of cerebral vascular disease, are being conducted in the Department of Neurology. Students may elect to work with the neurology faculty on one of these projects. This elective can be repeated depending upon the duration required for the research project. Students will receive a performance evaluation from the supervising faculty member. Discuss and arrange project through the department.

NEUR7000. Away Rotation in Neurology. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: “Course Approval” form, a written letter or email of acceptance from the physical preceptor with the start and ending dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun.

Neurosurgery (NRSR)

Courses

NRSR4010. Neurosurgery Elective. 4 Credit Hours.
Senior students function as "interns" on the neurosurgery service. They admit and discharge neurosurgery patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on neurosurgery patients. They follow patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units, and on general wards. They participate in operations for their patients. They participate in pre and post-operative care of neurosurgery patients. They present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the neurosurgery service. They mentor third-year medical students on the neurosurgery service. They learn how to obtain a history and perform a focused neuroexamination on a patient with brain and spinal cord injury. They are encouraged to participate in basic or clinical science research projects with neurosurgical faculty.
NURS3272. Health Assessment and Promotion: Theoretical Foundations. 2 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on the theory and practice of health assessment of individuals and families across the lifespan. Admission to the Accelerated Undergraduate Program is required. Credit Hour Allocation: 2 semester hours (2 hours theory).

NURS3273. Health Assessment and Promotion: Clinical Application. 2 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on the theory and practice of health assessment of individuals and families across the lifespan. Credit Hour Allocation: 2 semester hours (2 hours theory). Prerequisite: NURS 3272.

NURS3274. Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing: Theoretical Foundations. 2 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of mental health across the lifespan with an emphasis on professional relationships, therapeutic communication, and the understanding of psychopathology. Credit Hour Allocation: 2 semester hours (2 hours theory). Successful completion of Semester 1 is required.

NURS3275. Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing: Clinical Application. 2 Credit Hours.
This course provides clinical experience for nursing intervention development for promoting, maintaining, and restoring mental health across the lifespan integrating principles of professional relationships, therapeutic communication, and concepts of psychopathology. Credit Hour Allocation: 2 semester hours (2 hours theory). Prerequisites: NURS 3172 and NURS 3274.

NURS3303. Concepts of Professional Nursing. 3 Credit Hours.
This course addresses professional role development integrating concepts of multidimensional care and skills of inquiry and analysis to inform clinical decision making, professional judgement, and lifelong learning. Admission to the traditional undergraduate program is required.
NURS3304. Pharmacotherapeutics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides the foundation for safe, effective drug therapy and the role of the nurse in health promotion, disease prevention, and management. Successful completion of semester 1 is required.

NURS3305. Foundations of Clinical Nursing Practice: Clinical Application. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides practice experience for clinical decision making and interventions with individuals, including a special focus on the older adult, in diverse settings using a patient centered, holistic, caring framework. Prerequisites: NURS 3201, NURS 3303, and NURS 3309.

NURS3309. Pathophysiology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on concepts of pathophysiology essential to understanding alterations in body systems and developing clinical decision making for health promotion, risk reduction, and disease management. Clock hours: 3 semester hours (3 hours theory). Admission to the Traditional Track of the undergraduate program is required.

NURS3321. Transitions In Professional Nursing. 3 Credit Hours.
This course addresses professional role development for Registered Nurses who are returning to school to prepare for advanced generalist roles as Clinical Nurse Leaders or Administrative Managers at the graduate level. The focus is on integrating multidimensional care, skills of inquiry and analysis, and a broadened focus on individuals, families, and populations to inform clinical reasoning in changing health care environments. Admission to the Alternate Entry Masters Program is required. Clock Hours: 3 semester hours (3 hours theory).

NURS3330. Foundations of Clinical Nursing Practice -Theoretical Foundations. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides a scientific foundation for clinical practice with individuals in diverse settings using a concept-based, patient-centered, holistic framework.

NURS3365. Pharmacology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides the foundation for safe, effective drug therapy and the role of the nurse in health promotion, disease prevention, and management.

NURS3370. Pathophysiology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on the concepts of pathophysiology essential to understanding alterations in body systems and developing clinical decision making for health promotion, risk reduction, and disease management. Admission to the Accelerated Undergraduate Program is required.

NURS3371. Foundations of Nursing Care: Clinical Applications. 3 Credit Hours.
In this course the student will have the opportunity to develop foundational clinical competencies for providing safe, quality patient care in a clinical setting. Credit Hour Allocation: 3 semester hours (3 hours clinical). Prerequisite: NURS 3372.

NURS3372. Family Nursing Care: Theoretical Foundations. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on the care of families across the lifespan with emphasis on childbearing and childrearing families and their roles, functions, and dynamics with regard to health promotion and risk reduction. Successful completion of Semester 1.

NURS3373. Family Nursing Care: Clinical Applications. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides the opportunity for clinical application of nursing care for families across the lifespan with emphasis on childbearing and childrearing families and their roles, functions, and dynamics with regard to health promotion and risk reduction. Credit Hour Allocation: 3 semester hours (3 hours clinical). Prerequisites: NURS 3372 and NURS 3171.

NURS3374. Research and Evidence-Based Practice. 3 Credit Hours.
This course integrates concepts from research and information management that apply to the generation, appraisal, use, and dissemination of evidence that informs safe, quality nursing practice. Credit Hour Allocation: 3 semester hours (3 hours theory). Successful completion of semester 1.

NURS3375. Research And Evidence Based Practice. 3 Credit Hours.
This course addresses the role of research in professional nursing practice including conduct of research, research sources utilization and dissemination, and principles and models of evidence-based practice.

NURS3402. Nursing Research & Evidence-Based Practice. 4 Credit Hours.
This course addresses the role of research in professional nursing practice including conduct of research, research sources, utilization and dissemination, and principles and models of evidence-based practice. Clock hours: 4 semester hours (4 hours theory). Successful completion of semester 1 is required.

NURS4110. Pharmacotherapeutics: Disease Management 1. 1 Credit Hour.
This course focuses on the nurse’s role in, safe, effective pharmacotherapeutics for individuals with conditions affecting the immune, endocrine, respiratory, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, and musculoskeletal systems.

NURS4111. Pharmacotherapeutics: Disease Management 2. 1 Credit Hour.
This course focuses on the nurse’s role in, safe, effective pharmacotherapeutics for individuals across the lifespan who have acute life-threatening conditions.

NURS4210. Child and Family Health: Theoretical Foundations. 2 Credit Hours.
This course addresses holistic care of children and families with emphasis on health promotion, disease management, and injury prevention through therapeutic nursing assessment and intervention across environments. Credit Hour Allocation: 2 semester hours (2 hours theory). Successful completion of semester 2 is required.

NURS4211. Child and Family Health: Clinical Application. 2 Credit Hours.
This course addresses holistic care of children and families with emphasis on health promotion, disease management, and injury prevention through therapeutic nursing assessment and intervention across environments. Credit Hour Allocation: 2 semester hours (2 hours clinical) Prerequisites: NURS 4210 Corequisites: NURS 4210.

NURS4217. Population Focused Health: Clinical Application. 2 Credit Hours.
This course provides experience for application of population focused health promotion and disease and injury prevention based on determinants of local, national, and global health including lifestyle, environmental, cultural, and genetic factors. Credit Hour Allocation: 2 semester hours (2 hours clinical) Prerequisites: NURS 4317.

NURS4227. Population Focused Health: Clinical Applications. 2 Credit Hours.
This course provides clinical experience for application of population focused health promotion, and disease and injury prevention based on determinants of local, national, and global health including lifestyle, environment, cultural, and genetic factors. Credit Hour Allocation: 2 semester hours (2 hours clinical) Prerequisites: NURS 4327.
NURS4230. Leadership and Management: Clinical Application. 2 Credit Hours.
This course provides opportunity for clinical application of nursing leadership and management in diverse settings to promote quality patient outcomes. Credit Hour Allocation: 2 semester hours (2 hours clinical) Prerequisites: NURS 4329.

NURS4311. Care Of The Adult 1: Theoretical Foundations. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on theoretical principles regarding holistic care of the adult experiencing chronic health problems within diverse settings. Credit Hour Allocation: 3 semester hours (3 hours clinical) Prerequisites: Completion of Semester 2.

NURS4314. Care of The Adult 1: Clinical Application. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides opportunity for clinical application regarding holistic care of the adult experiencing chronic health alterations. Credit Hour Allocation: 3 semester hours (3 hours clinical). Prerequisites: NURS 4311 Corequisites: NURS 4311.

NURS4315. Care Of The Adult 2: Theoretical Foundations. 3 Credit Hours.
This course addresses holistic care of the acutely and critically ill adult experiencing complex health alterations while in acute care settings. Credit Hour Allocation: 3 semester hours (3 hours theory). Prerequisites: NURS 4311 and NURS 4314.

NURS4316. Care of The Adult 2: Clinical Application. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides clinical experience for holistic patient-centered care of the acutely and critically ill adult experiencing complex health alterations within acute care settings. Credit Hour Allocation: 3 semester hours (3 hours clinical) Prerequisites: NURS 4315 Corequisites: NURS 4315.

NURS4317. Population Focused Health: Theoretical Foundations. 3 Credit Hours.
This course addresses population focused health promotion and disease and injury prevention based on determinants of local, national, and global health including lifestyle, environmental, cultural, and genetic factors. Credit Hour Allocation: 3 semester hours (3 hours theory). Successful completion of semester 3.

NURS4319. Leadership and Management: Theoretical Foundations. 3 Credit Hours.
This course presents theoretical principles of nursing leadership and management in diverse settings to promote quality patient outcomes. Credit Hour Allocation: 3 semester hours (3 hours theory). Successful completion of semester 3 is required.

NURS4320. Leadership and Management: Clinical Application. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides opportunity for clinical application of nursing leadership and management in diverse settings to promote quality patient outcomes. Credit Hour Allocation: 3 semester hours (3 hours clinical) Prerequisites: NURS 4319.

NURS4327. Population Focused Health: Theoretical Foundations. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides clinical experience for application of population focused health promotion, and disease and injury prevention based on determinants of local, national, and global health including lifestyle, environment, cultural, and genetic factors. Credit Hour Allocation: 3 semester hours (3 hours theory). Successful completion of semester 3 is required.

NURS4329. Leadership and Management: Theoretical Foundations. 3 Credit Hours.
This course presents theoretical principles of nursing leadership and management in diverse settings to promote quality patient outcomes. Credit Hour Allocation: 3 semester hours (3 hours theory). Successful completion of Semester 3 is required.

NURS4333. Nursing Leadership: Theoretical Foundations. 3 Credit Hours.
This course presents theoretical principles of nursing leadership and management in diverse settings to promote quality patient outcomes. Clock Hours: 3 semester hours (3 hours theory). Prerequisites: NURS 3272 and NURS 3273.

NURS4403. Disease Management 3: Clinical Application. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is the clinical component for Disease Management 1: Theoretical Foundations and Disease Management II: Theoretical Foundations that focuses on the nursing care and decision making related to multiple disease concepts across the lifespan. (4 hrs Clinical) Prerequisites: NURS 4501, NURS 4110, NURS 4502 AND NURS 4111.

NURS4420. Transition To Professional Nursing Practice: Clinical Immersion. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is a clinical immersion experience designed to provide comprehensive learning opportunities that promote integration of baccalaureate learning outcomes to prepare the graduate for professional nursing practice.

NURS4423. Clinical Immersion. 4 Credit Hours.
This course facilitates the transition of the student into professional practice through preceptorship by Registered Nurses in a variety of settings. Credit Hour Allocation: 4 semester hours (4 hours clinical). Completion of all Accelerated Undergraduate Program courses is required.

NURS4501. Disease Management 1: Theoretical Foundations. 5 Credit Hours.
This course emphasizes nursing care and decision making regarding patients across the lifespan experiencing alterations in metabolism, circulation, oxygenation, elimination, immunology/inflammation, and sexuality. Successful completion of semester 2 is required. (5 hrs Theory).

NURS4502. Disease Management 2: Theoretical Foundations. 5 Credit Hours.
This course emphasizes nursing care and decision making regarding patients across the lifespan experiencing alterations in coordination and control, cellular differentiation, cognitive/sensory, fluid and electrolytes, sepsis, and trauma. (5 hrs Theory) Prerequisites: NURS 4501 and NURS 4110.

NURS5070. Responsible Conduct Of Patient-Oriented Clinical Research. 2 Credit Hours.
This interdisciplinary course is designed to train participants in the responsible conduct of patient-oriented clinical research. Students will have the opportunity to learn to and, by the end of the course, be required to: (1) delineate a history of hallmark abuses of humans enrolled in clinical research; (2) describe the evolution of national and international codes and regulations guiding inclusion of human subjects in clinical investigations; (3) list the elements of informed consent and describe procedures and precautions for enrolling special populations into clinical investigation; (4) write a consent form in understandable language; (5) recognize different forms of scientific misconduct; (6) describe the role and processes of a peer review board to judge violations in research ethics; (7) develop strategies for self-assessment and validation of scientific objectivity in one's own research; and (8) recognize the ethical responsibilities and consequences of whistle blowing.
NURS5241. Application of Roles of The Teacher In Contemporary Nursing Education. 2 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on the integration and application of the roles of the educator in contemporary nursing for the clinical, laboratory, and/or simulation environments. The course provides the opportunity to implement adult teaching and learning experiences in nursing areas of academia, staff development, and/or continuing education. Clock hours: six clock hours practicum (90 clock hours). Prerequisites: NURS 5371 or equivalent Corequisites: NURS 5141.

NURS5306. Advanced Theory For The Practice of Nursing. 3 Credit Hours.
This course explores and analyzes theories and propositions from social, psychological, medical, nursing, and interpersonal relations as a foundation to understanding research, practice and scholarship in nursing. Clock hours: three semester clock hours class (45 clock hours).

NURS5307. Using Research For The Practice Of Nursing. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides the foundations for the use of research in nursing science and healthcare. Emphasis is on designing, interpreting, and evaluating research. Clock hours: three clock hours class (45 clock hours). Prerequisite: NURS 5306.

NURS5310. Organizational Systems and Administrative Strategies. 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines contemporary influences, theories, principles, and functional strategies related to management/administration and organizational systems at the micro, meso, and macrosystem levels. The effects of external and internal environmental changes on complex systems, role relationships, team building, planning, structure, communication, negotiation, and consultation in nursing and inter-professional systems are discussed. Prerequisites: NURS 5339 Corequisites: NURS 5339.

NURS5318. Nursing and Health Systems Management 1. 3 Credit Hours.
This is one of a series of graduate level courses that provides the foundation for nursing management of clinical units, departments, and service lines in health care systems. This course is designed to provide the knowledge and skills for an effective and efficient human resource service lines in health care systems. This course is designed to provide the foundations for understanding research, practice and scholarship in nursing. Clock hours: three semester clock hours class (45 clock hours).

NURS5324. Advanced Pathophysiology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on pathophysiological processes across the lifespan and the development of clinical reasoning skills that distinguish the relationship between normal physiology and specific system alterations produced by injury and disease. Particular attention will be given to etiology, pathogenesis, developmental and environmental influences, and clinical manifestations of major health problems. 3 clock hours class (45 hours class).

NURS5339. Leadership For Quality, Safety And Health Policy. 3 Credit Hours.
The course focuses on the principles and theories germane to leadership in complex organizations; models, tools, and processes to measure health care outcomes; and forces that influence health policy and nursing practice. Clock Hours: 3 clock hours class (45 hours class).

NURS5356. Financial and Economic Evidence In Health Care. 3 Credit Hours.
The course focuses on principles of health care economics; third-party reimbursement; costing; budget types, process and monitoring; economic evaluation methods; and business plan importance, components and writing. Clock Hours: 3 hours class (45 clock hours).

NURS5371. Curriculum and Instruction In Nursing. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to introduce students to the process of curriculum development. The teaching, learning, and evaluation principles are examined from the standpoint of and the effect on various curriculum patterns. The course provides opportunity for examination of factors that influence curriculum development, implementation, and evaluation. Clock Hours: three class hours per week.

NURS6071. Supervised Teaching. 1-6 Credit Hours.
Directed teaching in the major area under close supervision of one or more faculty members is required of each doctoral student. Up to six semester credit hours toward a degree may be granted to the student who satisfactorily completes the graduate courses in Supervised Teaching in her/his area of study. (Optional).

NURS6098. Thesis. 1-4 Credit Hours.
A total of 6.0 semester credit hours (including 2.0 semester credit hours for NURS 6298 Development of a Thesis Proposal) is required for thesis credit. (Completion of thesis is recommended but not required within the master’s program. Specific policies regarding theses are available from the Office of the Graduate Nursing Program.) The consent of the thesis advisor is required for enrollment.

NURS6101. Advanced Mental Health Concepts: Clinical Applications. 1 Credit Hour.
The focus of this course is developing advanced practice mental health nursing skills by providing holistic care through assessment, crisis intervention, pharmaceutical management, biological or other therapies, and consultation/referral. Clock Hours: 3 clock hours clinical (45 hours clinical).

NURS6110. Advanced Health Assessment: Clinical Application. 1 Credit Hour.
This course focuses on applying advanced health assessment skills; developing clinical basis for advanced assessment in nursing practice; collecting, interpreting and summarizing database; documenting findings; and presenting complete problem list. Clock Hours: 3 clock hours clinical (45 hours clinical). Prerequisites: An undergraduate health assessment advisor is required for enrollment.

NURS6113. Nursing and Health Systems Management 2: Seminar. 1 Credit Hour.
This course provides students the opportunity to discuss the role of the Administrative Nurse Management and Nurse Executive in a clinical service, department, or service line across the continuum of care. The focus is on the development of knowledge and skills for strategic planning, operational management, regulatory management, organizational priority setting, development of inter-professional relationships, and implementation of the evidence-based capstone project. Clock hours: 15 hours class seminar Prerequisites: NURS 6331, NURS 6203, NURS 6220, NURS 6313 and NURS 5318 Corequisites: NURS 6813.
NURS6120. Clinical Nurse Leader Role 2: Seminar. 1 Credit Hour.
This seminar is designed to provide students enrolled in the CNO capstone clinical course the opportunity to discuss and analyze leadership challenges in the development and implementation of the CNL role in various health care microsystems. Clock hours: 1 semester class hour (15 clock hours class). Prerequisite: NURS 6230 and NURS 6233 Corequisites: NURS 6822.

NURS6130. Nurse Practitioner Conceptual Basis For Advanced Practice Nursing. 1 Credit Hour.
The purpose of this course is to provide a conceptual basis for advance practice nursing. Students examine nurse practitioner competencies with emphasis on acquiring knowledge and skills to assume leadership roles in health care delivery, health policy, and complex health care systems. Research and quality improvement mechanisms to implement change are explored.

NURS6132. Population State of the Science. 1 Credit Hour.
This course provides a foundation for understanding of evidence-based clinical prevention and population care and services to individuals, families and aggregates/identities populations through the identification of key competencies and relevant and predictable learning opportunities in their practice settings.

NURS6134. Clinical Application 1: Facilitation of Learning in an Academic Setting. 1 Credit Hour.
This practicum course provides students the opportunity to explore the scope and responsibilities of teaching in an academic setting; including exposure to regulatory processes and faculty governance, as well as, faculty practice, service research and scholarship activities. Students will also begin direct engagement in teaching students in their area of practice or population foci in classroom, online, lab, simulation and clinical settings. Prerequisites: NURS 6132 and NURS 6260 Corequisites: NURS 6262.

NURS6136. Clinical Application 2: Facilitation of Learning in an Academic Setting. 1 Credit Hour.
This practicum course provides students the opportunity to expand direct engagement in teaching students in their area of practice or population foci in classroom, online, lab, simulation and clinical settings. Focus is on assuming a beginning leadership role in designing and implementing learning modules and strategies that support curriculum outcomes and reflect best practices, as well as, assumption of clinical teaching responsibilities and course maintenance in collaboration with faculty preceptor. Prerequisites: NURS 6132, NURS 6260, NURS 6262, and NURS 6134 Corequisites: NURS 6264.

NURS6138. Clinical Application 3: Facilitation of Learning Across Health Systems. 1 Credit Hour.
This practicum course provides students the opportunity to explore the scope and responsibilities of educators in community health system environments. Clinical activities support understanding responsiveness to human resourcing, competency maintenance, safety, and staff development for enhanced clinical and system outcomes. Additional focus includes use of technology and informatics applications that support learning in diverse practice settings. Prerequisites: NURS 6132, NURS 6260, NURS 6262, NURS 6134, NURS 6264 and NURS 6136 Corequisites: NURS 6266.

NURS6201. Advanced Mental Health Concepts. 2 Credit Hours.
The focus of this course is developing the theoretical basis for advanced practice nursing in mental health using a holistic perspective to examine the etiology, meaning, and consequences of human behavior. Clock Hours: 2 clock hours class (30 hours class). Corequisites: NURS 6101.

NURS6203. Advanced Financial Management: Practicum. 2 Credit Hours.
This practicum provides students the opportunity to engage in the advanced financial management activities of a selected healthcare institution while working with a designated preceptor. Clock hours: 90 clock hours clinical practicum. Prerequisite: NURS 5356 Corequisites: NURS 5501.

NURS6210. Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning. 2 Credit Hours.
This course will build upon health assessment skills developed in the professional nurse’s basic educational program. The theoretical and clinical basis for assessment in advanced practice will be developed. The process whereby the advanced practitioner utilizes comprehensive physical, psychosocial, and cultural assessment across the lifespan, to gather specific data relevant to common health problems, is demonstrated. Faculty and preceptors facilitate laboratory and clinical experiences that focus on assessment of clients and presentation of findings in a variety of settings. An undergraduate health assessment course or comparable experience is required. Clock Hours: A 45-clock-hour clinical practicum is required. Course Fees: Lab $30 Corequisites: NURS 6110.

NURS6212. Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Diagnosis & Mgt 1: Clinical Application. 2 Credit Hours.
Primary care experience in health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis and management of common psychiatric illnesses. Additionally, this course emphasizes collaborative, partnership development among patients, families, and interprofessional teams. Clock Hours: 90 hours clinical practicum Corequisites: NURS 6412.

NURS6220. Program Planning and Evaluation: Practicum. 2 Credit Hours.
This course provides the opportunity to explore clinical or management problems in a variety of health care settings. The focus of this course is development of program planning and evaluation projects using analytical and problem-solving skills, processes, strategies, and evidenced-based practice. Students will be given the opportunity to work with an institutional based preceptor to develop theory-based interventions and evaluation strategies. Clock hours: 90 clock hours practicum. Prerequisites: NURS 5356, NURS 5306, and NURS 5307 Corequisites: NURS 6313.

The focus of this course is on assessment of clinical microsystems in healthcare settings to identify needed changes in clinical trajectory for patients within the system. Development of the role of the CNL as a patient care coordinator and educator for an interprofessional team is the aim of this course. Improving patient safety, quality outcomes, and planning for implementation of innovations in care based on evidence-based practice will be discussed. Clock hours: 30. Prerequisites: NURS 5339, NURS 5338, NURS 6210, NURS 6302, NURS 5306, and NURS 5307.

NURS6233. Clinical Nurse Leader 1: Role Of The Adv Generalist In Healthcare Microsystems - Clin Applications. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is a practicum course designed to assist the CNL in assessing a particular clinical microsystem of healthcare and designing educational programs for patients, families, and the interprofessional team. The focus of the assessment is on improving patient safety and selected quality outcomes based on evidence-based practice. Clock hours: 90 clinical clock hours. Prerequisites: NURS 5339, NURS 5338, NURS 6210, NURS 6302, NURS 5306, and NURS 5307 Corequisites: NURS 6230.
NURS6248. Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Diagnosis and Management 1: Clinical Application. 2 Credit Hours.
The focus of this course is on primary care experiences promoting health, preventing disease, diagnosing and managing common illness in diverse populations, and on developing collaborative partnerships with patients, families, and interprofessional teams. Clock Hours: 90 hours clinical practicum Corequisites: NURS 6448.

NURS6250. Advanced Health Promotion, Health Protection, and Disease Prevention. 2 Credit Hours.
Students analyze theories and research from nursing, health promotion, health protection and disease prevention. Family, human development, patient education and community are the foundation for exploring the phenomena of family focused care. Data grounded in epidemiological sources, health histories and family assessments are examined as the basis for identification of risk factors. Prerequisites: NURS 5306 and NURS 5307.

NURS6260. Intro: Nursing Education Theories & Trends. 2 Credit Hours.
This course will introduce the nursing education theories and trends that influence the development of nursing education programs in academic and service settings.

NURS6262. Curriculum. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to introduce the student to the process of curriculum development. The teaching and learning processes are examined from the standpoint of education and nursing research and the effect on various curriculum patterns. Students are introduced to selected learning theories and strategies to promote critical thinking and active learning. The course provides opportunity for examination for factors that influence curriculum development, implement, and evaluation in interprofessional education. Prerequisites: NURS 6132 and NURS 6260 Corequisites: NURS 6134.

NURS6264. Strategies that Facilitate Learning Across Delivery Modalities and Systems. 2 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on theory and evidence based strategies enacted to create successful learning and environments; including responsiveness to individual student and staff characteristics and learning needs, desired outcomes, content and context. Additional focus includes technology and informatics applications that support learning in classroom, distance, skills lab, simulation, clinical education, and health care systems practice sites. Prerequisites: NURS 6132, NURS 6260, NURS 6262 and NURS 6134 Corequisites: NURS 6136.

NURS6266. Evaluation in Education. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to introduce the student to the process of curriculum evaluation. Strategies for assessing and evaluating learning outcomes will be examined. Students are introduced to methods of classroom and clinical evaluation. The course provides opportunity for examination of comprehensive program evaluation. Prerequisites: NURS 6132, NURS 6260, NURS 6262, NURS 6134, NURS 6132, NURS 6138 and NURS 6136 Corequisites: NURS 6138.

NURS6298. Develop Thesis Proposal. 2 Credit Hours.
The focus of this course is development and refinement of the thesis proposal. Must have consent of thesis advisor to enroll in this course and the course is completed when the proposal is approved by the thesis advisors. Prerequisites: NURS 5306 and NURS 5307.

NURS6302. Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on advanced practice knowledge and skills in the therapeutic use of pharmacologic agents including pharmacologic treatment of major health problems, pharmacokinetics principles, pharmacodynamics, pharmacogenomics and legal aspects of prescribing. Clock Hours: three clock hours class (45 hours class). Pererequisites: NURS 5338.

NURS6312. Advanced Mental Health Concepts. 3 Credit Hours.
The focus of this course is developing the theoretical basis for advanced practice nursing in mental health using a holistic perspective to examine the etiology, meaning and consequences of human behavior. Graduate Standing is a prerequisite for this course.

NURS6313. Program Planning and Evaluation. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides the opportunity to explore management problems in health care settings with an emphasis on program planning and evaluation. Using analytical and problem-solving skills, processes, strategies, and evidenced-based practice, students will be given the opportunity to develop theory-based interventions and evaluation strategies. Clock hours: 3 clock hours class Prerequisites: NURS 5356, NURS 5306 and NURS 5307 Corequisites: NURS 6220.

NURS6315. Informatics & Health Care Technologies. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on information systems and patient care technology, including database management systems and computer applications related to monitoring outcomes, quality improvement, safety and evaluating patient care technology. Graduate Standing is a prerequisite for this course.

NURS6317. Healthcare Information Systems and Patient Care Technology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to the health care and nursing informatics and computing environment. It provides a basis for understanding the impact of information technology in health care practice and critical thinking in clinical decision making. Theoretical and applied approaches furnish a basis for understanding and participating in the use of informatics systems in health care and nursing. Emphasis is on the use of technology to access knowledge and to create science-based practice protocols for informed clinical decision making in health care and nursing. NOTE: First course of two in Informatics Minor - or - may be taken as an Elective course. This course requires basic computer competencies. Clock hours: three clock hours class.

NURS6331. Advanced Financial Management. 3 Credit Hours.
This course covers advanced financial management concepts relevant to managing the business of healthcare. Key concepts covered include principles of advanced financial management, interpretation of financial statements, regulatory requirements imposed by payers and accreditors, advanced budgeting and variance analysis, forecasting, and productivity management. The role of the Administrative Nurse Manager in interprofessional financial planning for quality, safety, and financial stability will be addressed. Prerequisites: NURS 5356 Corequisites: NURS 6203.

NURS6353. Transforming Complex Healthcare Systems For Quality and Safety. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on the analysis, synthesis, and application of science to address current and emerging problems related to patient care quality and safety within a healthcare system. Organizational theories and culture, and the dynamic forces at microsystem, mesosystem, and macrosystem levels are explored. The unique role of advanced nursing in quality improvement and conceptualization and redesign of effective care delivery models that address gaps in science and delivery of patient care services will be explored. Clock hours: 45 clock hours class Prerequisites: NURS 5339.
NURS6380. Fundamentals of Epidemiology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to study the distribution and determinants of health and disease in human populations. Improving health by altering personal and environmental risk factors will be a major focus. Epidemiological research using technology and public health informatics will be introduced. Clock hours: 45 clock hours.

NURS6412. Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Diagnosis and Mgmt: Concepts and Theory 1. 4 Credit Hours.
This course provides the theoretical basis for the competencies of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP). This course lays the scientific foundation for independent practice as the RN transitions to the role of the Nurse Practitioner in health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis and management of illness in psychiatric patients across the lifespan. Using self-directed learning strategies, disorders of approximately one half of the physiologic/psychological systems are examined. Psychotherapies and theories of half of psychopathology are surveyed. Additionally, this course emphasizes collaborative, partnership development among patients, families, and interprofessional teams. Clock Hours: 60 clock hours class Prerequisites: NURS 5339, NURS 5306, NURS 5307, NURS 5356, NURS 6317, NURS 6250, NURS 5338, NURS 6302, NURS 6110, NURS 6210, NURS 6101 and NURS 6421.

NURS6416. Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Diagnosis And Mgmt: Concepts & Theory 2. 4 Credit Hours.
The focus of this course is refinement of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) role in health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis and management in psychiatric practice with diverse populations across the lifespan. Using problem-based and self-directed learning strategies, disorders of the remaining physiologic systems and psychiatric disorders are examined. Emphasis is placed on differentiating signs and symptoms to formulate possible diagnoses and determining the effect of illness on the family. In addition, the nurse practitioner’s role as a collaborative member of the interprofessional team will be evaluated. Prerequisites: NURS 5339, NURS 5306, NURS 5307, NURS 5356, NURS 6317, NURS 6250, NURS 5338, NURS 6302, NURS 6110, NURS 6210, NURS 6101 and NURS 6412.

NURS6423. Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) Primary Care Diagnosis And Management: Concepts & Theory 1. 4 Credit Hours.
This course provides the theoretical basis for the competencies of the Nurse Practitioners (NP). This course lays the scientific foundation for independent practice as the RN transitions to the role of the Nurse Practitioner in health promotions, disease prevention diagnosis and management of illness in primary healthcare practice in diverse infant, child and adolescent population. Using self-directed learning strategies, disorders approximately one half of the physiologic systems are examined. Additionally, this course emphasizes collaborative and partnership development among patients families and interprofessional teams. Clock Hours: 60 clock hours didactic Prerequisites: NURS 5306, NURS 5307, NURS 5356, NURS 5339, NURS 6210, NURS 6201, NURS 5338, NURS 6380, NURS 6317, NURS 6250, NURS 6302, NURS 6110 and NURS 6101.

NURS6428. Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) Primary Care Diagnosis And Management: Concepts And Theory 2. 4 Credit Hours.
The focus of this course is refinement of the Pediatric Nurse Practitioners role in health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis and management in primary health care practice with diverse population from birth through adolescent. Using problem-based and self-directed learning strategies, disorders of the remaining physiologic system are examined. Emphasis is placed on differentiating signs and symptoms to formulate possible diagnosis and determining the effect of the illness on the family. In addition, practitioner role as a collaborative member of the interprofessional team will be evaluated. Clock hours: 60 hours Prerequisites: NURS 5339, NURS 5306, NURS 5307, NURS 5356, NURS 6317, NURS 6250, NURS 5338, NURS 6302, NURS 6110, NURS 6210, NURS 6101, NURS 6201 and NURS 6423.

NURS6451. Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Diagnosis Management of Young Families: Concepts & Theory. 4 Credit Hours.
This course provides the theoretical basis for the competencies of the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) in the care of young families. This course lays the scientific foundation for independent practice in health promotion, disease prevention, and the diagnosis and management of acute and chronic illness for patients across the reproductive continuum and the health and illness from birth to adolescents in the primary healthcare setting. Additionally, this course emphasizes collaborative partnership development among patients, families, and interprofessional teams. Prerequisites: NURS 5306, NURS 5307, NURS 5339, NURS 5356, NURS 6317, NURS 6250, NURS 5338, NURS 6302, NURS 6110, NURS 6210, NURS 6101 and NURS 6201.

NURS6452. Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Diagnosis Management of Aging Families: Concepts & Theory. 4 Credit Hours.
This course provides the theoretical basis for the competencies of the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) in health promotion, diagnosis and management in the primary healthcare setting for the mature and aging patient and family. Problem-based and self-directed learning strategies are used to review acute and chronic disorders of the aging patient and family. Emphasis is placed on differentiating signs and symptoms to formulate possible diagnoses and determining the effect of illness on this diverse population. Additionally, this course emphasizes the FNP as a collaborative member of the interprofessional team. Prerequisites: NURS 5306, NURS 5339, NURS 5307, NURS 5356, NURS 6317, NURS 6250, NURS 5338, NURS 6302, NURS 6110, NURS 6210, NURS 6101 and NURS 6201.

NURS6455. Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Diagnosis and Management: Concepts And Theory 1. 4 Credit Hours.
This course introduces the student to the principles of diagnostic and treatment strategies utilized in acute/critical care settings by the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. The use of evidence based practice is encouraged to develop a strong scientific foundation for independent and collaborative practice as the registered nurse transitions to the role of the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. The focus is in health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis and management of common illnesses seen in the acute care settings affecting the young adult, adult and older adult populations. In addition, this course emphasizes collaborative partnership development between patients, their families and inter-professional teams. Successful completion of PH 2610. Prerequisites: NURS 6210, NURS 6302, NURS 6201 and NURS 5338 Corequisites: NURS 6655.
NURS6456. Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Diagnosis and Management: Concepts And Theory 2. 4 Credit Hours. This course fosters the progression of the Adult-Gerontology Acute Nurse Practitioner student’s role transition in the areas of health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis and management in high acuity practice settings for the young adult, adult and older adult with complex acute, critical and chronic health conditions. Using problem-based and self-directed learning strategies, disorders of the physiologic systems are presented and build on the information presented in Diagnosis and Management: Concepts and Theory 1. Emphasis is placed on using evidence-based practice to formulate individualized plans for care and developing collaborative partnerships with patients, their families and inter-professional teams. Prerequisites: NURS 6455 and NURS 6655 Corequisites: NURS 6656.

NURS6615. Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) Primary Care Diagnosis and Management 1: Clinical Application. 6 Credit Hours. This course focuses on primary care experiences promoting health, preventing disease and diagnosing and managing acute and chronic illness from birth through adolescence and developing collaborative partnerships among patients, families, and interprofessional teams. Prerequisites: NURS 6423 and NURS 6428.

NURS6616. Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) Primary Care Diagnosis & Management 2: Clinical Application. 6 Credit Hours. This course focuses on refining the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner role in primary healthcare practice in diverse populations. Emphasis is placed on care of persons with complex health problems from birth through adolescence. In addition, the nurse practitioner’s role as a collaborative member of the interprofessional team will be evaluated. Prerequisites: NURS 6423, NURS 6428 and NURS 6616.

NURS6620. Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Diagnosis & Management of Aging Families: Clinical Application. 6 Credit Hours. The focus of this course is integration of the Family Nurse Practitioner’s core knowledge in health promotion, diagnosis and management in the care of the mature and aging patient and families in the primary healthcare setting. Emphasis is placed on the care of mature and aging patients and families with acute and chronic complex health problems. In addition, the family nurse practitioner as a collaborative member of the interprofessional team will be emphasized. Prerequisites: NURS 6451 and NURS 6452.

NURS6621. Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Diagnosis & Management of Young Families: Clinical Application. 6 Credit Hours. This course focuses on the primary care experience in health promotion, disease prevention, and diagnosis and management of acute and chronic illness in patients across the reproductive continuum and the health and illness from birth to adolescents. Additionally, this course emphasizes collaborative partnership development among patients, families and interprofessional teams. Prerequisites: NURS 6451 and NURS 6452.

NURS6623. Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Diagnosis & Management 1: Clinical Application. 6 Credit Hours. Primary care experience in health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis and management of psychiatric illness. Additionally, this course emphasizes collaborative partnership development among patients, families, and interprofessional teams. Prerequisites: NURS 6412 and NURS 6416.

NURS6624. Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Diagnosis & Management 2: Clinical Application. 6 Credit Hours. The focus of this course is refinement of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner role in health promotion, diagnosis and management in psychiatric practice in diverse populations across the life span. Emphasis is placed on care of persons with complex health problems. In addition, the nurse practitioner’s role as a collaborative member of the interprofessional team will be evaluated. Prerequisites: NURS 6412, NURS 6416 and NURS 6623.

NURS6655. Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Diagnosis and Management 1: Clinical Application. 6 Credit Hours. This course develops clinical competency and emphasizes the integration of theory, assessment and advanced therapies for young adults, adults and older adults in high acuity setting. Students will perform comprehensive clinical assessments including appropriate diagnostic and therapeutic testing. Management of acute and chronic health problems will be under the direction of clinical preceptors. Clinical placements will include a variety of acute/critical care areas including but limited to: emergency department, medical/surgical intensive care units, intermediate care and specialty services such as transplant and oncology. Gerontology experiences will be provided in long term, rehabilitation facilities and the acute care setting. In addition, this course emphasizes collaborative partnerships development between patients, their families, and inter-professional teams. Prerequisites: NURS 6455.

NURS6656. Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Diagnosis and Management 2: Clinical Application. 6 Credit Hours. The focus of this course is to foster continued development of the clinical competency of the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner student in health promotion, disease prevention, and the formulation of evidence based treatment strategies in a high acuity setting for the young adult, adult and older adult populations. Content is directed toward the care of persons across the adult continuum with complex health problems. In addition, the refinement of the AG-ACNP’s role as a patient advocate and collaborative member of the inter-professional team will be emphasized. Prerequisites: NURS 6455 and NURS 6655.

NURS6813. Nursing and Health Systems Management 2: Capstone Practicum. 8 Credit Hours. This capstone practicum provides an opportunity for the student to implement the role of the Administrative Nurse Manager in a selected institutional or community-based health care setting under the preceptorship of an experienced nurse executive. The emphasis of the course is development of knowledge and skills for strategic planning and operational management, implementation, regulatory management, organizational priority setting, interprofessional relationships, and the development of an evidence-based capstone project. Clock hours: 360 hours class practicum Prerequisites: NURS 6331, NURS 6203, NURS 6313, and NURS 6220, NURS 5318 Corequisites: NURS 6113.

NURS6822. Clinical Nurse Leader Role II: Clinical Application For The Advanced Nursing Generalist. 8 Credit Hours. This capstone clinical experience is designed for students to develop expertise in clinical leadership in their respective interest areas. The health care setting will vary based on a student’s chosen program focus. Planning implementation of selected microsystems changes that will enhance the culture of learning, culture of safety, and improved patient outcomes based on evidence-based practice is the focus of this clinical course. At the successful conclusion of the course a student will be eligible to sit for the CNLTM credentialing examination provided by the American Association of Colleges in Nursing. Clock hours: 360 clinical clock hours Prerequisites: NURS 6230 and NURS 6233 Corequisites: NURS 6120.
NURS7099. Dissertation. 1-9 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Admission to candidacy for Doctor of Philosophy degree; registration for two terms is required of PhD candidates.

NURS7105. Role Of The Clinical Nurse Scientist. 1 Credit Hour.
This course will focus on the professional and ethical roles and responsibilities of the Clinical Nurse Scientist in advancing the discipline of nursing through the generation of clinical knowledge, discovery, and theory development. Potential settings for practice that are traditional, such as academic health centers as well as emerging venues, will be explored. Discussions about issues that may affect the Clinical Nurse Scientist in developing lifelong career/scholarship trajectories will occur.

NURS7111. Advanced Nursing Seminar. 1 Credit Hour.
This seminar course provides the student with knowledge to facilitate integration and synthesis of the essential specialty competencies necessary to plan and design their DNP Practice Inquiry Project. This seminar may include a variety of activities, identification of the opportunity for improvement, literature synthesis and evidence for their theory based organizational intervention at multiple system levels. The activities will be specific to the student's identified area of specialty. Students will share issues related to the plan and design of the DNP Practice Inquiry Project in seminar. Prerequisites: Graduate Standing Corequisite: NURS 7511.

NURS7222. Leadership In Complex Healthcare Systems. 2 Credit Hours.
The focus of this course is on leadership skills preparing nurses for intra/interprofessional leadership in complex healthcare systems including collaborative and consultative models, conflict and board management, and advanced communication and team-building skills with emphasis on innovation and change. Clock hours: 2 clock hours class (30 hours class) Prerequisite: NURS 5339.

NURS7226. Ethics Of Nursing Science. 2 Credit Hours.
The focus of this course is on the ethical imperative/implications in the role of the clinical nurse scientist. Current ethical theories are critiqued and the ethical implications of the major research paradigms are evaluated. Ethical issues arising from selected theoretical/research approaches are examined.

NURS7301. Methods For Evidence-Based Practice (EBD) Translational Science 1. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on analyzing evidence-based practice paradigms, quality improvement, and patient safety; appraising primary research and systematic review; and examining approaches to measuring care processes, organizational factors, nursing performance, and patient outcomes. Clock hours: 3 clock hours class (45 hours class) Prerequisites: NURS 5306 and NURS 5307.

NURS7310. Theory Development, Analysis And Evaluation In Nursing. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides opportunity to study a system for the development of nursing science through middle-range theory development. Learning activities include engaging in strategies for concept, statement clarification, and theory clarification. Students and faculty dialog about theory application, theory construction, evaluation, and clinical testing of theory. The relationship between research and clinical practice to theory generation and testing is explored. The student and faculty will have the opportunity to gain practice in strategies for middle-range theory building. Prerequisites: NURS 7325 and NURS 7226.

NURS7311. Nursing Practice: Theories And Research In Leadership, Quality, Safety, And Evidence Base. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on leadership, chaos, system, improved and transitional science theories and patient safety, healthcare quality and evidence-based research and models to frame improvement, implementation, and translational research studies.

NURS7312. DNP Practice Inquiry Seminar. 3 Credit Hours.
This course requires the student to engage faculty and community leaders in the implementation and reporting of the process and outcomes of their theory and evidence based organizational intervention at multiple system levels. The student explores specific issues related to the specific practice topic that leads to an evidence-based improvement project. The role of the DNP as leader and innovator in complex organizational systems will be discussed as it relates to the proposal and implementation. Faculty, practice leaders and experts will assist with development of a plan that is relevant and feasible. Successful completion of PH 1690 as an alternate to NURS 7321. Prerequisites: NURS 7321, NURS 7301, and NURS 7323 Corequisites: NURS 7313.

NURS7313. DNP Practice Inquiry: Clinical Application. 3 Credit Hours.
This course requires the student to engage faculty and community leaders in the implementation and reporting of the process and outcomes of their theory and evidence based organizational intervention at multiple system levels. The role of the DNP as leader and innovator in complex organizational systems will be discussed as it relates to implementation and evaluation. Faculty, practice leaders and experts will assist with the implementation and evaluation of a practice inquiry project. Successful completion of PH 1690 as an alternate to NURS 7321. Prerequisites: NURS 7321, NURS 7301and NURS 7323 Corequisite: NURS 7312.

NURS7314. Nursing and Health Systems Administration. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to prepare the professional chief nurse executive to provide strategic direction for all aspects of nursing care and care delivery operations for multiple clinical departments, hospitals and service lines across the continuum in regional and/or national healthcare systems to provide value. Successful completion of PH 1690 as an alternate to NURS 7321. Prerequisites: NURS 7321, NURS 7301 and NURS 7323 Corequisite: NURS 7414.

NURS7316. Statistical Analysis For Nursing Science. 3 Credit Hours.
The foundational course focuses on statistics and computing skills that assist students to understand statistical methods, gain computing skills, interpret and perform basic statistical tests, and critique typical quantitative articles. Clock Hours: 3 clock hours class. Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

NURS7321. Statistical Analysis for Quality Improvement and Health Delivery Systems. 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines the concepts and techniques to develop, improve, and evaluate patient care and health care delivery systems from multiple perspectives including efficiency, effectiveness, and comparability. Students are provided with essential knowledge for evaluation of research to guide evidence-based practice at the highest level. This course provides an overview of the logic and appropriate use of statistical techniques most commonly reported in the research literature of the health professions. Students build on knowledge they have gained from basic statistics courses to develop advanced skills in interpreting and understanding common univariate and multivariate statistical approaches presented in published health care reports. Using a project-oriented approach, students are provided with statistical tools necessary to conduct state-of-the-art practice improvement projects and support leadership decisions. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing.
NURS7322. Healthcare Policy Analysis and Advocacy. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on analyzing, designing, implementing, and evaluating public policy process; engaging in policy decision-making process; participating in health services research, policy, and economic analysis; and political advocacy.

NURS7323. Design And Analysis For Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Translational Science 2. 3 Credit Hours.
This course extends Evidence-Based Practice Translational Science 1 to refine the student's ability to integrate research and knowledge into practice and evaluate impact on healthcare quality and safety and patient outcomes. Students will have the opportunity to use advanced program evaluation research approaches and analytic methods to design and evaluate innovations in systems of care in terms of care processes and patient outcomes. The course emphasizes appropriate and analytic approaches in translational science and explores ethical issues in translational science. Clock hours: 3 clock hours class (45 hours class) Prerequisites: NURS 7301.

NURS7324. Healthcare Economics And Policy. 3 Credit Hours.
This course prepares the student to lead improvements in health care and shape health policy through an understanding of macroeconomic principles in the health care market. Students will be given the opportunity to apply theoretical and empirical economic analysis to business and public policy issues in health care.

NURS7325. Philosophy Of Nursing Science. 3 Credit Hours.
The focus of this course is on articulating the differences in models of knowing and on analyzing the role of science and scientists in society. Emphasis is on the process of analysis, the ability to present the pros and cons of current and anticipated ethical issues, influencing specific clinical situations, and on development and use of technologies in health care. Clock hours: 4 seminar hours per week. Prerequisites: study of advanced professional elements and issues; role(s) socialization.

NURS7373. Nursing: Quantitative Research Methods 2. 3 Credit Hours.
This course presents modern and classical psychometrics for nursing science from the perspective of item response theory. Most of the course will cover classical test theory from the perspective of modern test theory. An introduction to binary item response theory will also be presented. The course will emphasize applications within the context of modern psychometric principles. Prerequisites: NURS 7325, NURS 7226, NURS 7374, NURS 7310, NURS 7380, NURS 7375 Corequisites: NURS 7381.

NURS7374. Nursing-Content & Practice: Quantitative Research Methodology 1. 3 Credit Hours.
Integration of the research process and qualitative and quantitative analysis, including concept mapping, operationalization of concepts, and appropriate statistical treatments, make up the content of this course. The course will incorporate identifying clinical research questions and developing study proposals for such questions. Clock Hours: three class hours.

NURS7375. Regression Models For Nursing Science. 3 Credit Hours.
This course presents regression analysis at an intermediate level. Course will focus on regression for continuous variables: specification, estimation, testing, and diagnostics. Logistic regression for binomial and multinomial variables, log-linear regression for count variables, and proportional hazards regression for duration variables will be explored. An introduction to multilevel regression will occur. Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

NURS7377. Mixed Methods For Clinical Nurse Scientists. 3 Credit Hours.
This course will cover the use of mixed methods, quantitative and qualitative, to address complex research questions in nursing and health care. Problems of trying to merge methods and practical strategies for accomplishing this successfully, as well as paradigmatic issues, will be discussed. Prior products developed in quantitative and qualitative methods classes to devise a mixed method proposal that integrates readings on mixed methods with the student's own research interests will be used. Prerequisites: NURS 7374 and NURS 7380.

NURS7380. Qualitative Inquiry For Clinical Nursing Research. 3 Credit Hours.
This course will introduce students to qualitative inquiry as an approach to knowledge discovery applicable to clinical nursing research. Students will analyze, compare, and contrast a variety of qualitative approaches including philosophical underpinnings, methodologies, and applications. Those approaches may include: Phenomenology, ethnography, grounded theory, case study, historical research, naturalistic inquiry, interpretive analysis, action research, and focus-group methods. Criteria for evaluating qualitative research reports to critique qualitative research studies will be utilized. The relationship between a clinical problem and specific research methods will be analyzed. Students will have the opportunity to develop research questions and analyze their applicability to specific clinical issues, and learn varied strategies for collecting and analyzing qualitative research data. Prerequisites: NURS 7325, NURS 7226, and NURS 7310 Corequisites: NURS 7325, NURS 7226, and NURS 7310.

NURS7381. Nursing: Synthesis And Application Of Clinical Research. 3 Credit Hours.
This course integrates the dynamic elements of clinical practice, theory, and research to prepare doctoral students to function effectively in the synthesis and application of clinical research. This course provides guided direction in the processes used for dissertation development and grant application proposals. Students are required to be actively involved in the critique and analysis of published literature and other students' dissertation proposals, grant applications, and manuscripts. Prerequisites: NURS 7325, NURS 7226, NURS 7310, NURS 7374, NURS 7375, and NURS 7105.

NURS7382. Structural Equation Models For Nursing Science. 3 Credit Hours.
This course presents structural equation modeling (SEM) for nursing science. The course will begin with a review of regression from an SEM perspective. The first major topic of the course will be path analysis, including model specification, methods of estimation, recursive and non-recursive models, direct, indirect, and total effects, methods of estimation, single and multi-group analyses, moderators and mediators, and the assessment of causality. The second major topic will be psychometrics from an SEM perspective, including congeneric test theory, reliability and stability, convergent and discriminant validity, and confirmatory factor analysis. The third major topic will combine the first two into structural equations, including model specification and identification, methods of estimation, second-order factor analysis, and the assessment of causal structure. Prior completion of Intermediate statistics is required to register for this course.
NURS7383. Qualitative Methods 2: Application In Nursing Science. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide students an opportunity to conceptualize a research problem from a qualitative perspective, to study one specific method (grounded theory, ethnography, phenomenology, hermeneutics), and to practice qualitative approaches to data collection and analysis in that method. Students will have opportunities to write a mini-proposal guided by a qualitative research question and leading to a specific qualitative research approach to the problem. There will be opportunities for participating in Mock reviews of qualitative research proposals (either as investigator or reviewer). Students will have the opportunity to learn the IRB approval process with qualitative proposals and will have opportunities to develop pilot research strategies building to a dissertation proposal. Strategies will include interviewing, focus group, or participant observation following the selected method. Through this process students are required to practice and learn strategies and processes for conceptualizing and implementing a qualitative study guided by a specific qualitative methodology. Prerequisites: NURS 7325, NURS 7226, NURS 7374, and NURS 7380.

NURS7414. Nursing & Health Systems Administration: Clinical Application. 4 Credit Hours.
This practicum experience in health systems administration is designed to provide the nurse executive student the opportunity to apply systems thinking to analyze, design and provide executive leadership for all aspects of administrative and clinical care to assure quality and value in healthcare delivery. Successful completion of PH 1690 as an alternate to NURS 7321. Prerequisites: NURS 7321, NURS 7301 and NURS 7323 Corequisites: NURS 7314.

NURS7511. Advanced Nursing: Clinical Application. 5 Credit Hours.
This course provides the student with clinical specialty immersion experiences to facilitate integration and synthesis of the essential competencies necessary for implementation of the DNP Practice Inquiry Project. Students will engage faculty and practice leaders in the plan and design of the project. The practice immersion experience may include a variety of activities related to the identification of the opportunity for improvement, analyzing the organizational context and strategies for design with appropriate clinicians in the clinical practice immersion. The setting and activities will be specific to the student's identified area of specialty. Corequisites: NURS 7111.

Nursing Elective (NURE)

NURE Courses

NURE3010. Mentored Research Practicum: Health Transitions. 1-2 Credit Hours.
This course is a practicum course taken each semester the student is designated as a Research Scholar. Designation as a Research Scholar is linked to specific undergraduate/graduate student awards. During this practicum course, the student actively participates in selected aspects of a research project with a faculty mentor. Receipt of a Research Scholar award, file completed, and a signed contract in student's Undergraduate/Graduate Nursing Office file is required. Corequisites: NURE 3115.

NURE3011. Mentored Research Practicum: Chronic Health Transitions. 1-2 Credit Hours.
This course is a practicum course taken each semester the student is designated as a Research Scholar. Designation as a Research Scholar is linked to specific undergraduate/graduate student awards. During this practicum course, the student actively participates in selected aspects of a research project with a faculty mentor. Receipt of a Research Scholar award, file completed, and a signed contract in student's Undergraduate/Graduate Nursing Office file is required. (1-2 Cr Clinical) Corequisites: NURE 3115.

NURE3012. Mentored Research Practicum: Health and Illness. 1-2 Credit Hours.
This course is a practicum course taken each semester the student is designated as a Research Scholar. Designation as a Research Scholar is linked to specific undergraduate/graduate student awards. During this practicum course, the student actively participates in selected aspects of a research project with a faculty mentor. Receipt of a Research Scholar award, file completed, and a signed contract in student's Undergraduate/Graduate Nursing Office file required. (1-2 Cr Clinical) Corequisites: NURE 3115.

This course is a practicum course taken each semester the student is designated as a Research Scholar. Designation as a Research Scholar is linked to specific undergraduate/graduate student awards. During this practicum course, the student actively participates in selected aspects of a research project with a faculty mentor. Receipt of a Research Scholar award, file completed, and a signed contract in student's Undergraduate/Graduate Nursing Office file required. (1-2 Cr Clinical) Corequisites: NURE 3115.

NURE3014. Mentored Research Practicum:Community. 1-2 Credit Hours.
This course is a practicum course taken each semester the student is designated as a Research Scholar. Designation as a Research Scholar is linked to specific undergraduate/graduate student awards. During this practicum course, the student actively participates in selected aspects of a research project with a faculty mentor. Receipt of a Research Scholar award, file completed, and a signed contract in student's Undergraduate/Graduate Nursing Office file required. (1-2 Cr Clinical) Corequisites: NURE 3115.

NURE3015. Mentored Research Practicum: Policy. 1-2 Credit Hours.
This course is a practicum course taken each semester the student is designated as a Research Scholar. Designation as a Research Scholar is linked to specific undergraduate/graduate student awards. During this practicum course, the student actively participates in selected aspects of a research project with a faculty mentor. (1-2 Cr Clinical) Corequisites: NURE 3115.

NURE3080. Community Service Learning Elective. 3 Credit Hours.

NURE3090. Special Topics In Nursing. 1-4 Credit Hours.
Various topics offered. Topics include, but are not limited to: 1) Adolescent Pregnancy: Nursing Implications of Biological, Psychological, and Sociological Perspectives, 2) Healthcare of Women in their Reproductive Years, 3) Application of Theory and Scientific Inquiry.

NURE3091. Independent Study Nursing. 1-4 Credit Hours.
This elective provides students with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills in areas of special interest. Topic and mode of study are agreed upon by student and instructor. The course may be repeated for credit when topics vary. Hours to be arranged and consent of instructor is required.
NURE3115. Applications Of Research In Nursing: Mentored Research Scholars. 1 Credit Hour.
The course is taken each semester the student is designated as a Research Scholar. The course provides an opportunity for designated Research Scholars to work closely with a faculty member who is actively engaged in the conduct of research and to share learning experiences and gain insights through discussion in a Research Scholar Seminar. Receipt of Research Scholar award; file completed, and a signed contract in student's Nursing Office file is required.

NURE4048. Art Rounds. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is an interactive, interprofessional course that takes students to the McNay Art Museum to learn physical observation skills. Using artwork as patients, students will have the opportunity to learn how to observe details and interpret images based on evidence. Taught jointly by Health Science Center faculty and McNay Museum educators, students will have the opportunity to view, observe, interpret, and give case reports on works of art. Studies indicate that these skills trans-translate to improved patient physical observation skills.

NURE5001. Mentored Research Practicum:State Of Science. 1-2 Credit Hours.
These courses are a series of practicum courses, one course taken, as appropriate, each semester that the student is designated as a Research Scholar. Designation as a Research Scholar is linked to specific graduate student awards and specific stages of the research process. During this practicum course the student is required to actively participate in selected aspects of a research project with a faculty mentor. Submit a completed, signed student/faculty mentor contract for student's Graduate Nursing Office file. Prerequisites: receipt of a Research Scholar award. Corequisites: NURE 5115. Submit a completed, signed student/faculty mentor contract for student's Graduate Nursing Office file.

NURE5002. Mentored Research Practicum:Proposal Development. 1-2 Credit Hours.
These courses are a series of practicum courses, one course taken, as appropriate, each semester that the student is designated as a Research Scholar. Designation as a Research Scholar is linked to specific graduate student awards and specific stages of the research process. During this practicum course the student is required to actively participate in selected aspects of a research project with a faculty mentor. Submit a completed, signed student/faculty mentor contract for student's Graduate Nursing Office file. Prerequisites: receipt of a Research Scholar award. Corequisites: NURE 5115.

NURE5003. Mentored Research Practicum: Instrumentation. 1-2 Credit Hours.
These courses are a series of practicum courses, one course taken, as appropriate, each semester that the student is designated as a Research Scholar. Designation as a Research Scholar is linked to specific graduate student awards and specific stages of the research process. During this practicum course the student is required to actively participate in selected aspects of a research project with a faculty mentor. Submit a completed, signed student/faculty mentor contract for student's Graduate Nursing Office file. Prerequisites: receipt of a Research Scholar award. Corequisites: NURE 5115.

NURE5004. Mentored Research Practicum: Statistical Methods. 1-2 Credit Hours.
These courses are a series of practicum courses, one course taken, as appropriate, each semester that the student is designated as a Research Scholar. Designation as a Research Scholar is linked to specific graduate student awards and specific stages of the research process. During this practicum course the student is required to actively participate in selected aspects of a research project with a faculty mentor. Submit a completed, signed student/faculty mentor contract for student's Graduate Nursing Office file. Prerequisites: receipt of a Research Scholar award. Corequisites: NURE 5115.

These courses are a series of practicum courses, one course taken, as appropriate, each semester that the student is designated as a Research Scholar. Designation as a Research Scholar is linked to specific graduate student awards and specific stages of the research process. During this practicum course the student is required to actively participate in selected aspects of a research project with a faculty mentor. Submit a completed, signed student/faculty mentor contract for student's Graduate Nursing Office file. Prerequisites: receipt of a Research Scholar award. Corequisites: NURE 5115.

NURE5006. Mentored Research Practicum: Research Results/Policy. 1-2 Credit Hours.
These courses are a series of practicum courses, one course taken, as appropriate, each semester that the student is designated as a Research Scholar. Designation as a Research Scholar is linked to specific graduate student awards and specific stages of the research process. During this practicum course the student is required to actively participate in selected aspects of a research project with a faculty mentor. Submit a completed, signed student/faculty mentor contract for student's Graduate Nursing Office file. Prerequisites: receipt of a Research Scholar award. Corequisites: NURE 5115.

NURE5090. Special Topics In Nursing. 1-4 Credit Hours.
Various topics offered. Topics include, but are not limited to 1) "Adolescent Pregnancy: Nursing Implications of Biological, Psychological, and Sociological Perspectives"- focusses on nursing intervention related to primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention of adolescent pregnancy and parenthood. The course is designed to provide the student with an overview of the nursing implications of interdisciplinary research and non-research literature on this increasing problem of premature childbearing and parenting. The scope of the focus includes the pregnant and parenting adolescent mother and father, the family structure, the community, and the greater society. Clock hours: three class hours per week. 2) "Anthropological Perspectives on Nursing and Health" -taught as a seminar, and will offer a review of concepts and methods of anthropology as they have been applied to problems of nursing and health. A major focus will be how anthropologists have investigated and analyzed health-related behaviors. This information will then be related to nursing science and practice, to see how the anthropological perspective can offer solutions or new approaches. Topics will include cultural variation in illness beliefs and illness behavior, types of healing practices, international health, the culture of health care, and narrative representations of illness and healing.

NURE5091. Independent Study In Nursing. 1-6 Credit Hours.
This elective allows for detailed or in-depth study in a specific topic area. Topic and mode of study are agreed upon by student and instructor. The course may be repeated for credit when topics vary. Clock hours to be arranged. Graduate standing and consent of instructor are required.
NURE5115. Applications of Research in Nursing. 1 Credit Hour.
A list is provided each academic semester citing faculty and their research projects with whom graduate students may contract for this elective course.

NURE5195. Mentored Research Scholars. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is taught each semester for students designated as Student Research Scholars to share learning experiences and gain insights through discussion in a Research Scholar Seminar. Submit a completed, signed student/faculty mentor contract for student's Graduate Nursing Office file; receive acceptance of the plan for mentored contract.
Corequisites: NURE 5115.

NURE5215. Applications of Research in Nursing. 2 Credit Hours.
A list is provided each academic semester citing faculty and their research projects with whom graduate students may contract for this elective course.

NURE5248. Art Rounds for Graduate Students. 2 Credit Hours.
Art Rounds is an interactive, interprofessional course that takes students to the McNay Art Museum to learn physical observation skills. Using artwork as patients, students will learn how to observe details and how to interpret images based on available evidence. Taught jointly by UTHSCSA faculty (INTD 4048 and ELEC 5048) and McNay museum educators, students will view, observe, interpret, and give case reports on works of art. Studies demonstrate that these skills translate to improved patient physical observation skills.

NURE5315. Applications of Research in Nursing. 3 Credit Hours.
A list is provided each academic semester citing faculty and their research projects with whom graduate students may contract for this elective course.

NURE5327. Scholarly Writing. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to prepare the graduate nursing student to communicate more effectively in writing. Emphasis is placed on the importance of making every word work toward the goal of clear, concise communication. The content will provide students with the knowledge and skills to analyze and critique nursing/health related articles and to write short articles for nursing journals or patient education newsletters.

NURE6007. Clinical Applications In Advanced Nursing Practice. 1-4 Credit Hours.
This course provides an opportunity for qualified students to work closely with a faculty member and/or preceptor who are actively engaged in direct and indirect clinical practice. Core courses as required for major are required prior to enrolling in this class.

NURE7090. Dissertation Proposal Process. 1-6 Credit Hours.
This elective course provides an opportunity for doctoral candidates to work closely with their dissertation committee to develop the dissertation proposal and proceed through the Graduate Faculty Council approval process. Successful completion of the written and oral qualifying examinations required prior to enrolling in this course.

NURE7115. Applications Of Research In Nursing. 1 Credit Hour.
The focus of this course is the application of the research process. During this mentored practicum the student actively participates in selected aspects of a research project.

NURE7215. Applications Of Research In Nursing. 2 Credit Hours.
The focus of this course is the application of the research process. During this mentored practicum the student actively participates in selected aspects of a research project.

NURE7315. Applications of Research In Nursing. 3 Credit Hours.
The focus of this course is the application of the research process. During this mentored practicum the student actively participates in selected aspects of a research project.

Obstetrics & Gynecology (OBGY)

Courses

OBGY3005. Obstetric/Gynecology Clerkship. 6 Credit Hours.
A clerkship consisting of gynecology and obstetrics is provided for medical students who have successfully completed the course in reproductive physiology and pathophysiology. The goal of the clerkship is to provide students with opportunities to prepare to function as a house officer capable of providing preventive care and treatment or competent to identify the patient's need for direction into an appropriate care environment. Supervised direct patient experience occurs in the obstetrical wards, operating room, labor and delivery suite, emergency room, and the obstetrical, gynecologic, family planning, and cancer detection clinics. A guide identifying instructional goals and the mechanisms to reach them is provided. Twenty-five seminars provide the opportunity for integration of clinical experience and didactic learning. In order to enroll, students must have successfully completed all required preclinical courses.

OBGY4000. Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours.
This course will need to be arranged with a designated faculty member(s) of the students choosing, meeting certain criteria prior to enrolling and getting permission to register. Research topics include but are not limited to PCOS, Teen Pregnancy, STD¿s, Pre-Eclampsia, Pre-Term Labor, Post Partum Depression, or any other OB/GYN related topic. The student must choose a preceptor, decide on the topic, schedule, and what will be graded. Students will follow the schedule created by that preceptor for 4 weeks.

OBGY4001. Obstetrical Externship. 4 Credit Hours.
This selective offers training and experience in the care of complicated and normal pregnancies and exposure to advanced obstetric techniques. It is designed primarily as a preparatory subinternship for students anticipating residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology. The student will have the opportunity to be an integral member of the obstetric service and function at the junior intern level under the supervision of the Obstetric Faculty and Chief Resident. Opportunity for direct participation in labor and delivery, outpatient clinics (high risk and routine), operative obstetrics, and obstetric sonography is provided. The student is required to attend patient-care conferences and didactic teaching rounds directed by the Obstetric Faculty, and will be required to give one seminar presentation. Additional prerequisite for non-HSC students is rank in the upper half of one's medical school class.

OBGY4007. Obstetric/Gynecology Research. 4 Credit Hours.
This selective is designed to provide the opportunity to participate in either clinical or basic research currently conducted by the faculty in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Depending on the student's interest, an appropriate faculty member will be assigned as preceptor and will integrate the student into her or his ongoing research. The student is expected to be actively involved in the research and to prepare a formal oral or written presentation relative to their area of investigation.
OBYG4008. Reproductive Health & Gynelogical Surgery. 4 Credit Hours.
This selective gives broad experience in gynecologic surgery and primary women’s healthcare. It offers a direct, hands-on opportunity to develop surgical and microsurgical skills. The student is required to be an active member of the gynecology service at the subintern level under the supervision of the Faculty Preceptor and the Chief Resident. Responsibilities will include participation in: 1) inpatient gynecologic, oncologic, and urologic surgeries and medical therapies; 2) outpatient procedures such as diagnostic laparoscopy, tubal sterilization, vaginal sonography, and hysteroscopy; 3) clinic-based care including annual gynecologic and breast examination, cancer screening, contraception, and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases; 4) treatment of acute gynecologic emergencies; and 5) rounds, patient care conferences, and didactic lectures. Additionally, the student will be given 16 hours of instruction in microsurgery using an animal model.

OBYG4009. Endo-Infertility Elective. 4 Credit Hours.
This elective offers training and experience in Reproductive and Infertility. It is designed as an advanced course for students who have completed the core clerkship in Obstetrics and Gynecology, are interested in reproductive medicine, and anticipate a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology. The student is required to work with faculty in the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology participating in patient consultations for infertility and is required to observe ongoing management of infertility. In addition, the students are required to learn laboratory techniques associated with andrology as well as in vitro fertilization. Hands-on microsurgery laboratory experience will be available. The student is required to attend the weekly Combined Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Conference, be present for surgeries on the faculty service as well as on the resident service, and participate twice weekly in the infertility clinic at the Downtown University Outpatient Center.

OBYG4010. Advanced Sonography. 4 Credit Hours.
This elective offers training and experience in Obstetric Sonography. It is designed as an advanced course for students who have completed the core clerkship in Obstetrics and Gynecology and who are interested and anticipate a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology. The student is required to work with the faculty in the Division of Obstetrics participating in patient consultations and observe ongoing management of patients. In addition, the student will have the opportunity to obtain hands-on experience in sonography. The student is required to attend weekly Gyn Rounds and Cesarean Section Conferences.

OBYG4011. Clin Obstetrics & Gynecology. 4 Credit Hours.
This is a four-week preceptorship in General Obstetrics and Gynecology in Harlingen, Texas. Staff are all clinical faculty of the RAHC. The clinical experience will be in both obstetrics and gynecology and involve more responsibility for patient care than is provided for third-year students; it is designed to be a subinternship. Patients are low- and high-risk obstetrical patients, general gynecology patients, GYN oncology patients, and infertility patients. Students considering a career in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Family Practice or other primary care or surgical should consider this rotation. It is a high volume, “hands-on” rotation and students have the opportunity to fulfill the required selective for ambulatory care. Housing is furnished through the Area Health Education Center/South Texas Border Initiative.

OBYG4012. Gynecology/Oncology. 4 Credit Hours.
This selective gives focused experience in surgical techniques as well as the critical care of gynecologic oncology patients. The goal of this rotation is to provide students with the opportunities to prepare to function as a house officer capable of diagnosing and managing patients with gynecologic malignancies. Students will also have the opportunity to prepare to become competent to identify a patient’s need for direction into an appropriate care environment with a gynecologic/oncologist. The student is required to be a team member of gynecologic oncology service. It is a 7-term level under the supervision of gynecology/oncology faculty preceptors and the chief resident of that service. Responsibilities include inpatient gynecologic/oncology surgeries, inpatient gynecologic/oncologic critical care, outpatient gynecologic/oncology clinic care, gynecology-radiation/oncology conference(s), and gynecologic/oncology rounds.

OBYG4013. Ob/Gyn Bootcamp. 4 Credit Hours.
The purpose of this elective is to prepare senior medical students who are interested in a career in obstetrics and gynecology for their internship. This elective is a “bootcamp” that provides practical “hands on” surgical training and valuable experiences so students are ready to perform day 1 of their residency. Prerequisites: Students are required to have passed their required MS3 obstetrics/gynecology clerkship.

OBYG7000. Off Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: “Course Approval” form, a written letter or email for acceptance form the physician preceptor with the start and end dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun. Contact the department for assistance with enrolling in this course.

Occupational Therapy (OCCT)
Courses
OCCT5001. Theoretical Foundations of Occupational Therapy. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is an overview of the critical issues of occupational therapy. This course includes the history, frames of references, current trends, and legislative concerns that impact practice.

OCCT5003. Evidence-Based Practice Capstone. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides the student with the opportunity to apply the principles of evidence-based practice in a treatment settling to an identified client. This process will include an integration of evidence-based research methods with a discussion and analysis of all aspects of occupational therapy management for the client.

OCCT5005. The Role of Occupational Therapy in Low Vision Rehabilitation. 2 Credit Hours.
An introductory Web-based course in the field of low vision rehabilitation designed to help occupational therapy practitioners develop a comprehensive understanding of how low vision can impact an individual’s occupational performance and the therapy process. Evaluation and treatment interventions utilizing a multidisciplinary approach are presented. A one-day practicum (8 hours) at the Lions Low Vision Center of Texas is required.
OCCT5007. Occupational Justice and Participation. 1 Credit Hour.
This course traces the development of an occupational justice approach
to health and well being from an international perspective. The student will
have the opportunity to explore ways to enable participation in occupation,
within a sociopolitical context.

OCCT5010. Human Occupation across the Lifespan. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a study of the character and purpose of human activity
throughout the life span. Areas of occupation, performance skills,
performance patterns, client factors, and contexts are examined for each
stage of life.

OCCT5011. Research 2: Introduction to Research and Design. 3
Credit Hours.
The purpose of this lecture course is to introduce the student to the
purpose of research and designs appropriate for answering research
questions in practice settings. Topics include quantitative and qualitative
designs.

OCCT5012. Application of Neural Systems to Occupation. 4 Credit
Hours.
This course is a study of the structure and function of the human nervous
system, with particular emphasis on the application of theoretical concepts
to treatment techniques practiced in occupational therapy. Clinical
cases are an integral part of the course, and are discussed using the
neuroscience principles being studied.

OCCT5013. Applied Biomechanics of Movement. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a study of kinesiology and biomechanical principles related
to human motion with application to occupational therapy assessment
techniques of the musculoskeletal system. This course will provide the
student with the opportunity to learn a basic knowledge of kinesiology
and biomechanics of human movement in preparation for the study of
the biomechanical approach to evaluation and treatment of physical
dysfunction as occupational therapists.

OCCT5014. Professional Communication in Occupational Therapy. 3
Credit Hours.
This course is the study of effective communication skills for occupational
therapists in health care relationships. The course will focus on an
understanding of self-communication behaviors and development of
skills to interact non-verbally and verbally with patients, health teams,
supervisors, families, and groups. Lecture, videotapes, and experiential
activities will be used.

OCCT5020. Occupational Therapy Process: Neonate-Preschool. 4
Credit Hours.
This course is a study of occupational therapy practice with neonates up to
preschool age children and their families. Early interventions, to promote
the engagement of young children and their families in occupation to
support participation in a variety of contexts, are examined. Emphasis is
placed on family-centered theories and practice.

OCCT5021. Service Delivery Systems 1. 2 Credit Hours.
This course explores service delivery systems that exist for infants and
young children with medical conditions and developmental disabilities.
Topics include the organizational culture, administrative structure,
misions, documentation procedures, and team interactions associated
with occupational therapy in pediatric hospitals and early intervention
programs.

OCCT5022. Environmental Technologies 1. 2 Credit Hours.
This course provides the philosophical and therapeutic basis for
occupational therapy utilization of adaptive, technological, and therapeutic
equipment and materials. Activity analysis and problem-solving principles
are developed. Included will be environmental adaptations and adaptive
equipment for personal care, leisure, and home management.

OCCT5023. Research 1: Assessment and Research Statistics. 3
Credit Hours.
This course focuses on principles of assessment and the psychometric
properties of tests. The concepts of accurate evaluation, evaluation
methods, purposes of evaluation, levels of measurement, standardization,
validity, reliability, and test administration are examined. Students will have
the opportunity to develop skill in selecting and using the most appropriate
standardized assessment for a given purpose.

OCCT5024. Clinical Medicine 1. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is an overview of the manifestations of developmental
disabilities in pediatric patients and their medical and surgical
management.

OCCT5025. Pathology for Occupational Therapy. 3 Credit Hours.
This course introduces the principles of human disease including a
discussion of the pathogenesis, morphology, clinical course and treatment
of those diseases most pertinent to the graduate occupational therapy
student. The first portion of the course is devoted to the principles of
genral pathology while the second portion of the course is a review of
systemic pathology.

OCCT5071. Level 1 Fieldwork: Neonatal-Preschool. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is an opportunity for the student to observe and begin
participation in the assessment and treatment of infants and preschool
children and their families. Students will be exposed to clinical and
community facilities that serve this population.

OCCT5091. Special Topics. 1-6 Credit Hours.
This course will be arranged through departmental faculty. The course
topics vary according to student interests. Semester hours are variable
and credit hours will be assessed per topic. Could be offered in fall or
spring summer sessions.

OCCT6005. Introduction to Anatomy. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This introductory course examines the structures of the human body.
Students will gain introductory knowledge about the major anatomical
components of the skeletal, muscular, vascular and peripheral nervous
systems. This course will precede CSBL 5022 Gross Anatomy.

OCCT6020. Occupational Therapy Process: School Age. 4 Credit
Hours.
This course is a study of occupational therapy practice with school-aged
children. Occupational therapy assessment and intervention are
examined in relationship to the child's engagement in occupation to
support participation in the home, school, and community contexts.
Performance skills and patterns, activity demands and client factors are
discussed, with the following highlighted: sensory integration, motor skills,
behavior management, comprehension and handwriting, activities of daily
living, school tasks, and transitional skills.

OCCT6021. Service Delivery Systems 2. 2 Credit Hours.
This course examines service delivery systems for school-aged children
and adolescents with developmental disabilities. Topics include the
organizational culture, administrative structure, missions, documentation
procedures, and team interactions associated with occupational therapy
in public schools; transitional living programs; and prevocational and
supported employment settings.
OCCT6022. Environmental Technologies 2. 3 Credit Hours.
This course explores the assistive technologies available for use by individuals with disabilities so they may pursue educational, vocational, and recreational occupations. Included are computer input/output technologies, augmentative and alternative communication systems, aids for persons with sensory impairments, and electronic aids to daily living.

OCCT6024. Clinical Medicine 2. 1 Credit Hour.
Clinical manifestations of adult biomechanical disorders will be presented. The medical and surgical management for these conditions will be described.

OCCT6026. Psychosocial Components of OT. 4 Credit Hours.
This course provides the occupational therapy student with an understanding of psychiatric disease classification and the diagnosis and medical management of psychosocial conditions. Students will compare and contrast the contemporary bodies of knowledge in common use throughout the mental health arena and learn the specific occupational therapy evaluation and intervention procedures as they relate to each theoretical frame of reference. This course requires the student to observe, identify, and associate areas of occupation, performance skills, performance patterns, client factors, activity demands, and contexts as related to psychosocial components of participation with age-specific populations through visits to community settings.

OCCT6027. Health Care Management. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is intended to provide the graduate student with an opportunity to assume supervisory, administrative, or management functions related to the delivery of occupational therapy services in the contemporary health care systems. The course is a study of the political, economic, legal and ethical factors that impact occupational therapy practices. Special emphasis will be given to the occupational therapy management functions of planning, organizing, directing, coordinating, controlling, and communicating.

OCCT6030. OT Process: Adult Biomechanical Dysfunction. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is a study of the theories and approaches of occupational therapy assessment and intervention for adults with musculoskeletal disorders. Areas of occupation, performance skills, performance patterns, client factors, and contexts are examined.

OCCT6031. Service Delivery Systems 3. 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines service delivery systems that exist for adults and the elderly with physical dysfunctions. Topics include the organizational culture, administrative structure, missions, documentation procedures, and team interactions associated with occupational therapy in rehabilitation hospitals, outpatient clinics, vocational settings, nursing homes, home health settings, assisted living settings, and hospice programs. This is the third in a series of courses addressing occupational therapy systems across the lifespan.

OCCT6034. Professional Issues. 1 Credit Hour.
This interdisciplinary course is an overview of professional and ethical issues facing allied health professionals. Topics to be discussed include responsibilities of the health care practitioner, life and death decisions, patient confidentiality, substance abuse, whistle blowing, and informed consent. Ethics in research and other critical issues related to health care problems will also be addressed. Collaborative activities and simulated cases will be used to enhance discussion among students.

OCCT6035. Concepts and Practices in Teaching. 2 Credit Hours.
The purpose of this course is to explore adult learner teaching methodologies and techniques that are applicable to classroom, clinical, or community settings. Students will define objectives, and plan and prepare instructional materials and practice skills.

OCCT6037. OT Process: Adult Neuromuscular Dysfunction. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is a study of the theories and approaches of occupational therapy assessment and intervention for adults with sensorimotor and neuromuscular dysfunction. Areas of occupation, performance skills, performance patterns, client factors, and contexts are examined.

OCCT6045. Clinical Medicine 3. 1 Credit Hour.
Clinical manifestations of adult neuromuscular disorders will be presented. The medical and surgical management for these conditions will be described.

OCCT6069. Level 2 Fieldwork: Seminar. 1 Credit Hour.
This course will focus on the transition from classroom to Level 2 Fieldwork experiences. Students will have the opportunity to identify Level 2 fieldwork expectations, explore professional behaviors and ethics, review AOTA, NBCOT, and the State of Texas licensure requirements, and begin preparation for job searches.

OCCT6070. Level 1 Fieldwork: School Age. 1 Credit Hour.
Students will have the opportunity to observe the occupational therapy process in public school, community, and supported employment settings with children and adolescents with developmental disabilities. This course is the third in a series of fieldwork courses that allow students to experience community and public school programs and observe occupational therapy for children with disabilities ages 4-21 years. It is taught in the second year of the program. Corequisites: OCCT 6021 and OCCT 6020.

OCCT6073. Level 2 Fieldwork A. 10 Credit Hours.
This first three-month fieldwork placement in an occupational therapy setting where the student will gain competence in providing occupational therapy services to individuals with physical dysfunctions or developmental disabilities.

OCCT6074. Level 2 Fieldwork B. 10 Credit Hours.
This second three-month fieldwork placement in an occupational therapy setting where the student will gain competence in providing occupational therapy services to individuals with physical dysfunctions or developmental disabilities.

OCCT6075. Level 1 Fieldwork: Elective. 1 Credit Hour.
Students are required to observe, participate in, and critique the occupational therapy process in a setting of their choice in collaboration with the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator.

OCCT6076. Level 1 Fieldwork: Adult Neuromuscular Dysfunction. 1 Credit Hour.
Students are required to observe, participate in, and critique the occupational therapy process with adults and older adults with neuromuscular dysfunctions within community and rehabilitation settings.

OCCT6077. Level I Fieldwork: Adult Biomechanical Dysfunction. 1 Credit Hour.
Students are required to observe, participate in, and critique the occupational therapy process with adults and older adults with biomechanical dysfunctions within community and rehabilitation settings.

Ophthalmology (OPHT)

Courses

OPHT4000. Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours.
This is a self-designed course created by both the student and the department to cover a specific topic. A Course Approval Form must be completed along with documentation of the designed course description.
OPHT4001. Clinical Ophthalmology. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the senior selective experience is to help the student learn how to perform an ophthalmological examination using external examination techniques, Schiotz, and applanation tonometry, the direct and indirect ophthalmoscope, gonioscopy, and refraction, and to become familiar with the common systemic disorders that have ocular manifestations. The student is required to learn to recognize and understand the treatment of the most frequently encountered ocular diseases.

OPHT4003. Clinical Ophthalmology Research. 4 Credit Hours.
The student is required to design and carry out a clinical project, review of literature, chart review, etc., with approval and guidance by instructor. The student also is required to participate with faculty instructors in seeing private patients, observing surgery, scheduled teaching conferences and Journal Club.

OPHT4006. Ophthalmic Research. 4 Credit Hours.
The student is required to actively participate in research activities within the Department of Ophthalmology. The student is expected to carry out a research project, which may be clinical or involve laboratory research. A logical and step-wise approach to research will be emphasized, from literature review and collection of data to analysis and reporting of the results. Some time may also be available for exposure to clinic patients and performance of ophthalmological examinations.

OPHT4024. MS 4 Tutoring Elective. 2 Credit Hours.
The Tutoring Elective consists of activities that will provide the student the opportunity to participate in the Office of Academic Enhancement Tutoring Program as tutors. Each tutor will receive training, tutor over an entire academic year, participate in weekly online activities, and receive a formal observation with a follow-up conference.

OPHT4201. Clinical Ophthalmology - RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
This course takes place in Brownsville and Weslaco, Texas. In this course, the student will work closely with the preceptor in a clinical setting. The physician can work either in private practice or a residency program setting. The physician preceptor must be board-certified in Ophthalmology and/or have a clinical faculty appointment with a LCME-Accredited Medical school. The student may not be a relative of the preceptor.

OPHT7000. Off Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: "Course Approval" form, a written letter or email for acceptance form the physician preceptor with the start and end dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun. Contact the department for assistance with enrolling in this course.

Oral Surgery (OSUR)

Courses
OSUR6000. Introduction to Advanced Oral Surgery for Interns. 1 Credit Hour.

OSUR6051. Oral Surgery 1. 1.5 Credit Hour.
Didactic presentation of basic principles of oral & maxillofacial surgery is included in this course. Detailed instruction in biopsy technique, suturing, tooth removal, preparation of the mouth for dentures, and minor oral surgery is included. Lab fee included in general laboratory fee.

OSUR6056. Local Anesthesia. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This is a didactic course dealing with aspects of local anesthesia as they relate to dental practice. Neuroanatomy, physiology, and pharmacology of local anesthesia are presented, as well as the prevention and management of complications and emergencies encountered in clinical local anesthesia.

OSUR6140. Nitrous Oxide. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This is a didactic and laboratory course presenting the fundamentals of patient anxiety control through the use of nitrous oxide conscious sedation for both the adult and child patient.

OSUR7051. Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. 4 Credit Hours.
The junior Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery experience will be a concentrated exposure to the specialty. OSUR 7051 consists of clinical experiences and a self-study, Blackboard-based course. Biweekly seminars will supplement the self-study course. Junior students will be assigned to the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery service for four weeks. During this time they will treat patients in the outpatient OMS clinic, the University Hospital Clinic Downtown, and they will work in the OMS Suite. Outpatient dentoalveolar surgery will be the focus. Students will have an opportunity to administer nitrous oxide sedation and observe cases where intravenous sedation is used. Opportunities may also be available for a limited number of students to observe and participate in the OR, ER, and on rounds at the University Hospital.

OSUR8055. Advanced Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course provides essential advanced information about Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery as it relates to the practice of General Dentistry and covered on the National Board exam. The course encompasses material on advanced dentoalveolar surgery, trauma management, reconstructive surgeries, management of sinus and salivary gland disease, cosmetic surgery and other entities managed by the Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon.

OSUR8501. Specialist Advanced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 1. 1 Credit Hour.
Each course in this sequence contains modules in: case conference, dentofacial deformities, anesthesia and pain control, journal club, oral pathology, prosthodontics conference, and morbidity and mortality conference. Students at each of the various levels participate in common session seminar, lecture, discussion, and case presentation sessions. At each progressive course level, increased knowledge, higher skills, and more deeply-informed attitudes are expected of the student.

OSUR8502. Specialist Advanced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 2. 1 Credit Hour.
Each course in this sequence contains modules in: case conference, dentofacial deformities, anesthesia and pain control, journal club, oral pathology, prosthodontics conference, and morbidity and mortality conference. Students at each of the various levels participate in common session seminar, lecture, discussion, and case presentation sessions. At each progressive course level, increased knowledge, higher skills, and more deeply-informed attitudes are expected of the student.
OSUR8503. Specialist Advanced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 3. 1 Credit Hour.
Each course in this sequence contains modules in: case conference, dentofacial deformities, anesthesia and pain control, journal club, oral pathology, prosthetics conference, and morbidity and mortality conference. Students at each of the various levels participate in common session seminar, lecture, discussion, and case presentation sessions. At each progressive course level, increased knowledge, higher skills, and more-deeply-informed attitudes are expected of the student.

OSUR8504. Specialist Advanced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 4. 1 Credit Hour.
Each course in this sequence contains modules in: case conference, dentofacial deformities, anesthesia and pain control, journal club, oral pathology, prosthetics conference, and morbidity and mortality conference. Students at each of the various levels participate in common session seminar, lecture, discussion, and case presentation sessions. At each progressive course level, increased knowledge, higher skills, and more-deeply-informed attitudes are expected of the student.

OSUR8505. Specialist Advanced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 5. 1 Credit Hour.
Each course in this sequence contains modules in: case conference, dentofacial deformities, anesthesia and pain control, journal club, oral pathology, prosthetics conference, and morbidity and mortality conference. Students at each of the various levels participate in common session seminar, lecture, discussion, and case presentation sessions. At each progressive course level, increased knowledge, higher skills, and more-deeply-informed attitudes are expected of the student.

OSUR8506. Specialist Advanced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 6. 1 Credit Hour.
Each course in this sequence contains modules in: case conference, dentofacial deformities, anesthesia and pain control, journal club, oral pathology, prosthetics conference, and morbidity and mortality conference. Students at each of the various levels participate in common session seminar, lecture, discussion, and case presentation sessions. At each progressive course level, increased knowledge, higher skills, and more-deeply-informed attitudes are expected of the student.

Orthodontics (ORTH)

Courses

ORTH5010. Introduction to Orthodontics. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The expected to gain understanding of basic clinic operations, laboratory procedures and collection of orthodontic database including study models, photographs, and orthodontic clinical exams.

ORTH5011. Orthodontic Techniques. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to present to the students all modern orthodontic techniques, approached and appliance. The prerequisite for the course is solid biomechanics and understanding of importance of setting specific treatment goals for each patient. Discussions are led by the instructor on the cases treatment by the residents where the theoretical knowledge is applied.

ORTH5012. Orthodontic Lab Technique. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The students are exposed to didactic teaching and practical hands on instruction about the design and fabrication of various orthodontic appliances including removable appliances, retainers and special custom designed appliances for complex orthodontic patients.

ORTH5013. Orthodontic Treatment Planning. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The principles of the initial and advanced treatment planning are presented in this course based course. The student will learn how to effectively use databases including cephalometrics and 3-D imaging into making treatment decisions and presenting the treatment options to the patient.

ORTH5014. Literature Seminars. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The students are taught to critically analyze and present current orthodontic literature, make effective presentations and learn how to categorize a research study within the hierarchy of research publications.

ORTH5015. Orthodontic Biomechanics. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to equip the student with knowledge of basic biomechanics and utilization of fundamental physical principles in orthodontics. It includes application of biomechanical principles in the design of the appliance and predictable tooth movement to achieve orthodontic movement goals.

ORTH5020. Clinical Orthodontics 1. 1 Credit Hour.
During this clinical course, the student will be exposed to and learn all modern orthodontic techniques, approaches and appliances through treatment of about 65 orthodontic patients started by the student. In addition, about 20 transfer cases will be assigned to each student at the beginning of each year. The course will result in clinical competency of the student and preparation of at least six board quality cases for certification straight out of the residency program.

ORTH5028. ABO Literature Review. 1 Credit Hour.
This series of seminars focuses on the literature required by the American Board of Orthodontics for the written board examination which the residents take during the spring semester of the second year. The seminars include in-depth coverage of the presented articles and topics and board-provided materials for preparing for the board written exam.

ORTH5030. Case Analysis Seminars 1. 1 Credit Hour.
In this series of seminars, one resident is selected for each class to present a case of their choice with an in-depth analysis of the development of treatment planning, design of the appliance, and progress and outcome of the treatment. Other students in the audience are encouraged to ask questions and develop a discussion about the case and treatment approaches used.

ORTH5035. Current Literature Review 1. 1 Credit Hour.
During this series of seminars attended by multiple of orthodontic faculty, the residents are presenting selected papers on current orthodontic topics. The seminars include in-depth discussion of the methodology, design of the study, interpretation of the results and conclusions based on the presented results. This course is designed to familiarize the student with all areas of current orthodontic literature and is a supplement to all didactic courses.

ORTH5037. Orthodontic Lecture Series 1. 1 Credit Hour.
This series of orthodontic lecture series is a multifaceted course taught by several faculty during the course of the program. The topics covered in the course include periodontal consideration in orthodontics, orthodontic radiology, oral pathology, anatomy and histology and principles of growth and development.

ORTH5070. Practice Management. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The practice Management course for orthodontics is a orthodontic specialty course designed to teach residents tools in managing a successful practice.
ORTH5090. Research 1. 0.5 Credit Hours.
Following the course on Research Methodology, the student meets with the faculty and attends presentations on research topics from which he/she can select the topic of interest for the research project. Several components of that course throughout the duration of the program include understanding of research topics of interest to clinical orthodontics, design of clinical study and practical laboratory research on the selected project under the guide of student’s research mentor.

ORTH6000. Introduction to Advanced Orthodontics for Interns. 1 Credit Hour.

ORTH6075. Sophomore Orthodontic Lectures. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This introductory course emphasizes the etiology and diagnosis of orthodontic problems, orthodontic force systems, biomechanical principles of appliance design, and the biology of tooth movement.

ORTH6077. Growth & Development. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to present a comprehensive approach to the morphologic, biochemical, and physiologic aspects of human growth and development. A review of the control and influence of genetic, hormonal, and environmental factors on the various tissues and organ systems, from the embryonic period to maturity, with particular emphasis devoted to the functional development of the oral and perioral structures. Etiology of certain orofacial abnormalities of developmental nature are covered. This is a joint presentation by faculty of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics departments.

ORTH7073. Junior Orthodontic Lectures And Case Analysis. 1 Credit Hour.
This advanced lecture/case presentation series emphasizes the principles of orthodontic diagnosis and treatment planning for limited orthodontic procedures and the principles of comprehensive orthodontic therapy, interdisciplinary dentistry, and orthognathic surgery.

Orthopedics (ORTO)

Courses

ORTO4000. Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours.
This is a self-designed course created by both the student and the department to cover a specific topic. A Course Approval Form must be completed along with documentation of the designed course description.

ORTO4003. Selective In Hand Surgery. 4 Credit Hours.
The student participates as a team member on the Orthopaedic Hand Surgery Service of University Hospital. The student participates in the care of acute, traumatic, and elective reconstructive problems of the hand. Principles of examination of the hand and upper extremity, as well as patient management, are taught through clinical experience and gross dissection of the upper extremity. The student is required to attend core lectures on basic orthopaedics by orthopaedic faculty. No late drops. Prerequisite: ORTO 4005.

ORTO4005. Trauma, Fracture & Clinical Care. 4 Credit Hours.
Participate as a member of an orthopaedic elective service team (including VA) for two weeks and two weeks as a member of the orthopaedic trauma service. On the elective service, the student will be assigned to a specific resident and faculty member to work in the outpatient clinics, on wards, and in surgery. Experience will emphasize both operative and nonoperative treatment. On the trauma service, the student will be assigned to a specific resident to work in the emergency room, trauma clinics, and operating room. Broad experience in assessment and care of extremity trauma will include fracture reduction and application of plaster casts. The student is required to also attend core lectures in basic orthopaedics by faculty. Reading material includes excerpts from Essentials of Musculoskeletal Care, as well as reading material required by a particular service. No late drops.

ORTO4006. Adult Reconstruction In Orthopaedics. 4 Credit Hours.
Assigned to the Total Joint Service. Clinic exposure includes two half days of adult reconstruction clinic: one at UT Medicine and the second at University Clinic Downtown. Students are required to learn to conduct a thorough orthopaedic examination including preoperative and postoperative evaluations. Operative experience includes two or three days per week at University Hospital, Audie L. Murphy V. A. Hospital, and Santa Rosa Northwest. Students will scrub with and assist Dr. Marshall and/or Dr. Trick in the operating room. Procedures primarily include total hip and total knee replacement and revision as well as hip and knee arthroscopy. Learning objectives will focus on basic biomechanics, anatomy, and perioperative care. Will attend core lectures on basic orthopaedics by orthopaedic faculty. Reading material includes excerpts from Essentials of Musculoskeletal Care. No late drops.

ORTO4008. Pediatric Orthopaedics SRCUH/UT. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are assigned to work with one of the pediatric orthopaedic faculty for broad exposure in the essentials in pediatric orthopaedics. Students are required to attend outpatient clinics at Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital, University Clinic Downtown, and University Clinic. Students are required to perform preoperative workups, attend surgery, and attend conferences at Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital. Both assessment and treatment of pediatric trauma, congenital conditions such as clubfoot and dislocated hip, spinal disease, and neurologic conditions such as cerebral palsy will be emphasized. Students are required to attend core lectures on basic orthopaedics by orthopaedic faculty. Reading material includes excerpts from Essentials of Musculoskeletal Care, as well as reading material required by a particular service. No late drops.

ORTO4009. Orthopaedcs Research. 4 Credit Hours.
The student will be assigned to the supervision of one member of the orthopaedic faculty to carry out either a basic or clinical research project. The content and scope of the project will be determined by the student and faculty member prior to the start of the rotation. Either basic or clinical studies may be undertaken. Students are required to attend core lectures in basic orthopaedics by faculty. Reading material includes excerpts from Essentials of Musculoskeletal Care, as well as reading material required by a particular service. No late drops.

ORTO4011. Sports Medicine Selective. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are assigned to the Sports Medicine Service. Students are required to participate in the knee rehabilitation clinic, weekly training-room visits, and attend surgeries. Introduction to the diagnosis and treatment of joint instability as well as care of the athlete will be made. Students are required to attend core lectures in basic orthopaedics by faculty. A brief review paper on a sports subject related to the student’s chosen field of study, researched and submitted in rough draft, is required. Reading material includes excerpts from Essentials of Musculoskeletal Care. No late drops.
ORTO4012. Orthopaedic Oncology. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are required to participate as a member of Orthopaedic Oncology Service. Students are required to participate in initial evaluations, staging, biopsy and definitive treatment of patients with primary musculoskeletal tumors and cancer metastatic to bone. Regional anatomy, pathology, and initial patient evaluation are emphasized. Each student is required to prepare a case presentation and discussion. Clinical experience and surgical exposure will be included. Students are required to attend core lectures in basic orthopaedics by faculty. Reading material includes excerpts from Essentials of Musculoskeletal Care, as well as reading material required by this service. No late drops.

ORTO4014. Primary Care Orthopaedics. 4 Credit Hours.
A thorough outpatient orthopaedic primary care experience working under direct faculty supervision in Outpatient Clinics, this rotation is ideal for the student who wishes to pursue a career in Primary Care Medicine. The focus will be on common outpatient orthopaedic disease of the upper extremity, spine, and lower extremity. In addition, students will be given the opportunity to learn to assess and treat sports injuries, orthopaedic disorders of children, and in the treatment of musculoskeletal tumors. No attendance in the operating room is required. Students are required to attend core lectures in basic orthopaedics by faculty. Reading material includes excerpts from Essentials of Musculoskeletal Care. No late drops.

ORTO7000. Off Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: "Course Approval" form, a written letter or email for acceptance form the physician preceptor with the start and end dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun. Contact the department for assistance with enrolling in this course.

ORTO7001. Orthopaedics Preceptorship. 4 Credit Hours.
Students are assigned to a practicing orthopaedic surgeon or group from the Clinical Orthopaedic Faculty, either in San Antonio or out-of-town. The student is required to see patients in the surgeon's private office, participate in the care of patients in the emergency room, and be involved in surgical cases. Rotations available include (but not limited to) preceptorships in hand surgery, sports medicine, spinal surgery, total joint replacement, pediatric orthopaedics, and general orthopaedics. A rotation description from the selected site must be turned in to the Orthopaedic Student Administrator.

Otolaryngology (OTOL)

Courses

OTOL4000. Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours.
Special topics in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.

OTOL4001. Head & Neck Surgery. 4 Credit Hours.
The course is a clinical experience in the outpatient, in-patient, and operative environments. The course is normally offered for those senior medical students who are interested in pursuing a career in the field, although the clinical experience is also valuable for students interested in primary care, ophthalmology, and applicable internal medicine subspecialties. The student clerk is a full participatory member of the clinical team and will gain valuable knowledge and experience in the diagnosis, medical, and surgical care of the patient with upper aerodigestive tract and related disorders. The student will have the opportunity to enhance her/his surgical technical skills, including emergency patient care. Clinical activities are available at both the University Hospital System and the VA Hospital. Clerkships at BAMC or WHAFMC are arranged through the institution's education office. Exposure to the breadth and depth of the field includes general and pediatric otolaryngology, rhinosinusology, head and neck oncologic surgery, otology, laryngology and bronchoesophagology, maxillofacial trauma, and facial plastic and reconstructive surgery.

OTOL4002. Otorhinolaryngology Research. 4 Credit Hours.
The department offers students research opportunities in a diverse and wide range of clinical and basic science topics. Areas of on-going research include voice disorder, head and neck oncology, animal models in laryngo-tracheal stenosis, and clinical outcomes studies. New opportunities for research are present in the functional areas of otolaryngology and hearing science, head and neck surgery, laryngology, general otolaryngology, and facial plastic and reconstructive surgery.

OTOL7000. Off Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: "Course Approval" form, a written letter or email for acceptance form the physician preceptor with the start and end dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun. Contact the department for assistance with enrolling in this course.

Pathology (PATH)

PATH Courses

PATH4001. Hematology - University Hospital. 4 Credit Hours.
During this selective, through daily experience, consultations, and conferences, students will have the opportunity to learn to use CBCs, blood films, bone marrow studies, and other hematologic laboratory data in the diagnosis of basic hematologic, lymphoid, and coagulation disorders. This selective can be tailored according to the needs of individual students. The student interested in primary care can become involved in the performance of common laboratory tests done in the office. Daily contact with the pathologist will provide guidance in selection and proper utilization of laboratory testing for a specific patient’s problem. For the student interested in pathology and laboratory medicine, the organization, management, maintenance of quality control, and consultative role of the Hematology Laboratory will be emphasized. During the selective period, a student may be assigned to spend one week in flow cytometry, molecular genetics, or cytogenetics.
PATH4002. Blood Banking. 4 Credit Hours.
This selective is to acquaint the student with transfusion practices including the indications, dosage, expected benefits and risks of the different blood components, and the performance of therapeutic apheresis. The student will also be exposed to basic immuno-hematology and blood-banking techniques of acquiring, processing, testing, and transfusing blood components. Under the direction of the pathologist, a transfusion medicine fellow, a pathology resident, and a technical specialist in blood banking, the student will be required to perform basic techniques, participate in resolving the problems of patients having difficulties in transfusion, and evaluate the appropriateness of transfusion episodes. The selective can be tailored to offer more experience in transfusion practices for patient care in or in organization, management, quality control, and other factors important to the student who may consider laboratory medicine as a chosen field. Students are required to participate in consultations and education programs offered by the blood bank.

PATH4003. Hematology/Blood Banking. 4 Credit Hours.
This combination selective between the Hematology Laboratory and the Blood Bank may be arranged if student so desires.

PATH4007. Pathology Research. 4 Credit Hours.
The course involves participation in a selected facet of ongoing research projects being conducted by a faculty member with assigned responsibilities for technical performance, reading, and interpretation of results.

PATH4012. Anatomic Pathology: Fine Needle Aspiration. 4 Credit Hours.
Students will be given the opportunity to learn the technique of fine needle aspiration (FNA) biopsy. Direct supervision by faculty, cytology fellow and/or pathologist resident in the method of specimen procurement and preparation of the FNA specimen occurs after initial instruction by the course director or their designee for palpable lesions. Participation at radiologically guided or endoscopically guided FNAs is also observed. Students are required to learn basic Modified-Giemsa staining with preliminary evaluation for adequacy of aspirate. There will be exposure to basic interpretation of FNA material from smears and cell blocks with emphasis on selection of ancillary testing along with clinical correlation. A separate clinic time is NO longer available and FNAs are done on an "on-call" basis from UHS cytopathology. Exposure to other areas of anatomic pathology that pertain to quality improvement of clinical medicine skills will also be made available. The experience may be customized depending on the student's future interests (pathology as a future vocation versus students planning on other fields of medicine).

PATH4015. Forensic Pathology. 2 Credit Hours.
Daily responsibilities include the observation of forensic autopsies. Other responsibilities will include crime scene investigation, courtroom, and/or deposition exposure. During the rotation period, the student is expected to spend some time within the toxicology laboratory and must arrange this with the chief toxicologist. Near the end of the rotation, the student is expected to present a talk on a topic of current forensic interest to the staff during weekly case review. The student will be assessed by attendance, type and frequency of activities performed, and subjective evaluations by the medical examiner staff. This forensic pathology rotation must be pre-approved by the course director for both time period and length of rotation; recommended during the fourth year of medical school following core rotation in general autopsy and surgical pathology, though those rotations are not required.

PATH4014. Naturopathic Medicine: Evidence-Based Critique. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course strives to overcome the animosity between conventional and unconventional medicine by openly discussing and evaluating some of the naturopathic methods using the tools of evidence-based medicine. The objective of this course is to build basic knowledge about the mainstreams of naturopathic medicine such as fito-therapy, acupuncture and other reflexologies, Asian and European dietary systems, as well as stimulatory methods such as fasting and homeopathy. For each of these systems, diagnosis and treatment will be discussed from the evidence-based perspective.

PATH4015. Evidence Based Medicine In Everyday Practice. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course includes theory and methodological foundation, definitions and overview of evidence-based medicine, practical considerations, and reporting in evidence-based medicine.

PATH4020. Clinically Applied Laboratory Medicine (CALM). 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course is an eleven-contact-hour mandatory course in laboratory medicine for MSIV students. Offered during the spring semester, the course is taught by members of the Pathology Department using patient case scenarios to illustrate laboratory medicine aspects of patient care management. An introductory one-hour lecture is presented to the entire class as a whole to provide course format information and small-group assignments. Groups of twenty-five to thirty students are formed based upon medical/surgical specialties; a student is assigned to a group according to chosen specialty. Patient cases are selected to emphasize important laboratory medicine points pertinent to a particular specialty.

PATH5021. Biostatistics. 3 Credit Hours.
An introduction to Biostatistics, emphasis is upon application of statistical methods to biological problems. Topics include descriptive statistics, probability, hypothesis testing, and estimation.

PATH5025. Individual Study In Biometry. 1-9 Credit Hours.
This course is for students who wish to study special problems in biometry or application of biometric methods to problems in the life sciences. A plan of study is determined by the student and the biometry faculty with topics varying according to the interests and requirements of the student.

PATH5030. Oral Histopathology. 1 Credit Hour.
The course will review the histopathologic features of oral diseases. Cases signed-out on the Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology Biopsy Service will be discussed in a conference format utilizing a multihreaded microscope. Correlation of the histologic findings with the clinical and radiographic presentation of oral disease processes will be emphasized. Students will have the opportunity to learn the basis of surgical pathologic diagnosis and related ancillary special studies.

PATH5035. Oral Pathology. 2 Credit Hours.
Clinicopathologic correlations, differential diagnosis, and therapeutic rationale are emphasized. The integration of history, physical findings, and clinical laboratory data with pertinent radiographic findings, clinical presentations, and anatomic pathology will be emphasized.

PATH5121. Biostatistics. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to prepare the advanced education dentist with the knowledge of common statistical methods in order to critically evaluate the literature and to perform necessary analyses in support of their own research projects, particularly those directed at the completion of the Certificate from the Dental School and/or the Master of Science degree from the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.
PATH6019. General Pathology. 5 Credit Hours.
The fundamentals of human pathology, with emphasis on practical clinical applications, are presented. Lectures, independent study, and laboratory experiences are used in a review of the principal diseases of major organ systems. Course fees: Lab fee Microscope fee: $48.

PATH6021. Oral Pathology 1. 4 Credit Hours.
This didactic course introduces the basic pathological changes that occur in oral tissue. Lectures are supplemented by Kodachrome® illustrations with emphasis placed upon histoclinical correlation.

PATH6026. Surgical Oral Pathology 1. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is presented in the first semester and consists of 16 one-hour sessions of instruction conducted as case conferences utilizing radiographic, histopathologic, and clinical projected glass slides and Kodachromes. Students present assigned literature reviews and cases emphasizing radiographic and histopathologic changes; discussions follow. Students include those from Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Periodontics, Endodontics, and Dental Diagnostic Sciences.

PATH6027. Surgical Oral Pathology 2. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is a continuation of PATH 6026 Surgical Oral Pathology 1. It is presented in the second semester and consists of 17 one-hour sessions of instruction conducted as case conferences utilizing radiographic, histopathologic, and clinical projected glass slides and Kodachromes. Students present assigned literature reviews and cases emphasizing radiographic and histopathologic changes; discussions follow. Students include those from Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Periodontics, Endodontics, and Dental Diagnostic Sciences.

PATH7000. Off Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: “Course Approval” form, a written letter or email for acceptance form the physician preceptor with the start and end dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun. Contact the department for assistance with enrolling in this course.

PATH7023. Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology: Clinicopathologic Conference. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is a series of 14 clinicopathologic conferences presented in an interactive case-based/clinical problem-solving format. Students will be expected to apply their fund of basic science knowledge learned in the prerequisite didactic pathology courses to simulated dental practice situations. Cases will be discussed systematically utilizing the S.O.A.P. format (Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan). Students are required to complete and turn in a worksheet and self assessment for each case. Students are expected to read articles from current scientific literature posted on the course Blackboard Web site and take the online challenge examinations. Lectures on the critical topics of head and neck cancer and skin cancer will be given by the course director.

Pediatric Dentistry (PEDO)

Courses

PEDO5020. Pedi/Ortho Clinic I. 2 Credit Hours.
The postdoctoral program in pediatric dentistry is designed to provide each resident with clinical experience that will enable her or him to function as a proficient and competent provider of comprehensive dental services for children. Throughout the two-year program, residents will be expected to apply the information gained in the didactic part of the program to the delivery of dental care in the various clinical settings encompassed by the program. Although supervision by faculty is always provided, residents are expected to demonstrate increasing independence and initiative as they progress in clinical experience.

PEDO5021. Pedi & Ortho Clinic 2. 5 Credit Hours.
The postdoctoral program in pediatric dentistry is designed to provide each resident with clinical experience that will enable her or him to function as a proficient and competent provider of comprehensive dental services for children. Throughout the two-year program, residents will be expected to apply the information gained in the didactic part of the program to the delivery of dental care in the various clinical settings encompassed by the program. Although supervision by faculty is always provided, residents are expected to demonstrate increasing independence and initiative as they progress in clinical experience.

PEDO5022. Pedi/Ortho Clinic 3. 6 Credit Hours.
The postdoctoral program in pediatric dentistry is designed to provide each resident with clinical experience that will enable her or him to function as a proficient and competent provider of comprehensive dental services for children. Throughout the two-year program, residents will be expected to apply the information gained in the didactic part of the program to the delivery of dental care in the various clinical settings encompassed by the program. Although supervision by faculty is always provided, residents are expected to demonstrate increasing independence and initiative as they progress in clinical experience.

PEDO5026. Orthodontics I. 2 Credit Hours.
This course comprises two seminar series in which orthodontic diagnosis and treatment principles for the primary and mixed dentitions are presented. Included also are laboratory technique exercises in which commonly used orthodontic appliances are constructed.

PEDO5027. Orthodontics 2. 2 Credit Hours.
These seminars consist of a series of selected orthodontic topics that will be assigned to individual residents for presentation to their classmates and faculty. The course director will provide a seminal article on the assigned topic from which the resident will research additional references and present a seminar session based on the material.

PEDO5028. Orthodontics 3. 1.5 Credit Hour.
These seminars consist of a series of selected orthodontic topics that will be assigned to individual residents for presentation to their classmates and faculty. The course director will provide a seminal article on the assigned topic from which the resident will research additional references and present a seminar session based on the material.

PEDO5042. Pediatric Dentistry I. 2 Credit Hours.
This course comprises several seminar series and lectures on a variety of subjects pertinent to advanced pediatric dentistry. Included are conscious sedation, pulp therapy, traumatic dental injuries, cariology and prevention, periodontal problems, special patient care, infection control, restorative materials and techniques, radiographic principles and practice, and pediatric grand rounds.
The postdoctoral program in pediatric dentistry is designed to provide each resident with clinical experience that will enable him or her to function as a proficient and competent provider of comprehensive dental services for children. Throughout the two-year program, residents will be expected to apply the information gained in the didactic part of the program to the delivery of dental care in the various clinical settings encompassed by the program. Although supervision by faculty is always provided, residents are expected to demonstrate increasing independence and initiative as they progress in clinical experience.

PEDO6024. Pediatric and Orthodontic Clinic 5. 4.5 Credit Hours.
The postdoctoral program in pediatric dentistry is designed to provide each resident with clinical experience that will enable him or her to function as a proficient and competent provider of comprehensive dental services for children. Throughout the two-year program, residents will be expected to apply the information gained in the didactic part of the program to the delivery of dental care in the various clinical settings encompassed by the program. Although supervision by faculty is always provided, residents are expected to demonstrate increasing independence and initiative as they progress in clinical experience.
Pediatrics (PEDI)

Courses

PEDI3005. Pediatrics Clerkship. 6 Credit Hours.
This third-year pediatric clerkship addresses issues unique to childhood and adolescence by focusing on human developmental biology, and by emphasizing the impact of family, community, and society on child health and well-being. Additionally, the clerkship focuses on the impact of disease and its treatment on the developing human, and emphasizes growth and development, principles of health supervision, and recognition of common health problems. The role of the pediatrician in prevention of disease and injury and the importance of collaboration between the pediatrician and other health professionals is stressed. During this clerkship, students spend time working in outpatient and inpatient settings.

PEDI4000. Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours.
This is a self-designed course created by both the student and the department to cover a specific topic. A Course Approval Form must be completed along with documentation of the designed course description.

PEDI4003. General Pediatrics Selective. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the General Pediatrics Selective is to teach medical students the knowledge and skills to understand human growth and development and its clinical application from infancy through adolescence; to take a complete, accurate, and culturally-sensitive history from children and their families; and to perform complete and problem-focused physical examinations of infants, children and adolescents for common acute and chronic pediatric illnesses. Students will communicate effectively with written and oral form with physicians, patient families, and clinic staff; describe the influence of family, community, and society on child health and disease; incorporate strategies for health promotion and injury prevention into patient care; and refer to and coordinate care with sub-specialists and community agencies. Students will interpret common radiologic studies and perform office-based diagnostic tests and minor procedures. Students will interpret common radiologic studies and perform office-based diagnostic tests and minor procedures. Students will be expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the General Pediatrics team, patients, and families. Students work Monday-Friday with faculty and residents in an academic clinic primarily in the acute care setting.

PEDI4006. Pediatric Cardiology. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Pediatric Cardiology Selective is to improve the student's understanding of the pathophysiology and management of pediatric and congenital heart diseases. Clinical skills in cardiac auscultation, EKG interpretation, and chest x-ray interpretation will be emphasized primarily in the outpatient setting. The student will observe minimally invasive techniques in diagnosis such as echocardiography and invasive procedures in the cardiac catheterization laboratory. The student will participate in didactic instruction and online materials to improve knowledge and skills. The student is expected to research a cardiology topic during the rotation, and give a presentation on findings to the group at the end of the rotation. Student learning will be further enhanced by participation in weekly multidisciplinary patient management conferences. The student will be expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the Pediatric Cardiology care team, patients, and families.

PEDI4009. Pediatric Gastroenterology/Nutrition. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Pediatric Gastroenterology Selective is to increase the knowledge and skills of students in the diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal, liver, and nutritional disorders of children. Clinical teaching activity takes place in the inpatient setting, with opportunities to follow patients in the outpatient setting. The student will actively participate in evaluating and managing patients including observing endoscopy and other procedures if necessary. Required reading and discussion of study material with faculty will be expected. The student will participate in didactic sessions to enhance learning of common diagnoses. The student will be expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the Pediatric Gastroenterology team, patients, and families.

PEDI4013. Pediatric Hematology/Oncology. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Selective is to develop knowledge and skills in diagnostic evaluation, therapy, and follow-up of hematology/oncology patients. Clinical activities will take place primarily in the outpatient setting. This is an opportunity for experience in blood and bone marrow morphological diagnosis, in techniques for bone marrow aspiration, and in administration of intravenous and intrathecal chemotherapy. The student will work with a multidisciplinary team to meet the complex psychosocial needs of this patient population. The student is expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology team, patients, and families.

PEDI4015. Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Research. 4 Credit Hours.
Previous experience with introductory adult or pediatric hematology/oncology courses preferred. The student will participate in a clinical or basic investigation project on a topic of interest to the student under the supervision of the medical staff. The research might utilize retrospective information on specific groups of patients treated at the Children's Cancer Research and Treatment Center, the Hematology Clinic, or the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit; or it may investigate in-depth a particular clinical or basic facet of a disease process.

PEDI4016. Pediatric Allergy, Immunology, And Infectious Diseases. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of this Selective is to develop student skills in clinical and laboratory evaluation of hypersensitivity, infection, immunity, and inflammation, and in the management of allergic disease, infectious disease, primary and secondary immune deficiencies, rheumatologic conditions, and associated complicated complications. The scope of infectious diseases typically encountered includes community and hospital acquired infections, including post-surgical infections, infections in cancer and transplant patients, and HIV-infected children. The student will participate in outpatient clinics and inpatient consultations. The student will spend time in the laboratory covering bacteriology, virology, mycology, flow cytometry, and HLA typing. Scheduled conferences include weekly Case Management which will include presentation of patient cases to the faculty and care team. The student is expected to research a pertinent topic during the rotation and give a presentation on findings to the group at the end of the rotation. The student is expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the Pediatric Infectious Disease, Allergy, and Immunology teams, patients, and families.
PEDI4018. Child Neurology. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Child Neurology Selective is to develop the knowledge and skills to evaluate and manage children with neurologic disorders. The student will distinguish normal from abnormal neurologic development; perform a skillful neurologic history and exam to distinguish normal from abnormal findings, peripheral from central nervous system lesions, and static from progressive neurologic dysfunction; identify temporary vs. chronic progressive neurological dysfunction; and recognize and manage neurological disorders that generally require referral. Students will be able to discuss the indications, side effects, and mode of action of commonly used medications in pediatric neurology; the indications for complex or expensive neurologic testing; and the pediatrician's role in prevention of neurologic disorders in children. Patient activity is primarily in the outpatient setting, but students will participate in consultations and care of select inpatients. Students are expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member of the Pediatric Neurology care team, patient, and families.

PEDI4020. Pediatric Endocrinology. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Pediatric Endocrinology Selective is to develop the knowledge and skills needed to diagnose and manage disorders of thyroid/parathyroid, adrenal/gonad, growth (including hypopituitarism), and carbohydrate metabolism (including diabetes mellitus). Most patient care activity occurs in the outpatient setting with clinics focused on either diabetes (type 1, type 2, medica diabetes) or endocrine issues. Students will explain how to use a glucometer and insulin pump and how to perform growth and puberty stimulation tests. Directed reading is provided, and the patients are reviewed and the pertinent literature discussed at regularly scheduled conferences. Each student will present one interesting case at a weekly Case Conference. Students are expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the Pediatric Endocrinology team, patients, and families.

PEDI4022. Neonatal Research. 4 Credit Hours.
This rotation is designed for students interested in laboratory or clinical research experience in Perinatal Medicine. The student will work directly under the guidance of a faculty member and be involved in data gathering, chart review, or lab work in the area of research in which the faculty is involved and commensurate with the student’s experience and interests. The selective will provide opportunities for protocol development, literature review, data analysis, and learning through reading and student-faculty interaction. Students must arrange to work with a neonatal faculty member before contacting the department for permission.

PEDI4023. Neonatology. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of Neonatology Selective is to gain the knowledge and skills needed to evaluate and manage preterm and term infants requiring intensive care. Students will work neonatologists and their staff in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and participate as a member of the neonatal response team in attending high-risk deliveries and admitting babies to the NICU. All aspects of the medical and nursing care of the high-risk or fragile newborn will be open to the student for study. The student is expected to function at the level of a sub-intern. The student will also be encouraged to participate in the support and instruction of families and gain understanding of “life beyond the NICU” for these special babies. The preceptor will guide the student in selecting appropriate reading to enhance the experiential component of the selective. The student is expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the neonatal team, patients and families. Weekend and night call schedules are integrated with those of the pediatric house staff. Students will work 6 days/week with 1 day off. As the 4th weekend is off, this translates to 3 days off during the rotation. These 3 days may be used for interviews; additional days off for interviewing should not be expected.

PEDI4027. Pediatric Genetics. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Pediatric Genetics Selective is to develop student knowledge and skills in diagnosing and developing management plans for children with single gene disorders, chromosome abnormalities, multiple congenital anomalies, metabolic disorders, teratogenic exposures, developmental delay, intellectual disability, and autism. Most patient activity is in the outpatient setting, but students will participate in inpatient consultations. Patient encounters range from 45 minutes to 2 hours in length depending on the patient and the chief concerns. Students will participate in multidisciplinary clinics, including craniofacial anomalies clinic. Training in differential diagnosis includes use of online genetics databases and resources. Students are expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the Genetics team, patients, and families.

PEDI4029. Pediatric Pulmonology. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Pediatric Pulmonary Selective is to develop the knowledge and skills needed to diagnose and manage common pediatric pulmonary disorders. The emphasis will be on how to obtain pertinent history, the recognition of physical signs of pulmonary diseases, CXR, and blood gas evaluation, and the critical assessment of the data gathered. Students will participate in outpatient pulmonary clinics, including cystic fibrosis and asthma clinics, and will follow pediatric inpatients with pulmonary disorders. The practice of evidence-based medicine will be emphasized. Regularly scheduled didactic sessions will expand on topics encountered in patient care. Students are expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the Pulmonary team, patients, and families.

PEDI4031. Pediatric Nephrology. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Pediatric Nephrology Selective is to develop skills in diagnosis and management of common renal disorders in children as well as significant participation in the management of dialysis and kidney transplant patients. The student will learn the essential concepts in the pathophysiology and management of fluid and electrolytes and acid base disturbances. Most patient care activity occurs in the outpatient setting, but students will also participate in the management of inpatients. The student will learn histopathology of renal diseases through reviewing biopsies with pathologists. The student is expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the Renal team, patients, and families.
**PEDI4036. Pediatric Critical Care. 4 Credit Hours.**
The goal of the Pediatric Critical Care Selective is to develop the skills needed to evaluate and manage critically ill infants and children with medical and surgical diagnoses. The student will actively participate in a multidisciplinary team in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. Students will enhance their knowledge and skills in invasive procedures, principles of mechanical ventilation, principles of resuscitation, pharmacology of critical care, and the pathophysiology of these diseases. The student will serve as a sub-intern, participating in daily rounds with the attending pediatric faculty. Directed reading and didactic materials will be provided. The student is expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the Critical care team, patients, and families.

**PEDI4039. Child Abuse Pediatrics. 4 Credit Hours.**
The goal of the Child Abuse Pediatric Selective is to increase the student’s awareness that maltreatment is a common cause of many acute, delayed, and chronic physical and mental health conditions. The student will recognize demographic risk factors, but will see child abuse as a medical diagnosis made by the history and physical examination. The student will learn the history and physical exam necessary to evaluate concerns for injury and neglect and document in the correct medico-legal format. The student will learn the reporting mandate, and know how to report to the appropriate agency(s). The student will understand that abuse and neglect have immediate, short term, intermediate term, and long term effects that extend out into adulthood. Most patient care activity occurs in the outpatient setting, but the student may participate in emergency room and inpatient consults. The student will participate in staffing with CPS and other investigators and may have the opportunity to observe court hearings. The student is expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the Child Abuse Pediatrics team, CPS investigators, patients, and families.

**PEDI4040. Inpatient Pediatrics. 4 Credit Hours.**
The goal of the Inpatient Pediatrics Selective is to prepare the student for pediatric inpatient wards during residency by enhancing knowledge and skills needed to evaluate and manage basic inpatient pediatric diseases as well as improving clinical skills such as oral and written case presentation, physical examination, hand-offs, and incorporating evidence-based medicine into clinical practice. The student will demonstrate knowledge of procedure skills including but not limited to conscious sedation, incision and drainage, and lumbar puncture. The student will function at the level of a sub-intern. The student will participate in the care of inpatients, small-group didactics, an online clinical reasoning skills module, and various organized educational activities. The student will also be expected to spend two weeks in nursery focused on teaching 3rd year medical students and the evaluation and management of newborns. The portion of the rotation spend on the inpatient floor will require flexibility in scheduling with some night shifts possible given the current variability in patient volume. The student will demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the Inpatient Pediatrics team, patients, and families and recognize the importance of working as a highly-effective team to deliver safe, efficient, care. Students must have completed all core clerkships.

**PEDI4074. Ahec Clinic Experience. 4 Credit Hours.**
The goal of the AHEC Clinic Experience Elective are to provide medical students with the knowledge and skills to understand human growth and development and its clinical application from infancy through adolescence; take a complete, accurate, and culturally-sensitive history from children and their families; and perform complete and problem-focused physical examinations of infants, children and adolescents for common acute and chronic pediatric illnesses. The student will interpret common radiologic studies and perform office-based diagnostic tests. Under the auspices of the UTHSCSA AHEC Program, this experience exposes students to the primary care of ambulatory patients at various AHEC clinical training sites in South Texas. Under the direct supervision of a Board Certified General Pediatrician, the student serves as the initial physician in the evaluation and management of a wide array of outpatient problems. This clinic experience may include associated inpatient experience, depending on the patient responsibilities of the physician. The student will be expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the pediatric team, patient, and families. Information about training sites may be found on the AHEC websites: http://www.uthscsa.edu/cstp/index.aspx. Student must first receive permission from the Department of Pediatrics before contacting the AHEC Office (567-7819). Application must be made 6-8 weeks in advance of the date on which you want to start the rotation. Once the rotation is confirmed by the AHEC Office, the student will be given electric permission to go online and register for the course. On or before the first day of the rotation, the student will need to meet with Administrative Associate at the Center of South Texas Programs/AHEC Office (567-7819).

**PEDI4100. Nutrition Readiness For Internship. 0.5 Credit Hours.**
This course will consist of four two-hour sessions that cover a variety of clinically oriented discussions and practical points of value to new interns. Topics are modified annually to cater for every year participants’ areas of interest and upcoming internship. Reading material about topics of discussion will be distributed to students to review before the class to insure maximal participation in team based learning style. Topics to be covered: nutritional care of the surgical patient and TPN, nutrition in pregnancy, nutrition in special situations such as brain injury, encephalopathy, renal and liver disease, enteral nutrition and nutritional rehabilitation in growth and intestinal failure in short bowel patients.

**PEDI4201. Community Pediatrics-RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.**
The Department of Pediatrics offers this 4-week rotation at the RAHC Division for students interested in the contextual and systemic dimensions of general pediatrics. Goals for this rotation are 1) To experience and gain an understanding of the social, cultural, economic, and family forces which impact the health status of children in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, 2) to experience and gain an understanding of how the financing and organization of the health care system succeeds or fails to deliver optimal care to children and families 3) to experience and gain an understanding of the community roles of the pediatricians- as a member of the health care team and as an advocate for children. Students will work with pediatricians in community practices. In addition to clinical work with patients, students will participate in business meetings of the practices, work with other members of the health care team (such as nurse practitioners, physicians assistants, and social workers), and participate with physicians in their hospital and other agency committee duties. Sites for this rotation will include a variety of pediatric offices, including community health centers and private practices.
PEDI4204. Pediatric Neurology-RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Pediatric Neurology Selective is to develop the knowledge and skills to evaluate and manage children with neurologic disorders. The student will distinguish normal from abnormal neurologic development; perform a skillful neurologic history and exam to distinguish normal from abnormal findings, peripheral from central nervous system lesions, and static from progressive neurologic dysfunction; identify temporary vs. chronic progressive neurological dysfunction; and recognize and manage neurological disorders that generally require referral. The student will be able to discuss the indications, side effects, and mode of action of commonly used medications in pediatric neurology; the indications for complex or expensive neurologic testing; and the pediatrician's role in prevention of neurologic disorders in children. The student will work with a pediatric neurologist in the community setting. The student will see patients with the neurologist in the office and visit local hospitals in response to requests for consultation. The preceptor will guide the student in selecting appropriate reading to enhance the experiential component of the selective. The student is expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the Pediatric Neurology care team, patients, and families. Facility in Spanish is desirable but not essential.

PEDI4205. Evidence Based Pediatrics-RAHC. 2 Credit Hours.
The student will explore the ways in which the EBM process is used in clinical practice through assigned readings and clinical experience. The student will spend mornings in an ambulatory care practice. From each morning’s clinical experience, the student will identify one or two clinical questions. In the afternoons, the student will work in the medical library to formulate an answerable question, develop a search strategy, locate relevant literature, select a journal article, evaluate the article using EBM formulas, and reach a conclusion about the clinical questions. The preceptor will review the findings with student in clinic the following morning. Culmination of the experience will be a case presentation in an appropriate forum such as a journal club or rounds.

PEDI4206. Pediatric Cardiology-RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Pediatric Cardiology Selective is to improve the students understanding of the pathophysiology and management of pediatric and congenital heart diseases. Clinical skills in cardiac auscultation, EKG interpretation, and chest x-ray interpretation, and chest x-ray interpretation will be emphasized primarily in the outpatient setting. The student will observe noninvasive techniques in diagnosis such as echocardiography. The student will work with pediatric cardiologists in the private practice setting. The student will see patients with the cardiologists in their office, and visit local hospitals with them as they respond to requests for consultation. Since many of the cardiac disorders managed in this practice are chronic in nature, the student will learn how children and their families cope with these conditions at home, in school, and in the community at large. Preceptors will guide the student in selecting appropriate reading to enhance the experiential component of the selective. The student is expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the Pediatric Cardiology care team, patients, and families.

PEDI4207. Neonatology - RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Neonatology Selective is to gain the knowledge and skills needed to evaluate and manage preterm and term infants. The student will work with neonatologists and their staff in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The student will participate as a member of the neonatal response team in attending high-risk or fragile newborn will be open to the student for study. All aspects of the medical and nursing care of the high-risk or fragile newborn will be open to the student for study. The student will also be encouraged to participate in the support and instruction of families to gain understanding of “life beyond the NICU” for these special babies. The preceptor will guide the student in selecting appropriate reading to enhance the experiential component of the selective. The student is expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the Neonatal team, patients, and families.

PEDI4208. Pediatric Critical Care-RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Pediatric Critical Care Selective is to develop the skills needed to evaluate and manage critically ill infants and children with medical and surgical diagnoses. Students will enhance their knowledge and skills in invasive procedures, principles of mechanical ventilation, principles of resuscitation, pharmacology of critical care and the pathophysiology of these diseases. The student will participate in daily rounds with the attending pediatric faculty. Directed reading and didactic materials will be provided. Students are expected to demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the critical care team, patients and families.

PEDI4209. Pediatric Gastroenterology - RAHC. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Pediatric Gastroenterology Selective is to increase the knowledge and skills of students in diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal, liver, and nutritional disorders of children. The student will work with a pediatric gastroenterologist in the community setting. The student will see patients with the gastroenterologist in the office, and visit local hospitals in response to requests for consultation. The gastroenterologist’s practice includes a broad array of children with gastrointestinal problems, including digestive and malabsorptive disorders, short-gut syndrome, congenital anomalies, cystic fibrosis, recurrent infections, inflammatory bowel disease, and failure to thrive. The student will gain clinical skills in interviewing, physical assessment, the use and interpretation of imaging studies, and the indications for and interpretation of endoscopic assessments. In addition, the student will learn how the gastroenterologist, as a specialist-consultant, interacts with referring physicians and agencies. Since many of the gastrointestinal disorders are chronic in nature, the student will learn how children and their families cope with these conditions at home, in school, and in the community at large. The preceptor will guide the student in selecting appropriate reading to enhance the experiential component of the elective. The student may have an opportunity to complete a small research project during the elective. The student will demonstrate professional responsibility in working as a team member with other members of the Pediatric Gastroenterology team, patients, and families. Facility in Spanish is desirable but not essential.

PEDI4210. Pediatric Inpatient Service - RAHC (Valley Baptist Medical Center - Harlingen). 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Inpatient Pediatrics Selective is to prepare the student for pediatric inpatient wards during residency by enhancing knowledge of basic inpatient pediatric diseases as well as improving clinical skills such as oral and written case presentation, physical examination, hand-offs, and incorporating evidence-based medicine into clinical practice. The student will function at the level of a sub-intern. All clinical activity occurs on the inpatient unit.
PEDI4425. Community for Children at the Border and Beyond. 4 Credit Hours.
This is a four-week elective rotation in International Children's Health and Community Pediatrics located in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The purpose is to educate future physicians to provide compassionate, effective international leadership within community collaborations addressing children's rights and the social determinants of health in resource-poor communities and to provide opportunities to develop skills necessary for effective advocacy. Curriculum objectives include: rights of the child; social determinants; clinical care in resource-poor regions; the impact of poverty; immigration and violence; preparing for advocacy; fostering a culture of compassion and professional development through experiences that broaden a physician-in-training's view of health and illness. Objectives are address through didactics provided at the UTHSCSA RAHC, community outreach, advocacy projects, and individualized professional development counseling and goal setting. The elective also includes individually tailored Spanish classes and fieldwork with promoters, community leaders, public health officials, and families. Advocacy is a large component of this elective. The participants work with community-based organizations on selected advocacy issues, such as child refugees and immigration, obesity and diabetes among the young, and medical-legal interventions for children and their families. Participants explore the sources of health, disease, and healing and examine models of public health and medical care on both sides of the border. Community for Children is not a clinical course, although there are opportunities to participate in patient care in clinics and hospitals, including home visits. CFC directors mentor participants during the rotation and beyond, providing tools and support for professional development. This elective is a signature program of the UTHSCSA Regional Academic Health Center's Community Medicine Educational Cooperative, in partnership with the UTHSCSA Department of Pediatrics, UT Health Science Center-Houston School of Public Health-Brownsville, Brownsville Community Health Center, Harlingen Pediatrics Associates, Hospital Infantil de Tamaulipas/Ciudad Victoria, Mexico, and Centro de Salud Tamaulipas, Mexico.

PEDI7000. Off Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: "Course Approval" form, a written letter or email for acceptance form the physician preceptor with the start and end dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun. Contact the department for assistance with enrolling in this course.

PEDI7002. Pediatric Developmental Disabilities. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Pediatric Developmental Disabilities Elective is to develop the knowledge and skills needed to assess and interpret findings of developmental-behavioral assessments, understand the neurological and genetic work-up, and become familiar with community resources for special needs children. The student will have the opportunity to participate in the developmental, neurological, and genetic evaluation of children with developmental-behavioral disabilities. Common developmental-behavioral disabilities encountered in this rotation may include Autism Spectrum Disorders, Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Global Developmental Delay, Intellectual Disability (formerly Mental Retardation), Learning Disabilities, Neural Tube Defects, and Cerebral Palsy. Patient care activity takes place in the outpatient setting. Students will also participate in key community site visits. In addition to core didactic sessions, students will have independent readings that complement their clinical activities. For electives occurring in June, July and August, the student will spend 1 week at Camp CAMP (Children's Association for Maximum Potential), a summer camp in the Texas Hill Country for children with a variety of disabilities. (All expenses are paid). Medical Students will be part of a medical team responsible for daily medical management of a "tribe" of children. The student must complete paperwork as required by Camp CAMP before attending.

PEDI7012. Pediatric Community Preceptorship. 4 Credit Hours.
The goal of the Pediatric Community Preceptorship is to provide medical students with knowledge and skills to diagnose and manage patients found in the preceptor's practice; to understand the social, cultural, economic, and family forces which impact on the health status of children; and understand the community roles of the pediatrician, as a member of the health care team, and as an advocate for children. Students will actively participate in patient care in the office practice of board-certified pediatric preceptors. Preceptorships are available with general pediatricians or with subspecialists. Preceptorship experience must be scheduled well in advance and may be 2 or 4 weeks in length, students must arrange to work with a preceptor before contacting the department for permission. All preceptors must have an adjunct faculty appointment with a medical school.

Periodontics (PERI)

PERI Courses

PERI5010. Clinical Periodontics 1. 1-10 Credit Hours.
Students have the opportunity to gain clinical experience as they treat patients in the postdoctoral clinic. Cases gradually increase in complexity and severity and include treatment of the medically compromised patient, implant cases, and interdisciplinary cases.

PERI5011. Clinical Periodontics 1. 1 Credit Hour.
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PERI5025. Case Presentation Seminar. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The course consists of presentation of clinical cases. Students have the opportunity to prepare to defend their approaches to therapy and gain experience in oral presentation of cases.
PERI5031. Periodontics Lecture Series. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to instruct the student in all aspects of periodontology. It is meant to be an adjunct to the PERI 6073 Literature Seminar. Topics dealing with basic science, pathobiology, and clinical and surgical aspects of periodontal disease will be discussed.

PERI5035. Peri Lecture Series. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to instruct the student in all aspects of periodontology. It is meant to be an adjunct to the PERI 6073 Literature Seminar. Topics dealing with basic science, pathobiology, and clinical and surgical aspects of periodontal disease will be discussed.

PERI5037. Bone & Connective Tissue Biology. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course seeks to apply current principles of bone and periodontal ligament cell biology to our understanding of the development, maintenance, and repair of periodontal tissues and to the clinical management of pathology at the tooth supporting structures. Emphasis is placed on the basic cell and structural biology which provides the underlying rationale for current and experimental approaches to periodontal disease and therapies.

PERI5052. Surgical Anatomy. 1 Credit Hour.
This course emphasizes the learning of the head and neck anatomy that is related directly to surgical procedures performed by periodontists and endodontists and the practice of prosthodontic dentistry. Anatomic structures related to implant placement receive special emphasis. Surgical complications related to anatomy are described. A prospection on human cadavers is presented with a strong emphasis on surgical anatomy.

PERI5073. Literature Seminars. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to familiarize the student with the historical and contemporary literature related to periodontics. The first-year course is concerned mainly with basic science literature while second- and third-year courses concentrate on the clinical literature. Students have the opportunity to evaluate the data in the literature, critique experimental design, abstract articles, critically evaluate research findings, and learn to use library resources.

PERI5074. Current Lit Seminar. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Current periodontal literature published during the academic year is discussed in a seminar format.

PERI5075. Mock Boards. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course is a simulation of the exams given by the American Board of Periodontology. Students present their cases orally, with slides, to faculty examiners and take an oral examination.

PERI5081. Periodontics 1. 1.5 Credit Hour.
Freshman Periodontics is the first in a series of required courses designed to provide the opportunity for the student to learn the knowledge, skills, and values to manage patients with periodontal diseases. Students will have the opportunity to learn foundation information related to periodontal diseases and acquire fundamental periodontal clinical skills used in evaluating the periodontal status of patients and for performing some types of periodontal therapy. This course includes classroom discussion as well as preclinical exercises. Topics covered include features of the healthy and the diseased periodontium, the diagnosis of all periodontal diseases, the etiology of periodontal diseases, and clinical decision making.

PERI5097. Research. 1-9 Credit Hours.
This course consists of independent, original research under the direction of a faculty member.

PERI6000. Introduction to Advanced Periodontics for Interns. 1 Credit Hour.

PERI6001. Periodontic Practice Management. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The objective of this course is to prepare the student for the business aspects of clinical practice. The student will be exposed to the banking finances, practical aspects of office management, matters relating to dental insurance, and the different types of practice.

PERI6009. Clinical Periodontics 2. 2 Credit Hours.
Students have the opportunity to gain clinical experience as they treat patients in the postdoctoral clinic. Courses gradually increase in complexity and severity and include treatment of the medically compromised patient, implant cases and interdisciplinary cases.

PERI6011. Clinical Periodontics 2. 3 Credit Hours.
Students have the opportunity to gain clinical experience as they treat patients in the postdoctoral clinic. Courses gradually increase in complexity and severity and include treatment of the medically compromised patient, implant cases, and interdisciplinary cases.

PERI6012. Clinical Periodontics 3. 4.5 Credit Hours.
Students have the opportunity to gain clinical experience as they treat patients in the postdoctoral clinic. Courses gradually increase in complexity and severity and include treatment of the medically compromised patient, implant cases, and interdisciplinary cases.

PERI6016. Clinical Periodontics 3. 2 Credit Hours.
Students have the opportunity to gain clinical experience as they treat patients in the postdoctoral clinic. Courses gradually increase in complexity and severity and include treatment of the medically compromised patient, implant cases, and interdisciplinary cases.

PERI6020. Emergency Care Seminar. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This is a pragmatic course to familiarize the student with the medical emergencies that the clinician may incur while practicing dentistry. Major texts on the medically compromised patient are used as a guideline. The course is given in seminar format.

PERI6025. Case Presentation Seminar. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The course consists of presentation of clinical cases. Students have the opportunity to prepare to defend their approaches to therapy and gain experience in oral presentation of cases.

PERI6030. Periodontic Lecture Series. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to instruct the student in all aspects of periodontology. It is meant to be an adjunct to the PERI 6073 Literature Seminar. Topics dealing with basic science, pathobiology, and clinical and surgical aspects of periodontal disease will be discussed.

PERI6031. Periodontic Lecture Series. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to instruct the student in all aspects of periodontology. It is meant to be an adjunct to the PERI 6073 Literature Seminar. Topics dealing with basic science, pathobiology, and clinical and surgical aspects of periodontal disease will be discussed.

PERI6033. Peri Lecture Series. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to instruct the student in all aspects of periodontology. It is meant to be an adjunct to the PERI 6073 Literature Seminar. Topics dealing with basic science, pathobiology, and clinical and surgical aspects of periodontal disease will be discussed. Concurrent: PERI 5031 and PERI 6031.
PERI6036. Peri Lecture Series. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to instruct the student in all aspects of periodontology. It is meant to be an adjunct to the PERI 6073 Literature Seminar. Topics dealing with basic science, pathobiology, and clinical and surgical aspects of periodontal disease will be discussed. Concurrent: PERI 5031 and PERI 6031.

PERI6050. Periodontal Medicine. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to establish the principles essential for problem-oriented evaluation of the dental patient. The intent is to discuss the diagnosis of selected common orally related primary and secondary mucocutaneous conditions and oral cancer and their management.

PERI6070. Supervised Teaching. 0.5 Credit Hours.
Graduate students are assigned to the various clinics and classes for the opportunity to acquire experience in teaching pre-doctoral students and faculty members in a variety of situations. Supervision and evaluation of teaching performance are provided by the graduate faculty.

PERI6071. Supervised Teaching. 0.5 Credit Hours.
Graduate students are assigned to the various clinics and classes for the opportunity to acquire experience in teaching pre-doctoral students and faculty members in a variety of situations. Supervision and evaluation of teaching performance are provided by the graduate faculty.

PERI6072. Supervised Teaching. 0.5 Credit Hours.
Graduate students are assigned to the various clinics, laboratories, and classes for the opportunity to acquire experience in teaching undergraduate students in a variety of situations. Supervision and evaluation of teaching performance are provided by the graduate faculty.

PERI6073. Literature Seminars. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to familiarize the student with the historical and contemporary literature related to periodontics. The first-year course is concerned mainly with basic science literature while second- and third-year courses concentrate on the clinical literature. Students have the opportunity to evaluate the data in the literature, critique experimental design, abstract articles, critically evaluate research findings, and learn to use library resources.

PERI6074. Current Lit Seminar. 0.5-5 Credit Hours.
Current periodontal literature published during the academic year is discussed in a seminar format.

PERI6075. Mock Boards. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course is a simulation of the exams given by the American Board of Periodontology. Students present their cases orally, with slides, to faculty examiners and take an oral examination.

PERI6082. Periodontics. 2.5 Credit Hours.
Sophomore Periodontics is the second in a series of required courses designed to provide the opportunity for the student to learn the knowledge, skills, and values to manage patients with periodontal diseases. Students will have the opportunity to learn how to plan and to perform nonsurgical or initial periodontal therapy. This course includes classroom discussion as well as preclinical exercises. Topics covered include mechanical and pharmacotherapeutic therapies for patients with periodontal diseases, decision making in planning periodontal therapy, and how to manage periodontal patients in a general practice setting. Course Fees: Microscope $48.

PERI6097. Research. 1-9 Credit Hours.
This course consists of independent, original research under the direction of a faculty advisor.

PERI6098. Thesis. 1-9 Credit Hours.
Completion of an acceptable thesis is required for the Master of Science degree. Registration in this course for at least one semester is required of all degree candidates. Prerequisites: admission to candidacy for the Master of Science degree.

PERI7059. Implantology. 1 Credit Hour.
Through lecture sessions, this introductory course offers students an opportunity to obtain both background and knowledge regarding accepted dental implant systems.

PERI7081. Periodontics. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This course is an expansion of the foundation presented in the sophomore year. Surgical treatment planning, rationale, techniques, and wound healing are emphasized. A three-hour surgical laboratory exercise is included. Periodontal interrelationships with prosthodontics, endodontics, and orthodontics are examined in case presentation formats with student participation.

PERI8015. Periodontics. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This lecture course is a comprehensive review of current periodontal topics. Topics include those that should be employed in the diagnosis, treatment planning, and management of periodontal diseases in a general dentistry practice setting. Both non-surgical and surgical treatment approaches will be discussed.

PERI9014. Clinical Periodontics 4. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Students have the opportunity to gain clinical experience as they treat patients in the postdoctoral clinic. Cases gradually increase in complexity and severity and include treatment of the medically compromised patient, implant cases, and interdisciplinary cases.

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PERI9036. Advanced Clinical Path Conference. 1 Credit Hour.
This course will emphasize clinicopathologic correlations and rationale of differential diagnosis of pathosis directly and/or indirectly affecting contiguous structures. A variety of cases are presented for group discussion of radiographic, clinical and histopathologic findings.

PERI9069. Supervised Teaching. 1 Credit Hour.
Residents teach Air Force general dentists the didactic and clinical aspects of periodontology through the Periodontics Postgraduate Courses. Lectures are reinforced by clinical demonstrations of diagnostic and treatment procedures.

PERI9075. Literature Seminar 3. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to familiarize the student with the historical and contemporary literature related to periodontics. The first-year course is concerned mainly with basic science literature while second- and third-year courses concentrate on the clinical literature. Students have the opportunity to evaluate the data in the literature, critique experimental design, abstract articles, critically evaluate research findings, and learn to use library resources.

PERI9076. Mock Board Exam. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course is a simulation of the exams given by the American Board of Periodontology. Students present their cases orally, with slides, to faculty examiners and take an oral examination.

PERI9078. Case Presentation. 1.5 Credit Hour.
The course consists of presentation of clinical cases. Students have the opportunity to prepare to defend their approaches to therapy and gain experience in oral presentation of cases.
PERI9086. Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction. 2.5 Credit Hours.
This course provides a comprehensive review of the TMJ, methods of
evaluating orofacial pain, knowledge of the common disorders affecting
the joint, and accepted means of treatment. Students learn anatomy of
the temporomandibular region, physical and psychological assessment
of patients with temporomandibular disorders or orofacial pain, and
management of these disorders. This course is supplemented by a clinical
rotation in Orofacial Pain Clinic during the fall semester.

PERI9097. Research. 4 Credit Hours.
The student develops a research protocol and background literature
search for a clinical, laboratory, or animal model research project.

Pharmacology (PHAR)

Courses

PHAR4000. Special Topic. 1-42 Credit Hours.
This is a self-designed course created by both the student and the
department to cover a specific topic. A Course Approval Form must be
completed along with documentation of the designed course description.

PHAR4003. Clinical Pharmacology. 4 Credit Hours.
This selective is an essential course in Drug Prescribing and Therapeutics
for future interns in any specialty. It is an excellent opportunity to brush
up on drug therapy before entering residency and to avoid causing harm
to the patients through mis-prescription of drugs. The drugs of the major
therapeutic areas and how they are used are reviewed by specialists from
the Departments of Medicine, Psychiatry, Surgery, and Pharmacology.
Particular emphasis is placed on the use of drugs in clinical scenarios.

PHAR5001. Pharmacology. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is a study of the general principles of action of drugs used
for the treatment and alleviation of symptoms of medical and dental
diseases including pharmacodynamics of major drug groups, toxicology,
and contemporary prescription writing.

PHAR5013. Principles Of Pharmacology & Physiology 1. 3 Credit
Hours.
Topics include principles of drug action; receptor classification and
quantitation; dose response relationships; cellular mechanisms of drug
action; fundamental concepts of drug receptor interactions; voltage
gated and ion channels; drug actions mediated by transduction and non-
transduction enzymes; time course of drug action; absorption, distribution,
biotransformation and elimination of drugs; pharmacokinetics; and
experimental approaches to drug action.

PHAR5014. Integrative Physiology & Therapeutics. 4.5 Credit Hours.
This course provides students with a base of knowledge in physiology
and pharmacology taking an integrative approach to understanding
experimental and clinical therapeutics. Primary focus will be on
understanding normal physiologic functions, cellular mechanism
underlying disease, and systematic consideration of the pharmacology,
clinical applications, and toxicities of the major classes of drugs. This
required 4.5 credit hour course for Pharmacology and Physiology
students is comprised of three sections, each covering major areas of
physiology and pharmacology along with their corresponding therapeutics.
The three sections include: 1) 0.5-credit hour of autonomic nervous
system control and therapeutics, 2) 2-credit hour of cardiovascular, renal
and respiratory physiology and therapeutics, and 3) 2-credit hour of
metabolism, hormones, GI physiology and therapeutics. Each section will
also be offered separately as an independent micro-elective for students
from other programs within the Graduate School of Biomedical Science.
Prerequisites: IBMS 5000.

PHAR5018. Cardiovascular, Renal and Respiratory Physiology and
Therapeutics. 2 Credit Hours.
This course covers the anatomy, physiology and pharmacology of the
heart, the blood vessels, kidneys, and airways and lungs. Specific
areas include: 1) normal physiology of the cardiovascular system and
mechanisms underlying its major pathologies such as atherosclerosis,
hypertension, heart failure and stroke, as well as the major classes of
drugs (antihypertensives, anti-lipemics, anti-anginals, and anticoagulants)
to treat these primary cardiovascular disorders. 2) importance of
the kidneys in maintaining body electrolyte and water balance, and examples
of cardiovascular and kidney diseases that are targets for important
therapeutic drugs such as the diuretics and ACE inhibitors. 3) respiratory
physiology and drugs used in the treatment of asthma and chronic
obstructive pulmonary disease. Prerequisites: INTD 5000 or equivalent.

PHAR5019. Metabolism, Hormones, GI Physiology and Therapeutics.
2 Credit Hours.
This course provides an overview of the following: 1) physiology of major
endocrine systems, including pituitary, thyroid, GI and renal hormones,
etc. It covers endocrine regulation of stress, blood sugar, male and
female fertility, calcium balance, growth, pregnancy, and appetite.
Pharmacological approaches to management of diseases caused by
defects in metabolism (e.g. diabetes) and hormonal regulation (e.g. thyroid
disorders), as well as sex steroids and adrenal steroids, will be discussed.
2) mechanisms and regulation of digestion/acid secretion and nutrient
absorption by the GI tract along with pharmacological management of GI
diseases, including GERD, peptic, ulcer, etc. Prerequisites: INTD 5000 or
equivalent.

PHAR5020. Basics Of Research Design. 2 Credit Hours.
This objective of this course is to teach graduate students fundamentals of
research design and analysis of scientific literature, and effective scientific
communication skills including grant writing and oral presentations skills.
Course content will include material from The Grant Application Writer’s
Workbook NIH version, and include guidelines for developing effective oral
presentations.

PHAR5021. Autonomic Control & Therapeutics. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course covers basic anatomy, physiology and pharmacology of the
autonomic nervous system, including its higher order CNS components
of the ANS in the regulation of homeostasis. Diseases that involve
alterations in ANS function and drugs that modulate catecholaminergic
and cholinergic neuro-effector transmission will be discussed.

PHAR5090. Seminar. 1-9 Credit Hours.
This course consists of presentation and discussion of recent advances
in research by staff faculty, students, and outside scientists. A monthly
journal club that emphasizes student presentations of current primary
literature is also a component.
PHAR5091. Special Topics: Microelectives. 0.5-9 Credit Hours.
Micro-electives are courses that can be of any type (tutorial or original literature review, short [2-week] didactic, technique, etc.). In general, since they are short, they are often offered at any time of convenience between the student(s) and the faculty. Various topics include but not limited to: (1) New Views on Monoaminergic Neurotransmission: Are Transmitters Important?; (2) Drug Discovery: Nuts and Bolts; (3) Historical Perspectives of Receptor Theory; (4) Cell Membrane Microdomains and Signaling; (5) Neuropeptide Metabolism; (6) Serotonin: From Soup (Transmission) to Nuts (Behavior); (7) Central-Cardio-Respiratory Systems; (8) Neural Substrates of Regulatory Behaviors: Peptides and Monoamines; (9) Current Issues in Basic Research on Mechanisms of Epilepsy; (10) Appetite Control: Adiposity Hormones and Neuropeptides; (11) Fundamentals of Behavioral Pharmacology; (12) Therapeutics: Autonomic Pharmacology; (13) Therapeutics: Cardiovascular-Renal Pharmacology (Prerequisite: PHAR 5091.012); (14) Therapeutics: Central Nervous System Pharmacotheerapeutics; (15) Therapeutics: Chemotherapy; (16) Therapeutics: Endocrine Pharmacology; (17) Therapeutics: Pharmacological Management of Pain; and (18) G protein-coupled receptor heteromers.

PHAR5092. Special Problems In Pharmacology: Research Practicum. 1-9 Credit Hours.
This is a full-semester research experience for the principal investigator to evaluate if a student demonstrates the potential for productive and independent investigation during the summer following the first year. The course concludes with a 15 minute oral presentation given by the student and a written report in a journal style.

PHAR6015. Effects, Power, Meta-Analysis. 1 Credit Hour.
Evaluating the statistical significance of research findings requires knowledge of statistics, but additional skills are needed to evaluate their importance. This course introduces tools that help answer three questions: 1) How do I assess the practical or everyday significance of my research results, 2) Does my study have sufficient power to find what I am seeking, and 3) How do I draw conclusions from past studies reporting disparate results. Answering these questions involves estimation of effect size, calculation of statistical power, and pooling of individual effect size estimates by meta-analysis. This course discusses these activities together, because they are interrelated. A well-designed study is normally based on a prospective power analysis, and a good power analysis will ideally be based on a meta-analytically derived mean effect size. There is a growing recognition by scientific journals and funding agencies of the need to report effect sizes along with the results of test of statistical significance and to quantify the statistical power of studies. The aim of this course is to help acquire the skills necessary to meet these needs. Prerequisites: CSBL 5095.

PHAR6020. Molecular & Pharmacological Basis Of Therapeutics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides the graduate student with current knowledge of how genetic variants can affect drug response and the potential to optimize drug therapy. Course format will include lectures, discussion of selected literature, individual student presentations, and the opportunity for the development of a mini pharmacogenetic/genomic protocol and consent form to address a clinical/biomedical question mutually agreed upon between course director and students.

PHAR6025. Molecular Pharmacology. 2 Credit Hours.
This course will be presented in a journal club/paper discussion format and will focus on the molecular aspects of pharmacology, with emphasis on molecular biology, biochemistry, and cell biology of a variety of physiological systems subjected to pharmacological manipulation. The topics to be discussed will include molecular mechanisms of drug action, signal transduction and regulation, molecular approaches, and recent advances in areas of molecular pharmacology.

PHAR6027. Fundamentals Of Neuroethics. 1 Credit Hour.
Recent advances in neuroscience have considerably improved our understanding of brain function. However, the fascinating examination of brain's mysteries often intersects with the concerns of ethics and public policy. This course aims at presenting and discussing philosophical and scientific perspectives on major ethical issues pertinent to neuroscience research. Several subjects will be covered in the course, including the effects of pharmacological and surgical interventions on the brain/min brain binomial, therapy versus enhancement, brain imaging and mental privacy, neurobiology of decision making, consciousness, unconsciousness, and death.

PHAR6071. Supervised Teaching. 1-9 Credit Hours.
This course provides a mentored teaching experience. The student will be responsible for directing an undergraduate Physiology laboratory course under the guidance of the Physiology faculty. The student will prepare and provide limited lectures addressing background information required to understanding and performing research laboratories, as well as direct undergraduates in performance of these laboratories. Physiology faculty will insure that graduate students are prepared and knowledgeable about the laboratories they will direct. In addition, students will receive training in general pedagogy and specifically, in the performance, conduct, and directing of physiology research and its dissemination. In addition to learning to direct a laboratory course and providing lecture-based information, graduate students will be trained in preparing, administering, and marking laboratory exams.

PHAR6097. Research. 0.5-12 Credit Hours.
Independent, original research under the direction of a faculty advisor.

PHAR6098. Thesis. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Registration for at least one term is a Graduate School requirement for all MS candidates.

PHAR7002. Bridging The Gap From Bench To Bedside: Pharmacology Clinical Practicum. 1 Credit Hour.
Pharmacology is the most basic of the science disciplines to bridge the gap between "bench and bedside." This micro-elective will provide students with focused exposure to therapeutics and clinical practice. The course will incorporate case-based, operating room scenarios using human simulator mannequins, with a clinical experience in association with the Department of Anesthesiology. Students must directly contact the course director before registering for this course.
PHYT7003. Electrophysiology In Neuroscience Research. 1 Credit Hour.
The purpose of this course is to explore the rationale underlying the use of electrophysiological techniques in neuroscience research. Rather than focusing on the technical aspects of electrophysiology, this course will discuss current hot topic manuscripts that utilize different electrophysiological approaches including in vivo (anesthetized and conscious), in vitro, extracellular (single-unit and field potential), intracellular and patch. It is anticipated that at the end of the course students will be more familiar with the area of electrophysiology and able to understand why particular approaches are utilized in neuroscience research and be able to critically review electrophysiological data from manuscripts.

PHYR7099. Dissertation. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Registration for at least two terms is a Graduate School requirement for all Ph.D. candidates. Prerequisites: admission to candidacy for Doctor of Philosophy degree.

PHYR8009. Pharmacotherapeutics. 2 Credit Hours.
The emphasis of this course is on understanding the rationale, indications, and contraindications for prescribing pharmacologic agents in dentistry. Consideration of the pharmacologic agents that the patient may be taking at the time of the dental visit is emphasized.

Physical Therapy (PHYT)

Courses

PHYT5009. Neuroscience 1. 3 Credit Hours.
This course in neuroscience provides the foundation to understand the structure and functions of the developing, mature, and aging nervous system. It covers basic neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, and neuropharmacology. It also applies neuroscience to clinical applications regarding pathology and patient care. Since cultural organization is central to most functional concepts, neuroanatomy is emphasized to facilitate an overall understanding of the nervous system. Morphology is covered first at the cellular level, then regionally. Neurophysiology of cellular processes of nerve cell transmission as well as regional connectivity of pathways devoted to specific neural modalities is covered. Neuropharmacology encompasses the chemical aspects of synaptic transmission at the cellular level, and the regional differences of transmitter pharmacology. Neuropathology is introduced when appropriate to the systems being discussed.

PHYT5091. Special Topics. 0.5-4 Credit Hours.
This course will be arranged through Department faculty. The course topics vary according to student interest. Semester hours are variable and credit hours will be assessed per topic. The course could be offered any time during the third year (MPT-III), fall or spring.

PHYT7001. Clinical Foundations 1. 4 Credit Hours.
This course addresses the fundamental concepts of physical therapy practice including basic clinical screening for disease to include systems review, diagnostic procedures, and introductory physical therapy skills. Students are exposed to the components of documentation, basic examination, therapist-to-patient interaction, the disablement process, interdisciplinary management of the patient, and the use of the Guide to Physical Therapy as a management tool. Students also study functional screening techniques, body mechanics, surface anatomy, postural assessment, patient positioning and transfers, locomotion, and the use of assistive devices. The course adds to the foundation for clinical reasoning and clinical decision making. Students have the opportunity to practice fundamental skills involved in patient management.

PHYT7005. Exercise and Physiology of Rehabilitation. 3.5 Credit Hours.
The goal of this course is to introduce the student to the application of exercise principles to different populations. This will be achieved by examining the physiology of exercise and applying the principles of therapeutic exercise to different populations. Emphasis is on the role of exercise to improve function, prevent dysfunction, and promote wellness. The role of complementary medicine and integration of interdisciplinary professionals in the presentation of content is intended to enhance understanding of holistic care for active populations. The effects of exercise on energy metabolism, nutrition, cardiopulmonary function, and the musculoskeletal systems are also emphasized in this course. At the end of this course, students will have had the opportunity to learn to be able to apply training principles to develop an appropriate exercise program.

PHYT7009. Neuroscience 1. 3 Credit Hours.
This course in neuroscience provides the foundation to understand the structure and functions of the developing, mature, and aging nervous system. It covers basic neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, and neuropharmacology. It also applies neuroscience to clinical applications regarding pathology and patient care. Since cultural organization is central to most functional concepts, neuroanatomy is emphasized to facilitate an overall understanding of the nervous system. Morphology is covered first at the cellular level, then regionally. Neurophysiology of cellular processes of nerve cell transmission as well as regional connectivity of pathways devoted to specific neural modalities is covered. Neuropharmacology encompasses the chemical aspects of synaptic transmission at the cellular level, and the regional differences of transmitter pharmacology. Neuropathology is introduced when appropriate to the systems being discussed.

PHYT7011. Clinical Foundations 2. 4 Credit Hours.
This course continues to introduce the fundamental concepts of physical therapy practice including basic clinical screening, systems review, and introductory physical therapy skills. The course takes a regional approach to surface anatomy and its radiologic correlates, detailed muscle function with specific muscle testing. Functional outcome measures, palpation, and principles of selected interventions to include soft tissue mas-sage and proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation (PNF). The course will continue to lay the foundation for clinical reasoning and clinical decision making. The student will be given the opportunity to practice fundamental skills involved in patient management.

PHYT7012. Movement Science 1. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is a study of joint structure and function, and the mechanical principles underlying the kinematics and kinetics of human motion. Emphasis is placed on the interaction between biomechanical and physiological factors in musculoskeletal function and the implications of kinesiology principles in physical therapy practice.

PHYT7014. Systematic Reasoning and Scientific Investigation 1. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to develop critical thinking regarding interpretation of research literature. It provides a general introduction to research design, statistical reasoning, and interpretations of the literature. Topics include scientific method, research design, statistical reasoning, development of research questions, issues of measurement, and an overview of parametric and non-parametric statistical techniques. All topics are presented to facilitate understanding of research literature and utilizing evidence for clinical decision-making. The learner will have the opportunity to be able to critically analyze rehabilitation research and begin the process of formulating a critically relevant research question.
PHYT7017. Cells, Systems, and Disease. 3 Credit Hours.
This course characterizes what happens to the human body during different disease processes. It begins at the cellular and tissue levels and advances to a progressive study of diseases and disorders within different organ systems. It examines the pathological changes of both histological and gross anatomical specimens, as well as the biochemical and physiological changes that occur during different diseases and disorders. It also discusses some aspects of diagnosis and treatment of these disorders. There is an extensive medical vocabulary associated with this course.

PHYT7018. Pharmacological Principles in Physical Therapy. 2 Credit Hours.
This course provides the foundation for understanding the impact of drugs on patients with conditions encountered in the practice of physical therapy. Basic pharmacological principles are addressed, as well as important precautions and contraindications for physical therapy treatments.

PHYT7019. Neuroscience 2. 3 Credit Hours.
This course in neuroscience provides further foundation to understand the structures and functions of the developing, mature, and aging nervous system. It covers basic neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, and neuropharmacology. It also applies neuroscience to clinical applications regarding pathology and patient care. Since structural organization is central to most functional concepts, neuroanatomy is emphasized to facilitate an overall understanding of the nervous system. Special emphasis is given to the structures involved in motor control, their functions, and pathologies.

PHYT7021. Clinical Experience 1. 5 Credit Hours.
Clinical Experiences 1, 2, and 3 are designed for the student to apply knowledge gained in the basic and clinical sciences courses completed in the first 2 years to clinical practice. The student will become proficient in examination, evaluation, and intervention of patients in a variety of physical therapy settings. Students will complete 10 week rotations in each of 3 settings: acute, inpatient neurological, and outpatient orthopedic. However, they may complete these in any order depending on availability of clinical sites.

PHYT8002. Management of the Patient with Musculoskeletal Dysfunction 1. 5 Credit Hours.
Students in this course integrate previously learned skills and knowledge and apply new skills in the examination, evaluation, and intervention of patients across the lifespan with musculoskeletal conditions of the upper quarter, which will include the cervical and thoracic spine and the upper extremity. The course reviews musculoskeletal tissues, the effects of systematic disease on musculoskeletal tissues, the physical therapy exam, and the principles of evidence-based practice. The course then follows a regional approach with attention to the examination and intervention of the cervical/thoracic spine and each joint area in the upper extremity. Students are expected to be knowledgeable and proficient in material from the first-year courses in the areas of patient care skills, anatomy, kinesiology, and therapeutic exercise. The course emphasizes 1) using the best available evidence to examine and treat patients with musculoskeletal complaints in the extremities, 2) critically analyzing the patient’s history and tests and measures to formulate a physical therapy diagnosis and determine the need for further referral, 3) recognizing non-musculoskeletal causes of extremity pain and identifying patients needing further diagnostic studies and referral to a specialty physician, and 4) the interdisciplinary approach to patient management through guest speakers from different medical specialties.

PHYT8007. Orthotics in Rehabilitation. 1.5 Credit Hour.
The goal of this course is for the student to become proficient in the basic principles and clinical application of orthotic interventions used in the interdisciplinary management of the patient with extremity or spinal disorders across the lifespan. The course addresses the examination of the patient in need of an orthotic device, analyzing the results of the exam, and use of the best available evidence to identify the most efficacious orthotic device to manage or prevent impairment, functional limitation, or disability. Students will have the opportunity to use their critical thinking skills to problem solve case situations and prescribe or fabricate an orthosis most efficacious according to the best available evidence and with consultation from other disciplines.

PHYT8011. Therapeutic Approaches to Pain. 2.5 Credit Hours.
This course examines the management of pain and movement disorders with various interventions. Content includes both direct and indirect effects of interventions with a biopsychosocial approach to patient-centered care. Theory and application of modalities within this course include soft tissue massage/mobilization (STM); tissue integrity; inflammation; and repair; and principles and application of electrophysical agents in clinical PT, including cryotherapy, heat and electrical stimulation. The course consists of lectures, labs, "passport" self-selected site visits to experience clinical application of modalities used in physical therapy.

PHYT8012. Prosthetics in Rehabilitation. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to enable the student to become proficient in the principles of examination and intervention for the patient who experiences limb amputation or has congenital limb absence. The course includes the management of wounds and co-morbidities that put one at risk for limb amputation and strategies to identify these patients and prevent limb loss. The student learns the care and prosthetic management of patients in the pre and post-operative stages with limb amputation at different levels. Instructors present strategies to problem solve when presented with patients with other conditions or factors that complicate the patient’s course of rehabilitation. The interdisciplinary management of patients with limb amputation is emphasized through clinical experience with a prosthetist.

PHYT8013. Management of the Patient With Cardiopulmonary Dysfunction. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides instruction in the basic science and clinical foundation required for the examination and treatment of disorders of the cardiovascular and pulmonary systems. Emphasis is on interpretation of evaluative results involving cardiovascular and pulmonary pathology and application of specific treatment interventions in developing comprehensive PT management of these classes of pathology. This course includes interdisciplinary presentations and opportunities relevant to evidence-based wellness and fitness programs for the physical therapist functioning as part of the cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation team.

PHYT8014. Seminar in Physical Therapy Patient Care. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to promote integration of knowledge from basic sciences, patient care, health promotion and scientific investigation to enhance patient outcomes. Emphasis will be placed upon facilitation of student review of patient cases/ profiles with selection of tests and measures and potential treatment interventions.
PHYT8102. Principles of Administration in Physical Therapy. 2 Credit Hours.
This course examines current issues and trends in law, ethics and practical aspects of physical therapy clinical management. Specific topics include: (1) health care malpractice and business, contract, criminal, education, and workers’ compensation legal concepts and cases; (2) informed consent; (3) organizational theory, behavior, and culture; (4) leadership and management principles; (5) human resource management issues, including recruitment, selection, and retention of staff and managerial human resources; leadership; supervision, and delegation of PTAs, aides, and other extenders; performance appraisal; training and development activities; compensation issues; management labor relations; grievance and discipline; work place safety; and employment law and regulations; (6) health care finance, including clinical budgeting, billing, and reimbursement issues; (7) starting and marketing a PT business; (8) quality, risk, and information management; and (9) comparing and contrasting business, organizational, and professional (ATPA) ethics.

PHYT8108. Management of the Patient with Neuromuscular Dysfunction 1. 5 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to allow the student to develop the skills necessary to perform examination, evaluation, diagnosis, prognosis, and the development of comprehensive treatment plan of care for patients with neuromuscular dysfunction. Emphasis will be on differential diagnosis, screening, examination, and evaluation of function, and on development of intervention programs that lead to improvement in function. Movement dysfunction will be covered across the lifespan for acute and chronic conditions. The topics will be presented from a problem-solving approach that integrates case studies. Current evidence-based research related to the management of the patient with neuromuscular dysfunction will be critically assessed.

PHYT8114. Management of the Patient with Musculoskeletal Dysfunction 2. 5 Credit Hours.
Students in this course integrate previously learned skills and knowledge and apply new skills in the examination, evaluation, and intervention of patients across the lifespan with musculoskeletal conditions of the lumbosacral spine and the lower quarter. The course follows a regional approach with attention to the examination and intervention of the lumbosacral spine, the sacroiliac joint, and each joint of the lower extremity. Students are expected to be knowledgeable and proficient in material from the first-year courses of patient-care skills, kinesiology, and therapeutic exercise. This course emphasizes 1) using the best available evidence to examine and treat patients with spine complaints, and 2) recognizing non-musculoskeletal causes of spinal pain and identifying patients needing further diagnostic studies and referral to a specialty physician.
PHYT8116. Management of the Patient with Neuromuscular Dysfunction 2. 5 Credit Hours.
This course is a continuation of Management of the Patient with Neuromuscular Dysfunction 1, and is designed to allow the student to continue to develop the skills necessary to perform examination, evaluation, diagnosis, prognosis, and the development of comprehensive intervention plans of care for patients with neuromuscular dysfunction. Emphasis is on differential diagnosis, screening, examination, and evaluation of function, and on development of intervention programs that lead to improvement in function. Movement dysfunction is covered across the lifespan for acute and chronic conditions. Current evidence-based research related to the management of the patient with neuromuscular dysfunction is critically assessed. Management strategies and skills are reinforced by encouraging the students to participate in hands-on pre-clinical experiences, work with area clinicians related to specific diagnoses, and design treatment plans based on case studies with a focus on interdisciplinary practice.

PHYT8121. Clinical Experience 3. 5 Credit Hours.
Clinical Experiences 1, 2, and 3 are designed for the student to apply knowledge gained in the basic and clinical sciences courses completed in the first 2 years to clinical practice. The student is required to become proficient in examination, evaluation, and intervention of patients in a variety of physical therapy settings. Students are required to complete 10 week rotations in each of 3 settings: acute, inpatient neurological, and outpatient orthopedic. However, they may complete these in any order depending on availability of clinical sites.

PHYT8122. Professional Issues and Clinical Decision-Making 2. 2 Credit Hours.
This course explores professional issues in physical therapy practice. Topics of emphasis include Vision 2020, professional behaviors, APTA Code of Ethics and Guide to Professional Conduct, and legal standards of behavior for physical therapists. Particular emphasis will be placed on communication and conflict resolution, personality and cultural diversity, stress management, and entry-level physical therapy skill performance. There will also be an interdisciplinary component to the course that will provide students with an overview of ethical issues facing allied health professionals. Topics to be discussed include responsibilities of the health care professional, life and death decisions, patient confidentiality, substance abuse, whistle-blowing, and informed consent. Ethics in research and other critical issues related to health care problems also will be addressed. Collaborative activities and simulated cases will be used to enhance discussion among students.

PHYT8130. Movement Science 2. 2 Credit Hours.
The course will examine how humans learn and acquire skills, as well as the mechanisms that are used to control skillful movement utilizing integration of concepts from neuroscience and kinesiology. Content will include critical discussion of the various schools of thought on how movement is controlled and learned. Students will have the opportunity to apply the concepts of motor control and motor learning for patients with movement dysfunction. Emphasis will be placed on movement control and motor learning in normal and special populations.

PHYT8221. Clinical Internship. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is a four-week clinical internship that allows the student to choose an area of interest and refine their physical therapy examination, evaluation, and intervention skills in that setting. Students may choose to gain more experience in one of the three required clinical areas (acute, inpatient neurological, outpatient orthopedic) or pursue a specialty area of interest.

PHYT8222. Professional Issues and Clinical Decision-Making 3. 1 Credit Hour.
This course gives students the opportunity to prepare for their clinical experiences. Students are required to complete all required certifications and learn to use the clinical evaluation tool (PT MACS). Particular emphasis will be placed on satisfactory passing criteria for skills outlined in the PT MACS, and expected entry-level physical therapy skill performance.

Physician Assistant (PHAS) Courses

PHAS5000. Physician Assistant Policy and Practice. 3 Credit Hours.
This course will provide the student with an overview of the assistant physician profession. The course will provide the student with an opportunity to develop an understanding of the profession to include history, social and policy issues, medical ethics, liability, educational philosophy, certification/licensure requirements, and professional concepts/issues, including a team approach to health care. Discussion will include intellectual honesty and academic and professional conduct.

PHAS5001. Patient Evaluation. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides the student with an opportunity to develop a theoretical and clinical basis for assessment of the patient. The process, in which a physician assistant utilizes a comprehensive physical, psychosocial, and cultural assessment across the lifespan to gather specific data relevant to common health problems, is demonstrated. Faculty will facilitate laboratory and clinical experiences that will focus on assessment of patients and presentation of findings in a variety of settings.

PHAS5003. Behavioral Medicine. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides the student with an opportunity to develop an understanding of human behavior by providing an overview of major behavioral disease processes and differentiation criteria to include disease presentation, physical examination findings, laboratory testing, and therapeutic approaches.

PHAS5004. Clinical Applications. 4 Credit Hours.
This course provides the student with an opportunity to experience clinical practice and further develop an appreciation for the art and science of medicine as it relates to physician assistant practice. The student will have an opportunity to apply those skills taught in Patient Evaluation I including physical examination, medical history, patient education, documentation, and medical record keeping. Faculty will facilitate laboratory and clinical experience that will focus on assessment of patients and presentation of findings in a variety of settings. Activities will range from observation to participation in patient care. Basic problem solving, group discussion, and literature review will be included.

PHAS5005. Clinical Applications in Nutrition. 2 Credit Hours.
The student will have the opportunity to develop knowledge of the role of nutrition in healthy and disease states. Emphasis will be on nutrition as a component of patient care and treatment.

PHAS5006. Clinical Applications in Physiology. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide students in health professions discipline with the fundamentals of normal human physiology. The course includes concepts from cellular to system level. Topics include cellular, respiratory, cardiovascular, digestive, renal, male and female reproductive, musculoskeletal, nervous, and endocrine systems with integration of these physiologic concepts to pathologic disease processes. The course includes classroom lecture, case studies and student presentations.
PHAS5007. Pathogenesis of Human Disease. 3 Credit Hours.
This course covers the basic principles of pathology providing the opportunity for the understanding of human disease processes. Course content includes discussion of general disease processes such as cellular degeneration, inflammation, tissue repair, chemical and physical injury, developmental disorders and neoplasia and a thorough examination of the principal diseases of the major tissues and organ systems. Upon completion of the course the student will have had the opportunity to acquire foundation knowledge of the concepts of pathophysiology applicable and required for clinical diagnosis of human diseases.

PHAS5008. Clinical Human Anatomy. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is a study of the structure and function of the human body to include the study of cells, tissues, and organ systems. Emphasis will be on the interrelationship of the human body systems with clinical correlation through the use of case studies, radiographs, photographs, and drawings. This is an outline class with enhanced virtual laboratory sessions. Additional time may be spent with cadaver prosections, models, or plastinated specimens. There is an instructional technology fee associated with this course.

PHAS5009. Principles of Nutrition for the Physician Assistant. 2.5 Credit Hours.
The student will have the opportunity to develop knowledge of the role of nutrition in healthy and disease states. Emphasis will be on nutrition as a component of patient care and treatment.

PHAS5033. Clinical Medicine 1. 10 Credit Hours.
This course provides students with all aspects of medical care based on an organ system approach. It will provide students with an opportunity to develop an understanding of human disease states. Instruction will include recognition of disease state through data collection, assessment, management, patient education, and disease prevention. Health disparities will be included. Special topics will include pediatric and geriatric applications. The organ systems to be covered are genetics, dermatology, renal/male reproductive, cardiovascular, respiratory, and hematologic.

PHAS5034. Clinical Medicine 2. 10 Credit Hours.
This course provides students with all aspects of medical care based on an organ system approach. It will provide students with an opportunity to develop an understanding of human disease states. Instruction will include recognition of disease state through data collection, assessment, management, patient education, and disease prevention. Health disparities will be included. Special topics will include pediatric and geriatric applications. The organ systems to be covered are gastrointestinal, musculoskeletal, neurologic female reproductive, endocrine, and special topics.

PHAS5035. Clinical Medicine for PA 1. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides students with all aspects of medical care based on an organ system approach. It will provide students with an opportunity to develop an understanding of human disease states. Instruction will include recognition of disease state through data collection, assessment, management, patient education, and disease prevention. Health disparities will be included. Special topics will include pediatric and geriatric applications. The organ systems to be covered are genetics, ophthalmology, otolaryngology and dermatology.

PHAS5036. Clinical Medicine for PA 2. 5 Credit Hours.
This course provides students with all aspects of medical care based on an organ system approach. It will provide students with an opportunity to develop an understanding of human disease states. Instruction will include recognition of disease state through data collection, assessment, management, patient education, and disease prevention. Health disparities will be included. Special topics will include pediatric and geriatric applications. The organ systems to be covered are dermatology, genetics, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, cardiology with EKG, and pulmonology.

PHAS5037. Clinical Medicine for PA 3. 10 Credit Hours.
This course provides students with all aspects of medical care based on an organ system approach. It will provide students with an opportunity to develop an understanding of human disease states. Instruction will include recognition of disease state through data collection, assessment, management, patient education, and disease prevention. Health disparities will be included. Special topics will include pediatric and geriatric applications. The organ systems to be covered are: neurology, musculoskeletal, rheumatology, gastrointestinal, infectious disease, obstetrics, gynecology, and endocrinology.

PHAS5038. Clinical Medicine for PA 4. 2 Credit Hours.
This course provides students with all aspects of medical care based on an organ system approach. It will provide students with an opportunity to develop an understanding of human disease states. Instruction will include recognition of disease state through data collection, assessment, management, patient education, and disease prevention. Health disparities will be included. Special topics will include pediatric and geriatric applications. The organ systems to be covered are nephrology, urology, hematology, and oncology.

PHAS5043. Physiology in Health and Disease. 4 Credit Hours.
This course shall provide students with the opportunity to develop a knowledge base of human physiology in health and diseased states. Emphasis will be on the pathophysiology of human disease processes. Course content includes organ system physiology and general disease processes of degeneration, inflammation, neoplasia, and changes associated with major tissue/organ diseases.

PHAS5091. Special Topics. 1-10 Credit Hours.
This special topics or directed study course is a faculty-directed, didactic course to provide students with an opportunity for the understanding of human disease states. Instruction will be on the pathophysiology of human disease processes. Course content includes organ system physiology and general disease processes of degeneration, inflammation, neoplasia, and changes associated with major tissue/organ diseases.

PHAS6004. Preventative Medicine-Community Health. 3 Credit Hours.
The student will have an opportunity to develop an understanding and knowledge of epidemiology and preventive medicine across a number of topics. An introduction to community health, with an emphasis on needs assessment and project development, will be done.

PHAS6010. Pharmacology 1. 3 Credit Hours.
The student will have an opportunity to develop an understanding and knowledge of the pharmacological basis of therapeutics with special emphasis on the biochemical and physiological functions in disease. Majors areas covered include drugs active in the cardiovascular, autonomic, and central nervous systems. General principles of drug action and specific coverage of drugs used in the treatment of bacterial, viral, and parasitic diseases are provided.
PHAS6013. Scientific Inquiry. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a general introduction to research design, statistical reasoning, and interpretation of medical/scientific literature. Topics include scientific method, theory, development of research questions, issues of measurement, models of experimental and non-experimental designs, and an overview of parametric and non-parametric statistical techniques. All topics will be in reference to understanding the literature and to evidence for practice decisions. The learner will have an opportunity to critically analyze medical and scientific literature/ research.

PHAS6014. Pharmacology 2. 3 Credit Hours.
A continuation of Pharmacology 1, the student will have an opportunity to develop an understanding and knowledge of the actions and therapeutic uses of drugs. The topics include principles of pharmacology and pharmacokinetics. Topics will center on drug action, autonomic and cardiovascular pharmacology, neuropharmacology, endocrine pharmacology, GI and respiratory pharmacology, and an introduction to chemotherapy and toxicology. Special topics will include basics in prescription writing.

PHAS6015. Clinical Skills. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is a continuation of Clinical Skills I. Course Fees: Clinical fee $300.00.

PHAS6101. Supervised Clinical Practice 1. 4 Credit Hours.
This clinical rotation course is the first in a series of supervised clinical practice opportunities for students who have completed the didactic phase of the Physician Assistant curriculum. This supervised clinical practice experience enables students to meet program expectations and acquire the competencies needed for clinical PA practice. Students will encounter the types of patients essential to preparing them for entry into practice. At a minimum, these experiences will include preventive, emergent, acute and chronic patient encounters. Students will participate in health care across the life span, women's health, pre-/post and intra-operative care in outpatient, inpatient, emergency and surgical settings.

PHAS6102. Supervised Clinical Practice 2. 4 Credit Hours.
This clinical rotation course is the second in a series of supervised clinical practice opportunities for students who have completed the didactic phase of the Physician Assistant curriculum. This supervised clinical practice experience enables students to meet program expectations and acquire the competencies needed for clinical PA practice. Students will encounter the types of patients essential to preparing them for entry into practice. At a minimum, these experiences will include preventive, emergent, acute and chronic patient encounters. Students will participate in health care across the life span, women's health, pre-/post and intra-operative care in outpatient, inpatient, emergency and surgical settings.

PHAS6103. Supervised Clinical Practice 3. 4 Credit Hours.
This clinical rotation course is the third in a series of supervised clinical practice opportunities for students who have completed the didactic phase of the Physician Assistant curriculum. This supervised clinical practice experience enables students to meet program expectations and acquire the competencies needed for clinical PA practice. Students will encounter the types of patients essential to preparing them for entry into practice. At a minimum, these experiences will include preventive, emergent, acute and chronic patient encounters. Students will participate in health care across the life span, women's health, pre-/post and intra-operative care in outpatient, inpatient, emergency and surgical settings.

PHAS6104. Supervised Clinical Practice 4. 4 Credit Hours.
This clinical rotation course is the fourth in a series of supervised clinical practice opportunities for students who have completed the didactic phase of the Physician Assistant curriculum. This supervised clinical practice experience enables students to meet program expectations and acquire the competencies needed for clinical PA practice. Students will encounter the types of patients essential to preparing them for entry into practice. At a minimum, these experiences will include preventive, emergent, acute and chronic patient encounters. Students will participate in health care across the life span, women's health, pre-/post and intra-operative care in outpatient, inpatient, emergency and surgical settings.

PHAS6105. Supervised Clinical Practice 5. 4 Credit Hours.
This clinical rotation course is the fifth in a series of supervised clinical practice opportunities for students who have completed the didactic phase of the Physician Assistant curriculum. This supervised clinical practice experience enables students to meet program expectations and acquire the competencies needed for clinical PA practice. Students will encounter the types of patients essential to preparing them for entry into practice. At a minimum, these experiences will include preventive, emergent, acute and chronic patient encounters. Students will participate in health care across the life span, women's health, pre-/post and intra-operative care in outpatient, inpatient, emergency and surgical settings.

PHAS6106. Supervised Clinical Practice 6. 4 Credit Hours.
This clinical rotation course is the sixth in a series of supervised clinical practice opportunities for students who have completed the didactic phase of the Physician Assistant curriculum. This supervised clinical practice experience enables students to meet program expectations and acquire the competencies needed for clinical PA practice. Students will encounter the types of patients essential to preparing them for entry into practice. At a minimum, these experiences will include preventive, emergent, acute and chronic patient encounters. Students will participate in health care across the life span, women's health, pre-/post and intra-operative care in outpatient, inpatient, emergency and surgical settings.

PHAS6107. Supervised Clinical Practice 7. 4 Credit Hours.
This clinical rotation course is the seventh in a series of supervised clinical practice opportunities for students who have completed the didactic phase of the Physician Assistant curriculum. This supervised clinical practice experience enables students to meet program expectations and acquire the competencies needed for clinical PA practice. Students will encounter the types of patients essential to preparing them for entry into practice. At a minimum, these experiences will include preventive, emergent, acute and chronic patient encounters. Students will participate in health care across the life span, women's health, pre-/post and intra-operative care in outpatient, inpatient, emergency and surgical settings.

PHAS6108. Supervised Clinical Practice 8. 4 Credit Hours.
This clinical rotation course is the eighth in a series of supervised clinical practice opportunities for students who have completed the didactic phase of the Physician Assistant curriculum. This supervised clinical practice experience enables students to meet program expectations and acquire the competencies needed for clinical PA practice. Students will encounter the types of patients essential to preparing them for entry into practice. At a minimum, these experiences will include preventive, emergent, acute and chronic patient encounters. Students will participate in health care across the life span, women's health, pre-/post and intra-operative care in outpatient, inpatient, emergency and surgical settings.
PHAS6109. Supervised Clinical Practice 9. 4 Credit Hours.
This clinical rotation course is the ninth in a series of supervised clinical practice opportunities for students who have completed the didactic phase of the Physician Assistant curriculum. This supervised clinical practice experience enables students to meet program expectations and acquire the competencies needed for clinical PA practice. Students will encounter the types of patients essential to preparing them for entry into practice. At a minimum, these experiences will include preventive, emergent, acute and chronic patient encounters. Students will participate in health care across the life span, women's health, pre-/post and intra-operative care in outpatient, inpatient, emergency and surgical settings.

PHAS6110. Supervised Clinical Practice 10. 4 Credit Hours.
This clinical rotation course is the tenth in a series of supervised clinical practice opportunities for students who have completed the didactic phase of the Physician Assistant curriculum. This supervised clinical practice experience enables students to meet program expectations and acquire the competencies needed for clinical PA practice. Students will encounter the types of patients essential to preparing them for entry into practice. At a minimum, these experiences will include preventive, emergent, acute and chronic patient encounters. Students will participate in health care across the life span, women's health, pre-/post and intra-operative care in outpatient, inpatient, emergency and surgical settings.

PHAS6111. Supervised Clinical Practice 11. 4 Credit Hours.
This clinical rotation course is the eleventh in a series of supervised clinical practice opportunities for students who have completed the didactic phase of the Physician Assistant curriculum. This supervised clinical practice experience enables students to meet program expectations and acquire the competencies needed for clinical PA practice. Students will encounter the types of patients essential to preparing them for entry into practice. At a minimum, these experiences will include preventive, emergent, acute and chronic patient encounters. Students will participate in health care across the life span, women's health, pre-/post and intra-operative care in outpatient, inpatient, emergency and surgical settings.

PHAS6112. Supervised Clinical Practice 12. 4 Credit Hours.
This clinical rotation course is the twelfth in a series of supervised clinical practice opportunities for students who have completed the didactic phase of the Physician Assistant curriculum. This supervised clinical practice experience enables students to meet program expectations and acquire the competencies needed for clinical PA practice. Students will encounter the types of patients essential to preparing them for entry into practice. At a minimum, these experiences will include preventive, emergent, acute and chronic patient encounters. Students will participate in health care across the life span, women's health, pre-/post and intra-operative care in outpatient, inpatient, emergency and surgical settings.

PHAS6113. Supervised Clinical Practice 13. 4 Credit Hours.
This clinical rotation course is the thirteenth in a series of supervised clinical practice opportunities for students who have completed the didactic phase of the Physician Assistant curriculum. This supervised clinical practice experience enables students to meet program expectations and acquire the competencies needed for clinical PA practice. Students will encounter the types of patients essential to preparing them for entry into practice. At a minimum, these experiences will include preventive, emergent, acute and chronic patient encounters. Students will participate in health care across the life span, women's health, pre-/post and intra-operative care in outpatient, inpatient, emergency and surgical settings.

PHAS6114. Supervised Clinical Practice 14. 4 Credit Hours.
This clinical rotation course is the fourteenth in a series of supervised clinical practice opportunities for students who have completed the didactic phase of the Physician Assistant curriculum. This supervised clinical practice experience enables students to meet program expectations and acquire the competencies needed for clinical PA practice. Students will encounter the types of patients essential to preparing them for entry into practice. At a minimum, these experiences will include preventive, emergent, acute and chronic patient encounters. Students will participate in health care across the life span, women's health, pre-/post and intra-operative care in outpatient, inpatient, emergency and surgical settings.

PHAS6115. Supervised Clinical Practice 15. 4 Credit Hours.
This clinical rotation course is the fifteenth and final rotation in a series of supervised clinical practice opportunities for students who have completed the didactic phase of the Physician Assistant curriculum. This supervised clinical practice experience enables students to meet program expectations and acquire the competencies needed for clinical PA practice. Students will encounter the types of patients essential to preparing them for entry into practice. At a minimum, these experiences will include preventive, emergent, acute and chronic patient encounters. Students will participate in health care across the life span, women's health, pre-/post and intra-operative care in outpatient, inpatient, emergency, surgical settings and special topics.

**Physiology (PHYL)**

**PHYL Courses**

PHYL3014. Research in Endocrinology of Aging. Credit Hours.
The course consists of student participation in research on glucocorticoid-induced gene expression during aging and food restriction.

PHYL3016. Ion Channel Research. Credit Hours.
The course includes student participation in ongoing basic research on the molecular mechanisms of signaling pathways acting on ion channels. Techniques may include patch-clamp, electrophysiology, molecular biology and biochemistry.

PHYL4000. Special Topic. 1-42 Credit Hours.
This is a self-designed course created by both the student and the department to cover a specific topic. A Course Approval Form must be completed along with documentation of the designed course description.

PHYL4012. Molecular Endocrinology Research. 4 Credit Hours.
The course consists of student participation in research on glucocorticoid-induced gene expression during aging and food restriction.

PHYL4016. Ion Channel Research. 4 Credit Hours.
The course includes student participation in ongoing basic research on the molecular mechanisms of signaling pathways acting on ion channels. Techniques may include patch-clamp, electrophysiology, molecular biology and biochemistry.

PHYL5013. Dental Physiology. 6.5 Credit Hours.
Lecture instruction in the basic concepts of cell and organ function and in the integrated function of mammalian organ systems is presented. The physiology of the nervous system is included. (Students may elect to substitute CSBL 5019 - Gross Human Anatomy for Graduate Students for this course.).

PHYL5017. Discovery Of Physiological Principles 3. 2 Credit Hours.
The course consists of laboratory demonstrations and experiments in areas covered in Organ Systems Physiology 2 and acquisition of skills for analyzing and communicating the results of laboratory research. Corequisites: PHYL 5025.
PHYL5025. Organ Systems Physiology 2. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is a continuation of the study, begun in Organ System Physiology 1, of the mechanisms that produce and control the functions of the body's organ system. Prerequisites: PHYL 5011, PHYL 5014, PHYL 5021, and PHYL 5024.

PHYL5041. Excitable Membranes. 1 Credit Hour.
This course addresses fundamental mechanisms of cell excitability in neurons and other excitable tissues. The format is a combination of lectures, readings, discussions, a laboratory demonstration, and online simulations (where available). Examples of the latter include activities to simulate the resting membrane potential and action potentials. The module will emphasize contemporary issues in the scientific literature as well as translational science where dysfunction in ion channels underlie common disorders such as Alzheimer's Disease, Myasthenia Gravis, Cystic Fibrosis, Long QT Syndrome, and Epilepsy to name just a few. PHYL 5041 is a co-requisite for Fundamentals of Neuroscience I as it is the first module of that course, but it also can be taken as a standalone one-hour course.

PHYL5042. Cardiovascular Physiology. 1 Credit Hour.
This course explores the physiological mechanisms by which the cardiovascular system carries out its principle function. Mechanisms that produce and regulate cardiac pumping, organ blood flow, capillary fluid and solute exchange, and arterial blood pressure are examined. The nature and importance of various local, neural, and hormonal mechanisms are emphasized. Integrated control of cardiovascular function in situations requiring cardiovascular adjustments (e.g., exercise, blood pressure alterations) are also covered. Students may take the full series but are only required to take three out of the four courses (PHYL 5041, 5042, 5043, and 5044).

PHYL5043. Respiratory & Renal Physiology. 1 Credit Hour.
This course covers the physiology of respiratory and renal function in the human body. Our focus is on basic mechanisms of function, role in body homeostasis, as well as dysfunction of both systems associated with pulmonary and renal disease. Two sessions are set aside for discussion around significant advances in each field. One or more recently published articles will serve as the focus for each of these discussions sessions. Students may take the full series but are only required to take three out of the four courses (PHYL 5041, 5042, 5043, and 5044).

PHYL5044. Metabolism/Hormones/GI System. 1 Credit Hour.
The course serves to expose students to the current state of knowledge in the field of endocrinology and metabolism, including reproductive physiology, and the related topics of the physiology of the digestive tract. Three sessions are assigned to advanced topics. In these three sessions students will engage in a discussion format centered around one recent important publication. The lecturer will lead the discussion with the aim of showing how the topics the students have been exposed to integrate one with another, providing the context for present-day discoveries.

PHYL5045. Mammalian Physiology. 4 Credit Hours.
The course begins with fundamental processes that govern membrane transport, membrane potential, and excitation-contraction coupling. The course then proceeds to coverage of organ system function including cardiovascular, respiratory, renal, gastrointestinal and endocrine/metabolic physiology. Lecture material is enhanced by supplemental discussion of research literature encompassing molecular biology, integrative function, and pathophysiological implications. Students may take the full course but are only required to take three out of the four modules (PHYL 5041, 5042, 5043, and 5044).

PHYL6020. Regulation of Glucose Metabolism. 3 Credit Hours.
The normal regulation of glucose metabolism will be reviewed integrating whole body, organ, cellular, and molecular control mechanisms. Dysregulation of these control mechanisms in diabetes and other common metabolic disorders such as obesity and the metabolic syndrome will be examined in detail. State-of-the-art in vivo and in vitro techniques essential for the study of normal and deranged glucose homeostasis will be discussed in depth. Diabetic microvascular (neuropathy, retinopathy, nephropathy) and macrovascular complications and their relationship to impaired glucose metabolism will be reviewed. Lastly, pharmacologic therapy of diabetes and its associated complications will be discussed.

PHYL6071. Supervised Teaching. 1 Credit Hour.
A student enrolled in this course is expected to participate in the teaching program of the Department.

PHYL6090. Seminar. 1 Credit Hour.
The course is comprised of research presentations by Physiology graduate students. This course is required of all students each semester.

PHYL6091. Selected Topics of Physiology. 2 Credit Hours.
Students must take at least two courses selected from among the offerings in: (1) Cardiovascular; (2) Cell Biology in Neural Science; (3) Endocrine and Metabolism; (4) Molecular Physiology; (5) Ion Channels in Disease. Courses that may be substituted for one of these selections: (1) INTD 5040 - Fundamentals of Neuroscience I: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Neuroscience; (2) INTD 5043 - Fundamentals of Neuroscience II: Systems Neuroscience; (3) CSBL 6048 - Biology of Aging; and (4) CSBL 6058 - Neurobiology of Aging. Not all selected topics are offered each semester. Please discuss this with the Academic Coordinator for more details. Substituted courses in conflict with Physiology course schedule will require approval from COGS.

PHYL6097. Research. 1-12 Credit Hours.
If a track chooses to give a seminar course, the specific course requirements will be determined by the track. The sub-designations for each track are: (1) Biology of Aging; (2) Cancer Biology; (3) Cell & Molecular Biology; (4) Genetics, Genomics & Development; (5) Membrane Biology & Cell Signaling; (6) Metabolism & Metabolic Disorders; (7) Microbiology & Immunology; (8) Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry; (9) Molecular, Cellular, & Integrative Physiology; (10) Neuroscience; and (11) Pharmacology.

PHYL6098. Thesis. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Registration for at least one term is required of M.S. candidates. Prerequisite: admission to candidacy for Master of Science degree.

PHYL6291. Seminar 2. 1 Credit Hour.
Presentation and discussion of recent research advances by outside scientists.

PHYL7000. Off Campus. 1-42 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: "Course Approval" form, a written letter or email for acceptance form the physician preceptor with the start and end dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun. Contact the department for assistance with enrolling in this course.
PHYL7099. Dissertation. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Registration for at least two terms is required of Ph.D. candidates. Prerequisites: admission to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree.

Prosthodontics (PROS)

Courses

PROS5015. Concepts Of Occlusion. 1 Credit Hour.
Various concepts of occlusion with special emphasis on the clinical application of gnathology are the focus of this course. The laboratory phase includes the development of a functional occlusion through the cuspa-fossa additive wax method and an occlusal equilibration technique.

PROS5021. Advanced Prosthodontics 1. 1 Credit Hour.
This fall course for first-year advanced prosthodontics students is designed to provide the postdoctoral student with the didactic basis for advanced clinical prosthodontics care.

PROS5022. Advanced Prosthodontics 1. 1 Credit Hour.
This spring course for first-year advanced prosthodontics students is designed to provide the postdoctoral student with the didactic basis for advanced clinical prosthodontics care.

PROS5031. Clinical Prosthodontics 1. 2.5 Credit Hours.
This course for first-year advanced prosthodontic students is designed to provide extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of prosthodontics as a first course in a progressively complex clinical prosthodontic curriculum. Each student will have the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive prosthodontic practice involving fixed, removable, and implant treatment procedures.

PROS5032. Clinical Prosthodontics 1. 4 Credit Hours.
This fall course for first-year advanced prosthodontics students is designed to provide extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of prosthodontics as a first course in a progressively more complex clinical prosthodontics curriculum. Each student will have the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive prosthodontics practice involving fixed, removable, and implant treatment procedures.

PROS5033. Clinical Prosthodontics 1. 3 Credit Hours.
This spring course for first-year advanced prosthodontics students is designed to provide extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of prosthodontics as a second course in a progressively complex clinical prosthodontics curriculum. Each student will have the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive prosthodontics practice involving fixed, removable, and implant treatment procedures.

PROS5044. OMS/Prosthodontics Seminar 1. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This fall course for first-year prosthodontics students is a seminar devoted to the discussion and coordination of treatment of patients under joint management by Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Graduate Prosthodontics.

PROS5045. OMS/Prosthodontics Seminar 1. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The spring course for first-year prosthodontics students is a seminar devoted to the discussion and coordination of treatment of patients under joint management by Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Graduate Prosthodontics.

PROS5049. Overview of Maxillofacial Pros. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course introduces the graduate student to the discipline of maxillofacial prosthetics. Emphasis is placed on treating patients requiring prosthetic devices for the head and neck area due to surgery or trauma.

PROS5050. Dental Implantology. 1 Credit Hour.
This course offers graduate level students an introduction to the basics of the osseointegrated implant surgical and prosthetic technique. Lectures on advanced concepts of osseointegration therapy related to several implant systems are included.

PROS5053. Advanced Implant Prosthodontics. 1.5 Credit Hour.
The objective of this course is to offer each student an opportunity to obtain background information, knowledge, and skills associated with dental implant treatment modalities.

PROS5067. Supervised Teaching 1. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This course provides first-year prosthodontic residents the opportunity to teach complete denture laboratory skills to predoctoral students under the supervision of experienced prosthodontic educators.

PROS5068. Supervised Teaching 1. 2 Credit Hours.
This spring course provides first-year prosthodontic residents the opportunity to teach complete denture laboratory skills to predoctoral students under the supervision of experienced prosthodontic educators.

PROS5072. Literature Review Seminar 1. 1 Credit Hour.
This fall course for first-year prosthodontics students is the first of six courses given in a three-year continuum of classical literature review seminars. The broad field of prosthodontics literature is systematically reviewed with the objective of providing the postdoctoral student with a background of prosthodontic knowledge and history.

PROS5073. Literature Review Seminar 1. 1 Credit Hour.
This spring course for first-year prosthodontics students is the second of six courses given in a three-year continuum of classical literature review seminars. The broad field of prosthodontics literature is systematically reviewed with the objective of providing the postdoctoral student with a background of prosthodontic knowledge and history.

PROS5095. Research. 1 Credit Hour.
This summer course for advanced prosthodontics students is the first of three in the first year designed to offer opportunity to review the literature and to design and complete a laboratory or clinical research project under the direction of a faculty advisor. Research should result in a paper by certificate students suitable for publication in a peer-rated journal. Students in the master’s programs will be expected to collect and analyze data for a thesis that must be defended as the culmination of research efforts.

PROS5096. Research. 1 Credit Hour.
This summer course for advanced prosthodontics students is the second of three in the first year designed to offer opportunity to review the literature and to design and complete a laboratory or clinical research project under the direction of a faculty advisor. Research should result in a paper by certificate students suitable for publication in a peer-rated journal. Students in the master’s degree programs will be expected to collect and analyze data for a thesis that must be defended as the culmination of research efforts.

PROS5097. Research 1. 1-9 Credit Hours.
This course offers the student an opportunity to review the literature and to design and complete a laboratory or clinical research project under the direction of a faculty advisor. Research should result in a paper by certificate students suitable for publication in a peer-rated journal. Students in the master’s programs will be expected to collect and analyze data for a thesis which must be defended as the culmination of research efforts.
PROS6000. Introduction to Advanced Prosthodontics for Interns. 1 Credit Hour.

PROS6011. Prosthodontic Treatment For The Dentate/Partially Dentate Patient. 2.5 Credit Hours.
This is a lecture series designed to provide the basic concepts and principles of fixed prosthodontics, involving single and multiple restorations; the rationale and methodology for full and partial veneer preparations; and the fabrication of restorations and the restoration of endodontically treated teeth.

PROS6012. Preclinical Prosthodontics Treatment for the Dentate/Partially Dentate Patient. 4 Credit Hours.
A laboratory course with exercises that include steps involved in the fabrication of crowns and short span, fixed partial dentures. Major emphasis is placed on restoration design and clinically related phases of restoration planning and construction. Projects include coverage of the metal ceramic technique, use of conventional Type III dental gold alloy, and development of natural-appearing tooth contours with restorative material systems. Principles of tooth preparation and restoration design are applied to the fabrication of single crown and multiple abutment restorations. The lab fee is included in the general laboratory fee.

PROS6018. Prosthodontic Treatment for the Edentulous Patient. 1 Credit Hour.
An introduction to the diagnostic, treatment, and maintenance phases in the rehabilitation of an edentulous patient is presented. Lecture topics include biomechanics of the edentulous state, clinical examinations and diagnosis, endentulous impressions, maxillomandibular relations, denture esthetics, denture occlusion, initial placement of complete dentures, and post-placement care and maintenance of an edentulous patient.

PROS6019. Preclinical Prosthodontics Treatment for the Edentulous Patient. 2 Credit Hours.
A preclinical laboratory course introducing, demonstrating, and exercises in the laboratory phases of the fabrication and repair of complete dentures is presented. Students will be expected to reach the proficiency level required to satisfactorily perform the laboratory and clinical tasks assigned in subsequent courses and to assess those procedures generally performed by dental laboratory technicians. The lab fee is included in the general laboratory fee.

PROS6022. Advanced Prosthodontics 2. 1 Credit Hour.
This fall continuation course for second-year advanced prosthodontic students is designed to provide the postdoctoral student with the didactic basis for advanced clinical prosthodontic care.

PROS6023. Advanced Prosthodontics 2. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This spring continuation course for second-year advanced prosthodontics students is designed to provide the postdoctoral student with the didactic basis for advanced clinical prosthodontic care.

PROS6030. Clinical Prosthodontics 2. 4 Credit Hours.
This summer course for second-year advanced prosthodontics students is designed to provide extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of prosthodontics as a fourth clinical course in a progressively complex clinical prosthodontic curriculum. Each student will have the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive prosthodontic practice involving fixed, removable, and implant treatment procedures.

PROS6031. Clinical Prosthodontics 2. 4.5 Credit Hours.
This fall course for second-year advanced prosthodontic students is designed to provide extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of prosthodontics as a fifth clinical course in a progressively complex clinical prosthodontic curriculum. Each student will have the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive prosthodontic practice involving fixed, removable, and implant treatment procedures.

PROS6032. Clinical Prosthodontics 2. 4.5 Credit Hours.
This spring course for advanced prosthodontic students is designed to provide extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of prosthodontics as a course in a progressively more complex clinical prosthodontic curriculum. Each student will have the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive prosthodontic practice involving fixed, removable, and implant treatment procedures.

PROS6033. Clinical Prosthodontics 3. 8 Credit Hours.
This fall course for second-year advanced prosthodontic students is designed to provide extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of prosthodontics as a course in a progressively more complex clinical prosthodontics curriculum. Each student will have the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive prosthodontic practice involving fixed, removable, implant and maxillofacial prosthodontics patients.

PROS6034. Clinical Prosthodontics 3. 6.5 Credit Hours.
This spring course for advanced prosthodontic students is designed to provide extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of prosthodontics as a course in a progressively more complex clinical prosthodontics curriculum. Each student will have the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive prosthodontic practice of fixed, removable, implant, and maxillofacial prosthodontics patients.

PROS6035. Clinical Prosthodontics 3. 4.5 Credit Hours.
This spring course for advanced prosthodontic students is designed to provide extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of prosthodontics as a course in a progressively more complex clinical prosthodontic curriculum. Each student will have the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive prosthodontic practice of fixed, removable, implant, and maxillofacial prosthodontics patients.

PROS6036. Maxillofacial Prosthodontics. 1 Credit Hour.
This clinical course provides the opportunity to experience treating patients on the Maxillofacial Prosthetics Service. Patients with congenital and acquired defects are treated under the supervision of the maxillofacial prosthodontics faculty.

PROS6037. Clinical Prosthodontics. 2 Credit Hours.
This clinical course for Perio-Pros residents in their 3rd and 5th years is designed to provide complex clinical treatment experiences that integrate skills from both specialties. Each student will have the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive integrated Perio-Pros practice.

PROS6043. Geriatric Dentistry. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This objective of this course is to provide the clinical and didactic background necessary to address the limitations geriatric patients pose for prosthodontically speciality level diagnosis, planning and treatment.

PROS6046. OMS/Prosthodontics Seminar 2. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This fall semester course for second-year advanced prosthodontic students is the third in a continuum of seminar courses devoted to the discussion and coordination of treatments of patients under joint management of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Prosthodontics programs.
PROS6047. OMS/Prosthodontics Seminar 2. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This spring semester course for second-year advanced prosthodontics students is the fourth in a continuum of seminar courses devoted to the discussion and coordination of treatments of patients under joint management of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Prosthodontics programs.

PROS6048. Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Prosthodontics Seminar 3. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This fall semester course for third and subsequent year advanced prosthodontics students is a continuation of seminar courses devoted to the discussion and coordination of treatments of patients under joint management of the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Prosthodontics programs.

PROS6049. Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Prosthodontics Seminar 3. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This spring semester course for third and subsequent year advanced prosthodontics students is a continuation of seminar courses devoted to the discussion and coordination of treatments of patients under joint management of the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Prosthodontics programs.

PROS6058. Implant Prosthodontic Treatment Preclinic. 1 Credit Hour.
This is a preclinical participation course providing instruction and exercises in many phases relating to implant dentistry. Participation in this preclinical laboratory will provide the student with experience in planning implant therapy, placing implants, making implant impressions, fabricating provisional restorations, and performing other implant-related procedures. Course Fees: Implantology $500.

PROS6059. Implant Pros Treatment Lecture. 0.5 Credit Hours.
A lecture series designed to orient sophomore dental students to the overall clinical issues inherent to implant dentistry. Lecture topics include the biology and biomaterials of dental implants, patient selection and treatment planning, restorative potential of dental implants, nomenclature and components of implant systems, prosthetic and surgical considerations for implant placement, and implant maintenance.

PROS6069. Supervised Teaching 2. 2 Credit Hours.
This fall course is the first of two second-year advanced prosthodontics courses that provide students with the opportunity to teach fixed prosthodontic laboratory skills to predoctoral students under the supervision of experienced prosthodontic educators.

PROS6070. Supervised Teaching 2. 2 Credit Hours.
This spring course is the second of two second-year advanced prosthodontics courses that provide students with the opportunity to teach fixed prosthodontic laboratory skills to predoctoral students under the supervision of experienced prosthodontic educators.

PROS6071. Supervised Teaching 3. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is the first of two third-year advanced prosthodontics courses that provide students with the opportunity to teach prosthodontic clinical skills to predoctoral students under the supervision of experienced prosthodontic educators.

PROS6072. Supervised Teaching 3. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is the second of two third-year advanced prosthodontics courses that provide students with the opportunity to teach prosthodontic skills to predoctoral students under the supervision of experienced prosthodontic educators.

PROS6073. Literature Review Seminar 2. 1 Credit Hour.
This fall course for second-year advanced prosthodontics students is the third of six courses given in a three-year continuum of classical literature review seminars.

PROS6074. Literature Review Seminar 2. 1 Credit Hour.
This spring course for second-year advanced prosthodontics students is the fourth of six courses given in a three-year continuum of classical literature review seminars.

PROS6075. Literature Review Seminar 3. 1 Credit Hour.
This fall course for third year advanced prosthodontics students is the fifth of six courses given in a three-year continuum of classical literature review seminars.

PROS6076. Literature Review Seminar 3. 1 Credit Hour.
This fall course for third year advanced prosthodontics students is the sixth of six courses given in a three-year continuum of classical literature review seminars.

PROS6092. Research 2. 2 Credit Hours.
This summer course for advanced prosthodontics students is the first of three research courses in the second year. It is designed to offer an opportunity to review the literature and to design and complete a laboratory or clinical research project under the direction of a faculty advisor. Research should result in a paper suitable for publication in a peer-rated journal. Students in the master's programs will be expected to collect and analyze data for a thesis which must be defended as the culmination of research efforts.

PROS6093. Research 2. 2 Credit Hours.
This summer course for advanced prosthodontics students is the first of three research courses in the 2nd year. It is designed to offer an opportunity to review the literature and to design and complete a laboratory or clinical research project under the direction of a faculty advisor. Research should result in a paper suitable for publication in a peer-rated journal. Students in the masters programs will be expected to collect and analyze data for a thesis which must be defended as the culmination of research efforts.

PROS6094. Removable Prosthodontics for the Partially Endentulous Patient. 2 Credit Hours.
A preclinical lecture course stressing the association of biological and mechanical principles in planning and constructing removable partial dentures. Emphasis is placed on establishing a proper working relationship with commercial dental laboratories.

PROS6095. Preclinic Removable Partial Lab. 1 Credit Hour.
Exercises associated with the lecture course including diagnosis, treatment planning, survey and design, and the construction technique of removable partial dentures are presented. Lab fee included in general laboratory fee.

PROS6096. Research 3. 2 Credit Hours.
This fall course for advanced prosthodontics students is the second of three research courses in the third year. It is designed to offer an opportunity to review the literature and to design and complete a laboratory or clinical research project under the direction of a faculty advisor. Research should result in a paper by certificate students suitable for publication in a peer-rated journal. Students in the masters programs will be expected to collect and analyze data for a thesis which must be defended as the culmination of research efforts.

PROS6097. Research 3. 2 Credit Hours.
This fall course for advanced prosthodontics students is the second of three research courses in the 3rd year. It is designed to offer an opportunity to review the literature and to design and complete a laboratory or clinical research project under the direction of a faculty advisor. Research should result in a paper by certificate students suitable for publication in a peer-rated journal. Students in the masters programs will be expected to collect and analyze data for a thesis which must be defended as the culmination of research efforts.
PROS6097. Research 3. 2 Credit Hours.
This course for third-year students in advanced prosthodontics is offered in the fall only for M.S. Prosthodontic degree students and in both the fall and spring for certificate students who matriculated in 2011. It is designed to offer an opportunity to review the literature and design and complete a laboratory or clinical research project under the direction of a faculty advisor. Certificate program research should result in a paper suitable for publication in a peer-rated journal or a scholarly presentation at an approved specialty venue.

PROS6098. Thesis. 1-9 Credit Hours.
Completion of an acceptable thesis is required for the Master of Science in Prosthodontics degree. Registration in this course for at least one semester is required of all degree candidates. Admission to candidacy for the Master of Science degree is required in order to enroll in this course.

PROS6121. Advanced Prosthodontics 3. 1 Credit Hour.
This fall continuum course provides an open forum for a wide variety of faculty and guest consultants on topics of special interest to the specialty of prosthodontics.

PROS6122. Advanced Prosthodontics 3. 1 Credit Hour.
This spring continuum course provides an open forum for a wide variety of faculty and guest consultants on topics of special interest to the specialty of prosthodontics.

PROS7018. Fixed Prosthodontics. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to be adjunct to and to complement the preclinical course so that the student correlates previous instruction in the clinical care of patients in need of crowns and/or fixed partial dentures.

PROS7019. Fixed Prosthodontics Clinic. 4.5 Credit Hours.
This clinical course consists of diagnosis and treatment planning, instruction in making complete and partial veneer crown preparations and modifications, management of supportive tissues, provision of adequate pain control for restorative procedures, fabrication and insertion of provisional as well as cast restorations, and instruction to patients in the care and maintenance of restorations.

PROS7091. Removable Partial Denture Prosthodontics Lecture. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This didactic course is designed to acquaint the student with a variety of approaches that may be used in treating the partially edentulous mouth. Lectures cover critical steps in treatment of the partially edentulous patient, stabilization of periodontically weakened teeth, intracoronal and other attachments used in partial denture construction, swinglock partial dentures, removable partial overdentures, and cancer therapy as it relates to prosthodontic treatment.

PROS7092. Removable Partial Dentures Clinic. 1.5 Credit Hour.
A clinical experience designed to place continued emphasis on diagnosis, treatment planning, design principles, mouth preparation, and dental laboratory coordination. The student is given the opportunity to correlate biological and mechanical information in clinical care of patients requiring removable partial dentures. The student is required to complete treatment for one partial denture patient during the junior year.

PROS7095. Complete Dentures Lecture. 1 Credit Hour.
This course offers a series of lectures designed to present more sophisticated concepts in the prosthodontic treatment of edentulous and partially edentulous patients not included in previous courses. Lecture topics include preparation of the tissues for dentures, complete denture esthetics, occlusal systems for complete dentures, single complete dentures, immediate dentures, overdentures, maintenance care for the complete denture patient, and relining of dentures.

PROS7099. Complete Dentures Clinic. 2.5 Credit Hours.
This clinical course consists of diagnosis and treatment planning, management of supportive tissues, fabrication and placement of complete dentures, and instruction to patients in the care and maintenance of complete dentures. The clinical experiences encourage students to correlate biological and biomechanical information into the prosthodontic treatment of edentulous and partially edentulous patients.

PROS8001. Dental Implantology. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to be an ever-evolving lecture series designed to provide senior dental students with more information regarding advanced topics in implant dentistry. The premise of this course is to provide evidenced-based materials regarding the latest information and current topic of interest in the field of implant dentistry. Lecture topics may include but are not limited to advanced treatment planning, immediate provisionalization (Non-loaded) of dental implants, the controversy of connecting an implant to a natural tooth, implant esthetics, advanced prosthodontic techniques, and implant and the maxillofacial patient.

PROS9021. Adv Prosthodontics 2. 5 Credit Hours.
This continuation course for second-year advanced prosthodontics students is designed to provide the postdoctoral student with the didactic basis for advanced clinical prosthodontic care.

PROS9022. Advanced Prosthodontics 2. 5 Credit Hours.
This continuation course for second-year advanced prosthodontics students is designed to provide the postdoctoral student with the didactic basis for advanced clinical prosthodontic care.

PROS9023. Advanced Prosthodontics 2. 5 Credit Hours.
This continuation course for second-year advanced prosthodontics students is designed to provide the postdoctoral student with the didactic basis for advanced clinical prosthodontic care.

PROS9024. Adv Prosthodontics 3. 5 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide the postdoctoral student with the opportunity to gain the prerequisite background and clinical experience in prosthodontic procedures. Fixed, removable, and overdenture concepts and treatment procedures will be emphasized.

PROS9029. Clinical Prosthodontics 2. 4.5 Credit Hours.
This fall course for second-year advanced prosthodontics students is designed to provide extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of prosthodontics as a fifth clinical course in a progressively complex clinical prosthodontic curriculum. Each student will have opportunity to maintain a comprehensive prosthodontic practice involving fixed, removable, and implant treatment procedures.

PROS9030. Clinical Prosthodontics 2. 2 Credit Hours.
This summer course for second-year advanced prosthodontics students is designed to provide extensive clinical experience in the broad spectrum of prosthodontics as a fourth clinical course in a progressively complex clinical prosthodontic curriculum. Each student will have the opportunity to maintain a comprehensive prosthodontic practice involving fixed, removable, and implant treatment procedures.

PROS9031. Clinical Prosthodontics 1. 6 Credit Hours.
This course provides instruction in the laboratory procedures and clinical aspects of complete dentures, removable partial dentures, fixed, and implant prosthodontics. Residents are required to understand laboratory techniques and dental materials and to perform all phases of laboratory support related to clinical prosthodontics.
PSYC Courses

PSYC3005. Psychiatry Clerkship. 6 Credit Hours.
The psychiatric clinical clerkship is designed to familiarize the student with the personality traits, illnesses, and emotional disturbances that affect health and productivity. It is an opportunity for the student to develop and strengthen clinical skills in interviewing patients, formulating treatment plans, and carrying out treatment with patients who have psychiatric illness. The clerkship is arranged so the student may select the assignment area on the basis of particular interest, i.e., an inpatient/outpatient setting. The student's role in the clerkship is arranged to allow for considerable experience in the working relationship between patient and "physician" in the treatment process. Seminars have been developed to allow the student an in-depth appreciation of the various psychiatric states and emotional problems that affect the general practice of medicine. The student-staff ratio allows for small groups of students to meet with faculty, thereby enhancing learning. The clerkship is an opportunity for the students to look at their personal feelings and values and understand how they influence patient care, to learn how to deal with psychiatric disease, and to become more comfortable in dealing with the personalities of patients with organic disease. Prerequisites: Successful completion of all required preclinical courses is prerequisite to enrollment in any of the clinical clerkships.

PSYC4000. Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours.
This is a self-designed course created by both the student and the department to cover a specific topic. A Course Approval Form must be completed along with documentation of the designed course description.

PSYC4001. Clinical Psychiatry. 4 Credit Hours.
The fourth-year medical student inpatient rotation is designed as a bridge between the role of third-year clerk and the very active, responsible role of the intern. The fourth-year medical student will act as the primary psychiatrist under the supervision of a full-time attending. The student will be an integral member of the team, and will participate in all team activities. All activities for this experience will be on an inpatient psychiatric service at the University Hospital, Veterans’ Administration Hospital, both in San Antonio or the Rio Grande State Center in Harlingen. These are busy units with brief lengths of stay. The student will have the opportunity to gain considerable experience with crisis management of serious mental illness as well as an understanding of acute exacerbations of chronic mental illness.

PSYC4008. Clinical Biological Psyc Research. 4 Credit Hours.
The course includes participation in clinical research into biochemical disturbances in mood disorders, mechanism of drug actions, and clinical testing of experimental drugs in depression, ADHD, schizophrenia, and anxiety.

PSYC4015. Neuropsychiatry - VA Hosp. 4 Credit Hours.
This rotation will introduce students to an appreciation of the correlation between brain dysfunction and behavior disorders. Students will have the opportunity to learn how to clinically evaluate patients for cognitive dysfunction and perform a behavioral neurological exam. The appropriate use of structural and functional brain imaging studies will be emphasized. Students will also be required to participate in the management of patients with neuropsychiatric disorders.

PSYC4020. Consultation-Liaison. 4 Credit Hours.
The course includes participation in the evaluation and management of medical and surgical inpatients with psychiatric problems at the University Hospitals.
PSYC4023. Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. 4 Credit Hours.
To gain clinical experience in both inpatient and outpatient child/adolescent psychiatry, the student will attend the Child Guidance Center and Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital outpatient psychiatry clinics. Some half-days are spent at the Southwest Mental Health Center working with children and adolescent inpatients. The student will also rotate one half-day a week at the Bexar County Juvenile Detention Center and attend seminars with the child and adolescent psychiatry residents. Experiences may be adjusted to fit students' individual interests.

PSYC4024. Telepsychiatry. 4 Credit Hours.
The rotation introduces the medical student to some of the technical, legal, and patient care issues arising from the use of telehealth technologies. Telehealth is defined as providing services remotely through technology including phone contact and videoconferencing. This technology is being used increasingly to provide needed psychiatric services for underserved rural areas. Studies have demonstrated non-inferiority of services provided through telehealth services. Medical students will participate in a 1:1 supervised experience with a faculty member providing telepsychiatry for mental health evaluation and treatment using a Tandberg unit from the remote site in San Antonio to an originating clinical site in VA Texas Valley Coastal Bend Healthcare System (VTBVCBHCS). There are no in-person patient contacts during this rotation as all services are provided through videoconferencing to the originating VA clinics. This educational experience will be provided under the supervision of the telehealth psychiatrist located on site in San Antonio with the medical student. Notes and orders will be documented through the VA's Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS). Patients will be asked to complete clinical rating scales at the time of the appointment and a satisfaction survey following each clinical encounter, which are tracked for quality improvement purposes. The rotation will include 1/2 hour weekly didactic sessions for the students. Material will include information on clinical skills such as interviewing, mental status exam, and diagnostics as they are performed using the videoconferencing equipment.

PSYC7000. Off Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: "Course Approval" form, a written letter or email for acceptance form the physician preceptor with the start and end dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun. Contact the department for assistance with enrolling in this course.

Radiology (RADI)

Courses
RADI4001. General Diagnostic Radiology. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is designed as an introduction to diagnostic radiology. The primary goals of the course are directed toward introducing the student to the different diagnostic imaging modalities available and teaching the student to select the appropriate radiologic examinations for different clinical problems. Students will have the opportunity to receive a working knowledge of diagnostic radiology through lectures, individual projects, reading assignments, participation in subspecialty rotations, teaching conferences, and study of the American College of Radiology teaching file.

RADI4006. Pediatric Radiology. 4 Credit Hours.
By being with the pediatric radiologist on a one-on-one basis through most of the working day, the student will have the opportunity to gain some insight as to the radiologist's role as a clinician, consultant, and teacher; and acquire some knowledge of general pediatrics, neonatology, urology, orthopaedics, and other specialties. The student may attend Diagnostic Radiology Lectures.

RADI4007. Review Of Radiology for the Intern. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This is a refresher course in Clinical Diagnostic Radiology. In a large group format, a Radiology faculty member will review with the participants the basics of evaluating the chest X-ray, chest CT, abdominal CT, spinal, head, and pediatric cases. In addition, time will be spent on reviewing the appropriate studies to order for the work-up of various clinical scenarios.

Radiation Oncology (RADO)

Courses
RADO4000. Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours.
This is a self-designed course created by both the student and the department to cover a specific topic. A Course Approval Form must be completed along with documentation of the designed course description.

RADO4003. Clinical Radiation Medicine. 4 Credit Hours.
Participation in daily operations at the Cancer Therapy and Research Center includes treatment planning conferences, simulation, computer planning, applied physics, treatment setups, etc. Assistance is provided in consultations, follow-up clinics, and inter-departmental activities and ongoing projects. Emphasis is on radiation oncology. Responsibility is given according to capability and interest.

RADO7000. Radiation Oncology Off-Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: "Course Approval" form, a written letter or email for acceptance form the physician preceptor with the start and end dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun. Contact the department for assistance with enrolling in this course.
RADI4020. Mammography- A Multidisciplinary Approach. 4 Credit Hours.
This elective is intended to educate students in the subject of mammography with a multidisciplinary approach. Students will be allowed to spend 2 days each week in medical oncology, surgical oncology, or radiation therapy. Students will primarily be assigned to the mammography section of radiology, learning what criteria are used to detect breast cancer and participating in the work-up of lesions and witnessing biopsies. In addition, they will attend tumor board once a week that is multidisciplinary one day per week will set aside for library student and the students will be asked to research a topic or participate in a project regarding mammography. We intend that this elective will thoroughly educate those who are interested in mammography and help them understand how our specialty is integrated with many other disciplines.

RADI4202. General Diagnostic Radiology. 4 Credit Hours.
By being with the pediatric radiologist on a one-on-one basis through most of the working day, the student will have the opportunity to gain some insight as to the radiologist's role as a clinician, consultant, and teacher; and acquire some knowledge of general pediatrics, neonatology, urology, orthopaedics, and other specialties. The student may attend Diagnostic Radiology Lectures.

RADI5001. Basic Radiation Safety. 1 Credit Hour.
This course provides the student with the opportunity to gain a conceptual understanding of the radiation protection principles involved in the research, diagnostic, and therapeutic uses of radiation sources. This course will cover the safe receipt, use, storage, and disposal of radiation sources in the biomedical research setting. The contents of this course fulfill HSC training requirements in order to use radioactive materials on campus. Successful participants will earn three HSC safety certificates of completion: Basic Radiation Safety Training, Basic Laser Safety Training, and Basic Laboratory Safety Training.

RADI5005. Fundamentals Of Radiation Dosimetry. 3 Credit Hours.
The aim of this course is to introduce the students to the fundamentals of radiation dosimetry, including dosimetry quantities, interactions with matter, cavity theory and calibration protocols. More specifically, the topics that will be covered during this course are the following: 1) Introduction/ Ionizing Radiation, 2) Quantities for describing interactions, 3) Exponential attenuation, 4) Charged particle and radiation equilibrium, 5) Absorbed dose in radioactive media, 6) Radioactive decay, 7) X-ray interactions with matter, 8) Charged particle interactions with matter, 9) Cavity theory, 10) Dosimetry Fundamentals, and 11) Calibration protocols.

RADI5007. Statistics in the Radiological Sciences. 2 Credit Hours.
An overview of biomedical statistics methods and basic applications to experimental design with special emphasis given to those methods used in radiation detection, image analysis, and evaluations of diagnostic efficacy. Students will learn the theory behind these methods and apply them to actual and simulated problems in the Radiological Sciences using the R statistical programming environment.

RADI5010. Medical Biophysics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to the basic principles of biophysics as applied to medicine and biology. Emphasis will be placed on non-imaging topics of medical biophysics such as mechanics, thermodynamics, diffusion, electrical conduction, biomagnetism, and light spectroscopy.

RADI5011. Radiation And Nuclear Physics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course reviews nuclear structure, interactions of radiation with matter, and the statistical nature of radiation. The course covers gas, scintillation, and solid-state detector technologies and their applications, including spectroscopy.

RADI5015. Physics Of Diagnostic Imaging 1. 3 Credit Hours.
This course introduces the student to the basic principles and radiological practice using noninvasive imaging systems. Topics include production of x-rays, interaction of radiation with matter, and the physics of imaging used computing tomography, ultrasound, and magnetic resonance. Prerequisites: consent of instructor.

RADI5018. Physics Measurements In Imaging Lab. 2 Credit Hours.
This is a laboratory course focusing on performance of measurements used in quality assurance (QA), system characterization, and acceptance testing of medical imagers. Corequisites: RADI 5015.

RADI5020. Principles of Health Physics 1. 3 Credit Hours.
This course covers the basic principles of protection dealing with the major forms of ionizing radiation.

RADI5025. Molecular Oncology & Radiobiology. 1.5-3 Credit Hours.
This course is an overview of the physics and chemistry of radiation biology; the biological effects of ionizing and non-ionizing radiations and hyperthermia at the cellular and tissue levels and whole body and late effects.

RADI5030. Neuroscience Imaging Laboratory. 1 Credit Hour.
Students are assigned to rotate in 6 laboratories at the RIC: MRI, PET, TMS, ERP, animal imaging, and optical imaging. In each lab, students will have the opportunity for hands-on experience on subject preparation, data acquisition, and processing.

RADI5050. Human Neuroelectrophysiology. 3 Credit Hours.
A detailed study of the electrophysiological basis of human behavior, with an emphasis on event-related brain potentials associated with cognitive function, perception, and action. See instructor for prerequisite coursework.

RADI5090. Sem Radiological Science. 1-9 Credit Hours.
Each student is required to register a minimum of two terms if following an M.S. degree plan or four terms if following a Ph.D. plan. Seminars will review current findings in the field.

RADI6012. Phys Nuclear Medi Imaging. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a study of physical principles of planar, SPECT, and PET radionucleide imaging; instrument theory; dosimetry; computer uses; and safety considerations. Prerequisites: RADI 5011.

RADI6014. Physics Of Dental Imaging. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is a survey of imaging procedures used in modern dentistry with an emphasis on the clinical objectives and physical principles underlying intraoral, panoramic, cephalometric, and digital dental radiography. Prerequisites: consent of instructor.

RADI6015. Physic Measurements in Imaging 2. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is intended to educate students in the subject of practice using noninvasive imaging systems. Topics include production of x-ray imagining, fluoroscopy, mammography, ultrasound, x-ray CT and MRI. Testing will follow procedures described in publications of the AAPM and ACR and used to achieve compliance with the regulations and recommendations the DSA, MQSA, ACR, NRC, MIPPA and State of Texas’ Radiation Control Program. Students will study the procedures and then use “best practices” to perform the tests in a clinical setting. Methods for evaluating nuclear medicine equipment shall also be reviewed and carried out, but in a less intensive manner. Prerequisites: RADI 5015, RADI 6049, RADI 6012, RADI 6016.
RAD6016. Physics of Diagnostic Imaging 2. 3 Credit Hours.
This course includes theory and applications of various forms of electronic imaging systems; advanced diagnostic imaging principles involving mathematical image analysis, digital image processing, digital image display, and concepts of electronic imaging. Prerequisites: consent of instructor.

RAD6017. Neuroimaging Methods. 3 Credit Hours.
This course will deal extensively with several noninvasive brain imaging techniques to study the functional organization of the human and animal brains. Methods covered include positron-emission tomography (PET), event-related potentials, magneto-encephalography, optical imaging, voltage and calcium imaging, autoradiography, as well as transcranial magnetic stimulation. The course will only touch upon anatomical and functional MRI as well as high field MRI, as students will receive exhaustive MRI training from other classes. Course format will include both lectures on the several methods and seminars in which recent technical advances in the field are discussed. Prerequisites: consent of instructor.

RAD6018. Foundations Of Neuroscience Imaging. 3 Credit Hours.
This course will explore several advanced topics in cognitive neuroimaging techniques. Examples of such topics include strategies to study the functional and/or anatomical organization of the human brain and paradigms used for studying a variety of brain functions. Students interested in functional MRI as well as DTI will have an opportunity to gain extensive knowledge and experience.

RAD6019. Pulse Sequence Programming For MRI. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to the basic principles of image processing as applied to digital radiography, computed tomography, ultrasound imaging, and magnetic resonance images. Prerequisites: RAD 6016.

RAD6020. Advanced Topics In Cognitive Neuroscience. 3 Credit Hours.
This course will explore several advanced topics in cognitive neuroscience. It includes exhaustive study of a brain function in normal and in disease states. Brain functions include but are not limited to sensation, perception, action, language, motion, and cognition.

RAD6021. Prin/Health Physics 2. 3 Credit Hours.

RAD6022. Programming Medical for Physics. 1 Credit Hour.
The purpose of the course is to demonstrate to students the usefulness of programming for medical physics. The Matlab programming language is chosen because it enables rapid coding and data visualization. Students will first be taught basic programming techniques. Then, they will be shown specific examples of these techniques being applied to medical physics. Finally, they will create a final program, which performs a task of the student's choosing and utilizes several concepts from the course. Students will be graded based on their attendance and programming projects. Must have familiarity with the field of medical physics.

RAD6023. Introduction To Clinical Medical Physics Practice. 1-9 Credit Hours.
This course allows students to observe professional medical physicists in a clinical setting and learn the roles of various other medical professionals in the Radiology and Radiation Oncology medical clinic. Students participate in simple tasks related to medical physics data and are shown how to evaluate data to provide reports and tables. Students are also trained in basic safety and ethical issues in clinical medicine and the professional conduct of the medical physicist. The term ethics is used here in the sense of a permissible standard of conduct for members of profession. While different people may have different opinions of what is ethical professions always have certain ethical standards or codes of conduct that are compiled in written form and are generally by practitioners. In addition to becoming familiar with written codes of conduct, the student shall be introduced to commonly encountered situations in which a choice of actions is available, some of which would be considered unethical and some of which be considered ethical, according to current standards of care of practice. These would include more specific issues that arise with respect to recent patient privacy concerns and legislation specific to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and compliance both in clinical practice and research. A case-based approach in a seminar setting with class participation is utilized. This allows the student to put him or herself in the place of an individual who faces an ethical dilemma and to explore variations of the case that is presented. Other faculty members are also encouraged to attend, to offer comments, and to relate situations that they encountered either first- or secondhand.

RAD6024. Radiological Anatomy & Physiology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course will provide students with an opportunity to learn anatomy, physiology, and commonly used medical terminology as it relates to radiologic imaging. Anatomical and physiologic features will be illustrated with radiologic images in formats commonly encountered in clinical radiology. By the end of the course, students are expected to be familiar with basic medical terminology and have a good understanding of medical anatomy, physiology, and some basic pathology as related to specific organs for which radiologic images are commonly applied.

RAD6025. Therapy Clinical Rotation 1. 12 Credit Hours.
The first clinical rotation is designed to give an introduction and an overview of all the clinical processes and the basic safety training. In detail the student will cover the following topics: employe orientation, radiation oncology orientation, HIPAA training, introduction to radiation protection, introduction to nursing and introduction to simulation, introduction to LINACs, LINAC QA and warm up, monitor unit calculations, electronic medical records orientation, regulations and professional recommendations.

RAD6026. Clinical Therapy Rotation 2. 12 Credit Hours.
In the second semester of the clinical rotation, the students will cover the following topics: on board MV and kV imaging, ExacTrac design, function and daily, monthly QI, Linac Annual QA and the RPC process, TBI and TSE, IMRT planning, LDR planning and the COMS eye plaque process, patient safety, and learn shielding techniques for CT, kV imaging, LINAC and isotopes.
RADI6027. Imaging Physics Clinical Rotation 1. 12 Credit Hours.
The first clinical rotation is designed to give an introduction and an overview of all the clinical processes and the basic safety training. In detail the student will cover the following topics: employee orientation, clinical radiology department orientation, HIPAA & MIPPA training, introduction to safety in the radiology clinic, introduction to general radiography, introduction to hard copy devices and image displays, electronic medical records orientation, introduction to ultrasounds imaging, introduction to mammography, regulations and professional recommendations.

RADI6030. Physics Of Radiotherapy. 3 Credit Hours.
Theory, design, and operation of radiation-producing equipment used in radiation therapy are introduced. Exposure and absorbed dose calculations, patient dosimetry, treatment planning, and use of computers in radiation therapy are covered.

RADI6031. Physics Measurements In Radiotherapy I. 3 Credit Hours.
Performance of measurements on radiation therapy equipment used to determine therapy treatment parameters is the opportunity for study in this course.

RADI6032. Clinical Therapy Rotation 3. 12 Credit Hours.
In the third semester of the clinical rotation, the students will cover the following topics: treatment plan checks, weekly chart checks, brachtherapy planning and QA, LINAC design, SRS Treatment Planning (SRS) and daily, monthly and annual QA, participation in all aspects of SBRT treatment and treatment planning QA.

RADI6033. Advanced Radiotherapy Physics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course includes the coverage of advanced radiation therapy special topics: intensity modulated radiation therapy, advanced brachtherapy, and radiation therapy shielding.

RADI6034. Therapy Clinical Rotation 4. 12 Credit Hours.
In the fourth semester of the clinical rotation, the students will cover the following topics: medical dosimetry rotation, ultrasound, PET, MRI, SPECT imaging in radiotherapy and acceptance and commissioning of major equipment.

RADI6035. Physics Measurements In Radiotherapy 2. 3 Credit Hours.
In this course students will have the opportunity to gain further didactic and hands-on familiarity with radiation therapy measurement equipment (ion chambers, films, TLDs, water tanks, profilers, etc.) and learn daily clinical practices. Students will have the opportunity to learn the roles of a radiation oncology team, the generation of radiation therapy treatment plans, patient quality assurance, and advanced, specialized radiation therapy techniques. Learning can be accomplished through attendance of didactic lectures, homework assignments, presentations of class projects, and a comprehensive oral exam. Prerequisites: RADI 5005, RADI 6030, and RADI 6031.

RADI6038. Methods in Dosimetry & Shielding Design. Credit Hours.
The goal of the course is to teach students the guidelines established by the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) and the National Council of Radiation Protection (NCRP) relating to patient dosimetry and shielding design of radiological facilities. Students will be responsible to read, comprehend, and learn the selected Task Group reports. Students will be evaluated of their knowledge by weekly quizzes and a final oral evaluation held at the end of the course. Successful completion of the course will be accomplished when the student is knowledgeable and understands the recommendations for a practicing clinical physicist. Learning is accomplished through attendance of weekly lectures, assignments (presentation of assigned reports and guidelines), and class discussion.

RADI6039. Imaging Physics Clinical Rotation 2. 12 Credit Hours.
In the second semester of the clinical rotation, topics covered include safety in the radiological clinic, nuclear medicine and MRI, introduction to fluoroscopy, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, nuclear medicine and regulations, professionalism and ethics.

RADI6040. Imaging Physics Clinical Rotation 3. 12 Credit Hours.
The third clinical rotation will include safety in radiology clinic, advanced general radiography, advanced breast imaging and image-guided stereotactic breast biopsy, dental radiography and cone beam CT, dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry (DEXA), advanced fluoroscopic imaging and special procedures, intermediate nuclear medicine and regulations, professionalism and ethics.

RADI6042. Non-Ionizing Radiation Biology. 1-9 Credit Hours.
This course is an overview of the biological and known or potential health effects of non-ionizing radiation, with attention to radio frequency radiation in the microwave range, extremely low frequency (ELF) field exposures, LASER emissions, and ultraviolet (UV) light exposure.

RADI6043. Imaging Physics Clinical Rotation 4. 12 Credit Hours.
The fourth clinical rotation will include safety in radiology clinic, imaging informatics, advanced imaging informatics, advanced magnetic resonance imaging, advanced nuclear medicine physics, regulations, professionalism and ethics.

RADI6049. Intro To Magnetic Resonance. 2 Credit Hours.
This course presents the basics of the practice of magnetic resonance as the experimentalist or clinician first meets them. The approach begins with images, equipment, and scanning protocols. The student will have the opportunity to face issues pertinent to practice with theoretical background added as experience grows. Through this approach, key ideas are introduced in an intuitive style that is faithful to the underlying physics.

RADI6050. Magnetic Resonance Imaging. 2 Credit Hours.
This course explores the physics of magnetic resonance image formation through discussion of imaging problems, reviews of current research topics with an emphasis on quantitative methods using MRI, and hands-on experience in MRI laboratories. Prerequisites: RADI 6049.

RADI6051. Statistical Parametric Mapping. 3 Credit Hours.
Course content includes principles of fMRI Spectroscopy as applied to the resolution of molecular structural problems in chemistry, biology, and medicine; and principles and methods for designing BOLD contrast MRI experiments and evaluating fMRI data.

RADI6060. Biophotonics and Optical Imaging. 3 Credit Hours.
Optical methodologies for imaging, diagnosis, and therapy are rapidly advancing in biology and medicine. This course will review basic elements of optics and optical sources, especially lasers and light-emitting solid state devices, in the context of biomedical applications. Dosimetry, tissue optics, and the principles of laser-tissue interaction will be considered in depth. Current medical uses of lasers will be surveyed, along with their scientific and technical foundations. The course will conclude with several case studies of research areas that are currently hot topics in biomedical optics.
Cognitive Neuroscience. 3 Credit Hours.
Cognitive Neuroscience deals with the neural basis of cognition and behavior, including considerations of perception, attention, motor control, language, learning, memory, executive function, spatial cognition, emotion, and social cognition. It also presents discussions on neurocognitive development and the evolution of the human brain. Unlike courses in basic neuroscience, this course has a more human focus, presenting in-depth discussions of neuroimaging techniques and literature. In addition, it focuses on psychological models of cognitive function derived from psychological experimentation, human lesion studies, and computational modeling. Cognitive Neuroscience presents an integrated view of the psychology and neurobiology of human cognition and behavior. By the end of the semester, students will have had the opportunity to: (1) become highly familiar with the structure of the human nervous system; (2) become conversant about the physical basis and limitations of neuroimaging techniques; (3) become familiar with the principal brain areas thought to be involved in a host of human cognitive competencies and behaviors, including perception, action, emotion, and language; and (4) understand how psychological theory and neural theory come together to form the foundation of cognitive neuroscience.

Supervised Teaching. 1-12 Credit Hours.
This course is a presentation of lectures and supervised teaching under the direction of faculty.

Special Topics. 1-12 Credit Hours.
This course covers topics of special interest which may include emerging and new modalities in radiological sciences relating to x-ray, nuclear, or magnetic imaging.

Research. 1-12 Credit Hours.
This course is supervised research under the guidance of a faculty member.

Thesis. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Registration for at least two terms is required for M.S. candidates. Prerequisites: admission to candidacy for the Master of Science degree.

Off Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: “Course Approval” form, a written letter or email for acceptance form the physician preceptor with the start and end dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun. Contact the department for assistance with enrolling in this course.

Treatment Planning Techniques In Radiation Therapy. 3 Credit Hours.
The goal of the course is to provide an overview of the physics and clinical elements that contribute to the development of computerized treatment plans in radiation therapy. The commissioning and acceptance testing of a planning system will be discussed and demonstrated in several planning platforms. Anatomy specific treatment planning will be described, including imaging of the specific disease, as well as contouring and plan development. Multiple plans will be generated for each site using different planning modalities, such as 2D, 3D, and IMRT.

Treatment Planning Techniques in Radiotherapy 2. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a continuation of RADI 7005. It presents an in-depth study of multidisciplinary treatment of the cancer patient from the clinician’s viewpoint. Students are required to master concepts specific to site-specific disease including: histopathology, etiologic and epidemiology factors, detection and diagnosis, tumor stage and grade, routes of metastases, dose fractionation and prognostic factors. This course is designed to approach each cancer type by anatomic system, addressing treatment factors with increasing degrees of complexity. Assigned exercises organized by treatment site and procedure type will be carried out under the direct supervision of an assigned advisor. These will be both simulated and real case assignments. The course is taught as a didactic course with planned planning. Didactic instruction will be provided by medical residents while practical planning instruction will be applied by a medical dosimetrist.

Motor Learning And Brain Imaging. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed for the advanced student (doctoral or postdoctoral) to obtain a comprehensive overview of the field of motor learning from behavioral and brain imaging perspectives. Topic coverage will include general motor learning and speech motor learning (with reference to treatment of motor speech disorders). The course will be structured in a seminar format. The course will explore measurement methods and issues in motor learning and the neural substrates of learning in intact and disordered subject groups.

Dissertation. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Registration for at least one term is required for Ph.D. candidates. Prerequisites: admission to candidacy for Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Courses

Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours.
Brain Injury Rehabilitation rotation will enable students to obtain experiences in the neurologic rehabilitation of persons with brain injury. Brain injury etiologies treated include traumatic brain injury, encephalopathy secondary to metabolic, toxic, and anoxic insults, aneurismal and AVM bleeds and occasional strokes. The rotation will involve significant neuromedical and rehabilitative involvement with inpatient care, brain injury consult service, outpatient care, and, as appropriate with care of low level brain injury patients.

Clinical Rehabilitation Medicine. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is especially recommended for students planning to specialize in Family Practice, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedics, Internal Medicine, or Rheumatology. The student will have the opportunity to participate in patient-care activities and limited exposure to electrodiagnostic procedures under the direct supervision of faculty and residents. The student will have exposure to Rehabilitation Medicine from an outpatient and consultative perspective and is required to attend teaching conferences, lectures, rounds, etc. (University Hospital and/or VA Hospital). No late drops will be accepted.
REHB4002. Introductory Inpatient Rehabilitation. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is especially recommended for students planning to specialize in Family Practice, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedics, Plastic Surgery, ENT, Internal Medicine or Rheumatology. The course will provide in-depth exposure to inpatient rehabilitation and the major rehabilitation areas. The course will include experience in diagnosis and comprehensive rehabilitation management of inpatients with strokes, spinal cord injuries, neurologic disorders, rheumatoid arthritis, amputations, chronic pain, and other major disabling conditions. The student must attend teaching conferences, lectures, and rounds. This selective will be tailored to specific student interest. Comprehensive work-ups and close follow-up of patients will be required (University Hospital). No late drops will be accepted.

REHB4003. Intro Pediatric Rehabilitation. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is especially recommended for students planning to specialize in Pediatrics or Family Medicine. The course includes inpatient and outpatient experience emphasizing comprehensive team rehabilitation of children with spina bifida, childhood spinal cord injury, cerebral palsy, brain damage in childhood, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, and other chronic disabling diseases of childhood and adolescence. The student must participate in patient care under supervision of faculty and residents and attend teaching conferences. This course includes exposure to adults with congenital conditions and mental retardation (Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital and University Hospital). No late drops will be accepted.

REHB4005. Combined Rehabilitation. 4 Credit Hours.
The course is required for students planning to specialize in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and recommended for those desiring a broad Rehabilitation Medicine exposure. The course will provide an overview of the specialty of PM&R allowing faculty/resident-supervised participation in patient care activities related to Rehabilitation Medicine consultations, electrodiagnostic procedures, Inpatient Rehabilitation, and Pediatric Rehabilitation. Students must also attend teaching conferences, clinics, lectures, rounds, etc. (University Hospital, VA Hospital, Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital). No late drops will be accepted.

REHB4006. Intro Spinal Cord Injury. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is especially recommended for students planning to specialize in Family Practice, Neurosurgery, Neurology, Orthopaedics, Internal Medicine, and Plastic Surgery. This rotation will provide the student with the opportunity to actively participate in the management of patients who have sustained a spinal cord injury. Working in a state-of-the-art spinal cord injury facility, students are required to participate in treating patients in virtually all aspects of their injury, from acute care, to rehabilitation evaluation and treatment, to eventual discharge and outpatient follow-up. Students must become an integral part of an interdisciplinary team under the supervision of faculty and residents (VA Hospital and/or University Hospital). No late drops will be accepted.

REHB4007. Hyperbaric Medicine & Wound Care. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to introduce the student to the principles of wound care, advanced wound therapies, and hyperbaric medicine. The student will have the opportunity to observe monoplace and multiple hyperbaric medicine treatments; will review theory of the use of hyperbaric in the 14 UHMS approved therapies. Complication and controversies of HBO use will be discussed in lecture format. The student is required to review common wound problems, diabetes infection, nutrition, venous stasis, and arterial insufficiency. Advanced treatment modalities will be observed and reviewed - wound vbac, collagen, apilagraft, OASIS, debriding agents. (University Center for Community Health (Texas Diabetes Institute)). No late drops will be accepted.

REHB4008. Rehabilitation Engineering. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is especially recommended for students planning to specialize in Family Practice, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedics, Internal Medicine, or Rheumatology. The student will have the opportunity to participate in patient-care activities and have limited exposure to orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthotics procedures under the direct supervision of faculty and residents. The student will have exposure to Rehabilitation Medicine from an outpatient/inpatient perspective and is required to attend clinics to experience comprehensive rehabilitation management of inpatients with strokes, spinal cord injuries, neurologic disorders, rheumatoid arthritis, amputations, and other major disabling conditions requiring orthotics, prosthetics, and pedorthotics. The student will have exposure to the gait lab to experience research and an understanding of gait. (University Hospital and University Center for Community Health (Texas Diabetes Institute)). No late drops will be accepted.

REHB4009. Polytrauma. 4 Credit Hours.
This course is recommended for students planning to specialize in PM&R, Neurosurgery, Neurology, Emergency Medicine, Orthopedics, Family Medicine or Internal Medicine. This course will enable students to obtain experiences in the neurologic rehabilitation of persons with brain injury, which includes traumatic brain injury and encephalopathy secondary to metabolic, toxic and anoxic etiologies.

REHB7000. Off Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: “Course Approval” form, a written letter or email for acceptance form the physician preceptor with the start and end dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun. Contact the department for assistance with enrolling in this course.

Respiratory Care (RESC)

Courses

RESC3002. Fundamentals of Respiratory Care. 5 Credit Hours.
The course will present the principles of chemistry and physics as they apply to respiratory care. Students will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with basic respiratory care equipment. Specific types of therapy are examined to understand the principles of application to patients, indications, hazards, contraindications, select, assemble, and troubleshoot equipment. Equipment will include oxygen delivery services, aerosol generators, medication delivery devices, pressure ventilators, gas delivery, metering and analyzing devices, percussor, positive pressure devices, environmental devices, manometers, gauges, and vacuum systems.

RESC3005. Respiratory Care Pharmacology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course introduces the physiologic and pharmacologic basis of pulmonary and cardiac medications. Students will study several aspects of the formulation and preparation of the most commonly prescribed respiratory drugs. Pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics will be discussed along with drug formulation, drug dosage calculations, indications, contraindications and side effects of cardiac and pulmonary medications. Topics covered include an overview of bronchactive agents, anti-inflammatory drugs, anti-asthmatics, neuromuscular blocking agents, diuretics, cardiac drugs and drugs that affect the central nervous system.
RESC3007. Cardiopulmonary Physiology. 5 Credit Hours.
This course provides an in-depth study of cardiac and pulmonary anatomy and physiology, as well as the diagnostic procedures commonly used in the hospital to evaluate these systems. Topics include the function of the respiratory system, ventilatory mechanics, gas transport in the blood, natural and chemical regulation of breathing, circulation, blood flow and pressure, and cardiac output. The heart-lung relationship and clinical applications of these phenomena in the cardiopulmonary system will be emphasized.

RESC3008. Introduction to Clinical Observation 1. 1 Credit Hour.
This introduction to clinical observation 1 course provides the students the opportunity to observe and attain clinical competencies related to respiratory care procedures in general medical and surgical floors. This course Introduces students to the clinical respiratory care procedures. Topics include: introduction to the hospital and patient assessment, medical gas therapy, aerosol therapy, airway clearance therapy, hyperinflation therapy and airway care.

RESC3009. Introduction to Clinical Observation 2. 3 Credit Hours.
The introduction to clinical observation 2 course provides the students the opportunity to observe and achieve competencies related to respiratory care procedures in the critical care unit, the diagnostic labs, and other specialty areas. The topics include initiation of mechanical ventilation, patient stabilization and monitoring, measurement and evaluation of hemodynamic variables, bronchial hygiene, evaluation for weaning, extubation, arterial line samples, arterial puncture, blood gas analysis, and noninvasive monitoring. Prerequisite: Clinical Practice observation and previous semester courses.

RESC3010. Cardiopulmonary Pathophysiology I. 4 Credit Hours.
Provides a comprehensive approach to etiology, pathophysiology, clinical manifestations, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of common pulmonary diseases and syndromes. Main topics include obstructive and restrictive pulmonary disorder.

RESC3011. Introduction to Patient Assessment & Disease Management. 5 Credit Hours.
This course will introduce the student to the fundamentals of respiratory assessment to include review of existing data in the patient record, patient history, physical examination, oximetry, blood gases, respiratory monitoring, pulmonary function assessment, laboratory studies, chest and upper airway radiographs, ventilation/perfusion scans, bedside EKG interpretation, cardiovascular monitoring, and nutritional assessment. The student will be introduced to the concepts associated with chronic care and disease management.

RESC3018. Diseases Affecting the Respiratory System. 4 Credit Hours.
This course provides a comprehensive approach to etiology, pathophysiology, clinical manifestations, diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis of common pulmonary diseases and syndromes. Main topics include obstructive and restrictive pulmonary and cardiovascular disorders. Non-respiratory disorders impacting cardiopulmonary function commonly encountered in the critical care unit will be discussed. Prerequisite: RESC 3010.

RESC3019. Clinical Practice 1. 3 Credit Hours.
This course introduces students to clinical practice in basic respiratory care procedures. Topics include: introduction to the clinical affiliate, patient assessment, medical gas therapy, oxygen therapy, and aerosol therapy. In addition, hyperinflation therapy, airway clearance therapy, airway care using nasal, endotracheal and tracheal tubes is introduced in basic care situations. Case presentations are required to integrate clinical and classroom theory.

RESC3020. Cardiopulmonary Pathophysiology 2. 3 Credit Hours.
Provides a comprehensive approach to etiology, pathophysiology, clinical manifestations, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of common diseases and syndromes that affect the respiratory system. Non-respiratory disorders impacting cardiopulmonary function commonly encountered in the critical care unit will be discussed including renal and cardiovascular diseases.

RESC3021. Mechanical Ventilation. 3.5 Credit Hours.
This course provides instruction in the theory, setup, operation, and maintenance of mechanical ventilators and related equipment. Topics include mechanical ventilator theory, ventilator operation, ventilator maintenance, and troubleshooting. Maintenance of artificial airways, fiber-optic bronchoscopy, thoracentesis, chest tube maintenance, and arterial blood gas sampling related to the critical care patient.

RESC3023. Pulmonary Function Testing. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides a comprehensive overview of diagnostic tests used to evaluate normal and abnormal pulmonary function. Students will have the opportunity to perform, interpret and evaluate various tests of lung functions, including spirometry, measurement of lung volumes, diffusing capacity and metabolic measurements. Additionally, students will learn how to operate, calibrate and do quality control on pulmonary function and gas analysis equipment.

RESC3029. Clinical Practice 2. 4 Credit Hours.
Critical respiratory care is introduced to include all tasks presented in Clinical Practice 1 as applied to the intensive care unit. In addition, tracheostomy care, ventilator monitoring, arterial puncture and blood gas analysis, endotracheal intubation, EKG services, and bronchoscopy observation are introduced. Case presentations are required to integrate clinical and classroom theory. Prerequisites: RESC 3019.

RESC3030. Respiratory Care across the Life Span. 3 Credit Hours.
This course will provide students with a holistic view of how respiratory therapists interact with patients of all ages. Principles, practices, theories and therapeutics related to cardiopulmonary health and disease across the neonatal, pediatric, adolescent, adulthood and geriatric periods will be covered. Presenting respiratory care as a continuum will provide students with a unique developmental overview, designed to enhance their didactic and clinical acumen.

RESC3031. Critical Respiratory Care Management. 5 Credit Hours.
This course provides a study of invasive and non-invasive patient monitoring techniques and equipment. Invasive topics will include arterial pressure monitoring, central venous and pulmonary artery catheters, as well as cardiac output measurement. Non-invasive monitoring topics include pulse oximetry, transcutaneous monitoring, inductance plethysmogaphy, capnography and electrocardiogram. It also covers instruction on the phase of adult critical care and continuous mechanical ventilation. The history of mechanical ventilation, modes of mechanical ventilatory support, implementation, patient stabilization, monitoring, hemodynamics, ventilator weaning and discontinuance will be covered.

RESC4001. Cardiopulmonary Technology. 3 Credit Hours.
An overview of the various areas comprising cardiopulmonary diagnostics and related technology will be provided. Topics include sleep laboratory, stress and exercise testing, metabolic testing, ventilation/ perfusion scanning, cardiac catheterization laboratory, and noninvasive cardiology. In addition, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, mechanical circulatory assistance, hyperbaric medicine, and perfusion technology will be introduced.
RESC4002. Geriatric Respiratory Care. 2 Credit Hours.
The course introduces students to aging issues along with expected psychological changes in older adults and how they relate to patient care. Topics include: ageism, demographics of aging, age associated cardiac and pulmonary changes, geriatric patient assessment, atypical disease presentation, pulmonary disease, geriatric pharmacotherapy, delirium and dementia, communicating with the elderly, health aging strategies, and health care economics.

RESC4003. Pediatric and Neonatal Respiratory Care. 4 Credit Hours.
The processes of growth and development relating to respiratory care, from the fetus to the adolescent, will be discussed. The study relates physiologic function to respiratory care including assessment, evaluation, and treatment. Topics include fetal growth and development, neonatal growth and development, fetal assessment, fetal evaluation, neonatal assessment, neonatal evaluation, neonatal respiratory care, neonatal pathology, pediatric pathology, and pediatric respiratory care.

RESC4009. Clinical Practice 3. 5 Credit Hours.
Students will have an opportunity to further develop skills required in the intensive care of the respiratory patient. Topics include comprehensive ventilator management, measurement and evaluation of hemodynamic variables, noninvasive monitoring, and pulmonary function laboratory. Specialty rotations include: intubation, hyperbaric oxygen therapy units, cardiac catheterization, echocardiography, pulmonary rehabilitation and home care. This course also introduces the student to neonatal and pediatric care. Case presentations are required to integrate clinical and classroom theory. This clinical also includes a review of respiratory care as it pertains to the national credentialing examinations administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC).

RESC4010. Advanced Critical Care Management. 5 Credit Hours.
An overview of the various areas comprising cardiopulmonary diagnostics as they apply to neonate, pediatric and adult populations. Topics include advanced hemodynamic monitoring, ventilation/perfusion scanning, cardiac catheterization and noninvasive cardiology. In addition, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), mechanical circulatory assistance and perfusion technology will be introduced. This course has a laboratory component to utilize the respiratory care equipment used for ventilating neonates, pediatric and adult patients.

RESC4011. Patient Care Management Seminar. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is a review of respiratory care as it pertains to the national credentialing examinations administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). A series of simulation examinations will be used to help students prepare for these exams. Emphasis will be placed on decision making and problem solving as they relate to clinical respiratory care. Topics include the Therapist Multiple-Choice Examination (TMC) and the Clinical Simulation Examination (CSE) preparation.

RESC4012. Disease Management, Rehabilitation, and Extended Care. 4 Credit Hours.
This course provides an overview of the concepts, procedures, and equipment utilized in the delivery of long-term care to persons with a chronic cardiopulmonary disorder. The development and implementation of disease management programs for the care of patients with asthma, COPD, and other chronic conditions is presented. Pulmonary rehabilitation, patient education, and smoking cessation programs are reviewed. Provision of health care services in the home and other nonacute settings is examined, along with technological and procedural aspects of cardiopulmonary equipment.

RESC4013. Leadership and Management in Respiratory Care. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to management principles and problems and their relation to health care organizations. The duties and obligations of the healthcare manager are covered and related to various leadership strategies. The student will develop an understanding of their own personal leadership style and how to effectively utilize their strengths in a leadership capacity. The primary focus is on hospital-based respiratory care departments and alternative settings. Open to seniors only.

RESC4014. Clinical Practice 1. 9 Credit Hours.
Students will have an opportunity to develop skills required in the basic floor and intensive care of the respiratory patient. Topics include patient assessment, oxygen therapy, aerosol therapy, hyperinflation therapy, and airway clearance therapy. Airway care using the various tracheal tubes, initiation of mechanical ventilation, comprehensive ventilator management, measurement and evaluation of hemodynamic parameters, invasive and noninvasive monitoring, arterial blood gas puncture and analysis. The students will complete rotations in the pulmonary function laboratory, bronchoscopy, long-term care, home care, extended care settings and introduced to the neonatal and pediatric care settings.

RESC4015. Education in Respiratory Care. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to basic principles and techniques used in respiratory care education. Topics include patient education, inservice education, course design, objectives, lesson-plan development, learning activities, use of media, development of presentations, testing, and evaluation. Senior status is required.

RESC4017. Introduction to Research. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides an overview of the basic principles of research, research design and statistical analysis as it relates to healthcare professionals, with the goal of encouraging involvement in research after graduation. Students will develop a hypothesis, write a problem statement, review the literature, evaluate the literature, design a study, analyze data, write an abstract and prepare a poster for presentation to the class.

RESC4018. Clinical Practice 1 Seminar. 3 Credit Hours.
Case presentations are required to integrate clinical and theory. Review of respiratory care with an emphasis on problem solving and decision making. Self Assessment credentialing examinations will be administered for preparation of the national credentialing examination. Current issues relevant to respiratory care will be discussed to include new treatments and technologies, and issues related to critical care, professional development and practice.

RESC4019. Clinical Practice 4. 4 Credit Hours.
The course focuses on perinatal and pediatric respiratory care. Topics include: medical gas therapy, oxygen delivery devices, aerosol therapy, hyperinflation therapy, airway clearance devices, patient assessment, monitoring (invasive and noninvasive), airway care, and labor and delivery assistance. Speciality rotations include the burn unit. Case presentations are required to integrate clinical and classroom theory and review the national credentialing examinations. Prerequisites: RESC 3019, RESC 3029, and RESC 4009.

RESC4021. Issues and Trends. 4 Credit Hours.
Current issues relevant to the cardiopulmonary sciences and respiratory care will be explored. Health care delivery systems, new trends in organization and management, new treatments and technologies, ethical issues in health care, as well as issues related to professional development and practice will be discussed in the capstone course for advanced standing students. For Bachelor Degree completion students only.
RESC4024. Clinical Practice 2. 9 Credit Hours.
Critical respiratory care is introduced to include all tasks presented in Clinical Practice I as applied to the intensive care unit. Topics include: Patient Assessment, medical gas therapy, lung expansion therapy, airway clearance therapy, mechanical ventilation, patient stabilization and monitoring, evaluation of hemodynamic parameters, evaluation of ventilator weaning, intubation and extubation, all monitoring devices, labor and delivery and patient transport. In addition, tracheostomy care, ventilator monitoring, arterial puncture and blood gas analysis, endotracheal intubation, EKG services, and bronchoscopy observation are introduced. Case presentations are required to integrate clinical and classroom theory.

RESC4028. Clinical Practice 2 Seminar. 3 Credit Hours.
Case presentations are required to integrate clinical and theory. Emphasis will be placed on decision making and problem-solving as they relate to neonatal and pediatric cardiopulmonary critical care. Current issues relevant to the neonatal and pediatric respiratory critical care will be discussed. Review of respiratory care will continue as it pertains to the Therapist Multiple Choice and Clinical Simulation credentialing examinations administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). Successful completion of the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) Clinical Simulation Self-Assessment examination is required in order to meet course requirements.

RESC4029. Clinical Specialization. 6 Credit Hours.
Students will have an opportunity for in-depth application and reinforcement of critical care competencies. In addition, students are provided with the opportunity to develop an area of specialization. Specialization areas may include neonatal/pediatrics, adult critical care, pulmonary function laboratory, advanced diagnostics, pulmonary rehabilitation, home care, management, research, or education. Prerequisites: RESC 4009.

RESC4030. Research Practice and Principles. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides an opportunity to expand research knowledge in practice and principles. This course provides the student with an opportunity to expand research knowledge into application. The course will provide a study of the research process including IRB application, design, data collection and reporting. Topics include scientific method, theory, development of research questions, issues of measurement, models of experimental and non experimental designs. The learner will conduct a research project and write a manuscript.

RESC4040. Capstone Project. 4 Credit Hours.
The capstone course is focused on a project on current issues in any area of cardiopulmonary sciences, including quality improvement, disease management, clinical critical care, leadership or management or patient education. The project shall focus on the theory, analysis and current practices and issues.

RESC4091. Independent Study. 1-6 Credit Hours.
This course includes independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. The course may be repeated.

RESC5002. Introduction to Respiratory Care. 5 Credit Hours.
This course will introduce the student to respiratory therapies, protocols and hands-on experience with basic respiratory care equipment to gain experience. Specific modes of therapy are examined to recognize principles of application to patients, indications, hazards, contraindications, and efficacy. The equipment this course will focus include; medical gases, oxygen delivery devices, humidifiers, aerosol generators, pressure ventilators, gas delivery, metering and analyzing devices, percussors, environmental devices, manometers, gauges and vacuum systems, manual resuscitators, artificial airways, intubation equipment, maintenance of artificial airways, tracheostomies secretion removal devices.

RESC5005. Pharmacology. 4 Credit Hours.
This course presents the physiologic and pharmacologic basis of cardiopulmonary medications. This course describes several aspects of formulation and preparation of the most commonly prescribed respiratory drugs. Indications, contraindication, and side effects of drugs related to the cardiopulmonary system will be included.

RESC5010. Cardiopulmonary Physiology. 5 Credit Hours.
This course provides a study of cardiopulmonary anatomy and physiology. Topics include the function of the respiratory system, ventilatory mechanics, gas transport in the blood, natural and chemical regulation of breathing, circulation, blood flow and pressure, and cardiac output. The cardiopulmonary relationship and clinical applications of these phenomena in the cardiopulmonary system will be emphasized.

RESC5011. Patient Assessment & Disease Management. 5 Credit Hours.
This course provides the fundamentals of respiratory assessment beginning with the review of existing data in the patient record, patient history, physical examination, oximetry, blood gases, respiratory monitoring, laboratory studies, chest and upper airway radiographs, ventilation/perfusion scans, bedside EKG interpretation, cardiovascular monitoring, and nutritional assessment. These data, procedures, and equipment will be utilized in the delivery of care to patients with chronic cardiopulmonary disorders in alternate care settings. Cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, tobacco education programs, respiratory therapy protocols, and case management will be incorporated into patient care plans.

RESC5013. Management & Leadership in Health Professions. 3 Credit Hours.
Leadership principles and management of respiratory care departments, health care organizations and programs will be studied.

RESC5015. Education in Respiratory Care. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to basic principles and techniques used in respiratory care education. Topics include patient education, inservice education, course design, objectives, lesson-plan development, learning activities, use of media, development of presentations, testing, and evaluation. Senior status is required.

RESC5017. Introduction to Research. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides an introduction to the methods of scientific research to include research design and statistical analysis. Critical review of the components of research reports will be performed to include definition of the problem, review of the literature, research design, data analysis and results.

RESC5020. Diseases Affecting the Cardiopulmonary System. 4 Credit Hours.
This course provides a broad approach to etiology, pathophysiology, clinical manifestations, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of pulmonary diseases and disorders. This course will stress the obstructive, restrictive pulmonary and cardiovascular diseases. Non-respiratory disorders impacting cardiopulmonary function will be discussed.
RESC5023. Cardiopulmonary Diagnostics and Pulmonary Function Testing. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on normal and abnormal cardiopulmonary function utilizing diagnostic tools. The course provides hands on opportunities to perform, interpret, and evaluate various cardiopulmonary diagnostic tests to include the operation, calibration, quality control, and maintenance of pulmonary function and gas analysis equipment.

RESC5030. Pediatric & Neonatal Respiratory Care. 4 Credit Hours.
This course describes the most important concepts associated with neonatal and pediatric patient care. From fetal growth and development, through assessment and determining treatment plans for the most common neonatal and pediatric cardiopulmonary diseases. This includes cardiopulmonary congenital diseases, gastrointestinal, and neurologic diseases. The course also includes hands on opportunities to work with the respiratory care equipment used to care for neonates and pediatric patients.

RESC5031. Critical Care & Mechanical Ventilation. 5 Credit Hours.
This course describes the role of the respiratory therapist in the critical care setting. Instruction and hands on opportunities will be provided to set up, operate and maintain mechanical ventilators and related equipment. The course will include the history of mechanical ventilation, modes of mechanical ventilatory support, implementation, patient stabilization, monitoring, hemodynamics, ventilator weaning and discontinuance.

RESC5041. Clinical Observation 1. 1 Credit Hour.
This clinical observation provides the students the opportunity to observe and achieve competencies related to respiratory care procedures in general medical and surgical floors. Introduces students to clinical respiratory care procedures. Topics include: introduction to the clinical affiliate, patient assessment, medical gas therapy, aerosol therapy, incentive spirometry, positive pressure breathing, chest physiotherapy and airway care.

RESC5042. Clinical Observation 2. 3 Credit Hours.
This clinical observation provides the students the opportunity to observe and achieve competencies related to respiratory care procedures in the adult, pediatric and neonatal critical care units, the diagnostic and pulmonary labs, and other specialty areas. The topics include initiation of mechanical ventilation, patient stabilization and monitoring, measurement and evaluation of hemodynamic variables, bronchial hygiene, evaluation for weaning, extubation, arterial line samples, arterial puncture, blood gas analysis, and noninvasive monitoring. Prerequisite: RESC 5041.

RESC6001. Respiratory Care Professional Issues and Trends. 4 Credit Hours.
Current trends and issues relevant to cardiorespiratory care will be explored. Health care delivery systems, management, treatments and technologies, ethical issues in health care, as well as issues related to professional development and practice will be discussed.

RESC6002. Advanced Respiratory Care Across the Life Span. 4 Credit Hours.
This course will provide students with a holistic view of how respiratory therapists interact with patients of all ages. Principles, practices, theories and therapeutics related to cardiopulmonary health and disease across the neonatal, pediatric, adolescent, adulthood and geriatric periods will be covered. Presenting respiratory care as a continuum will provide students with a unique developmental overview, designed to enhance their didactic and clinical acumen.

RESC6011. Clinical Seminar 1. 2 Credit Hours.
Case presentations are required to integrate clinical and theory. Review of respiratory care with an emphasis on problem solving and decision making. Practice board credentialing examinations will be administered for national board examinations preparation. Current issues relevant to respiratory care will be explored to include new treatments and technologies, and issues related to professional development and practice. Prerequisite: Second year status.

RESC6019. Clinical Practice 1. 12 Credit Hours.
This course provides students the opportunity to further develop both basic and advance skills required in the intensive care of the respiratory patient. Topics include: patient assessment, medical gas therapy, aerosol therapy, incentive spirometry, positive pressure breathing, chest physiotherapy, airway care using nasal, endotracheal, tracheal tubes, initiation of mechanical ventilation, patient stabilization and monitoring, evaluation of hemodynamic variables, bronchial hygiene, evaluation for weaning, endotracheal intubation, extubation, arterial line sampling, arterial puncture, blood gas analysis, and non-invasive monitoring. The students will also complete a pulmonary function, bronchoscopy observation, long-term care, and pediatric rotations. Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of first year course work.

RESC6029. Clinical Practice 2. 12 Credit Hours.
This course provides an opportunity to advance the students clinical experience in the intensive care of neonatal and pediatric patients. Topics include: patient assessment, medical gas therapy, aerosol therapy, incentive spirometry, chest physiotherapy, airway care, initiation of mechanical ventilation, patient stabilization and monitoring, evaluation of hemodynamic variables, bronchial hygiene, evaluation for weaning, endotracheal intubation, monitoring (invasive and non-invasive), labor and delivery assistance, and transport. Students are also given the opportunity to further develop their adult critical care skills.

RESC6030. Research Project 1. 2 Credit Hours.
This course provides the student with guided activities to develop an appropriate research question and research methodology for completion of the required research requirements.

RESC6031. Research Project 2. 2 Credit Hours.
Guided activities to develop an appropriate research question and research methodology and begin data collection for completion of the required program research requirements. Prerequisite: Second year status.

RESC6032. Clinical Practice 3. 8 Credit Hours.
This course provides an opportunity to advance the students clinical experience in neonatal and pediatric respiratory care in the areas of patient assessment and monitoring (invasive and noninvasive), mechanical ventilation, ECMO, airway care, labor and delivery assistance and transport. Students will also have an opportunity for reinforcement of adult intensive care. In addition, students are provided with an opportunity in home health, skilled nursing facility, pulmonary rehabilitation and sleep.

RESC6033. Clinical Seminar 2. 2 Credit Hours.
Case presentations are required to integrate clinical and theory. Emphasis will be placed on decision making and problem-solving as they relate to neonatal and pediatric respiratory care. Current issues relevant to the neonatal and pediatric respiratory care will be discussed. Review of respiratory care will continue as it pertains to the Therapist Multiple Choice and Clinical Simulation credentialing examinations administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). Successful completion of the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) Therapist Multiple Choice Self Assessment examination is required in order to meet course requirements. Prerequisite: Second year status.
RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY (RESD)

Courses

RESD5001. Biomaterials 1. 1 Credit Hour.
An introduction to fundamental physical, mechanical, and chemical properties of materials is provided. Lectures include basic introductions to the fields of metals, polymers, and ceramics.

RESD5004. Dental Anatomy & Occlusion. 2 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to teach the freshman dental students the anatomical, morphological and functional aspects of the oral cavity; as well as to introduce terminology used by the oral health professions. More specifically, to expand his/her knowledge of the denition, supporting structures, and to provide students with a detailed study of normal occlusal relationships in the various jaw positions.

RESD5005. Preclinical Dental Anatomy & Occlusion. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to provide the freshman dental student practice in applying the knowledge presented in the Dental Anatomy and Occlusion didactic course. Additionally, it is intended to develop the manual dexterity and eye-hand coordination necessary to perform laboratory and clinical tasks that will be required for clinical practice.

RESD5044. Occlusion & TMD. 0.5 Credit Hours.
Residents will receive instruction for providing a limited occlusal equilibrium due to disorders such as local traumatic occlusion. The course will also cover recommended techniques for full-mouth occlusal equilibrium. A series of patients presenting with TMD-like symptoms will be presented, and diagnoses, perpetuating factors, and potential treatments will be discussed. The clinical portion of the course will involve residents taking impressions and bite registrations on their partners, sending these to a laboratory for splint fabrication, and inserting these appliances on their partners. Residents will have the opportunity to learn to palpate the masticatory and cervical musculature, in addition to the TMJs of their partners.

RESD5095. Research Methodology 2-Thesis Proposal. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course is a continuation of ORTH 5094 Research Methodology I.

RESD6001. Operative Dentistry. 2.5 Credit Hours.
Lectures provide basic restorative philosophy and techniques in cavity design, instrumentation, and restorative materials manipulation used in modern dentistry. These lectures are designed to augment the preclinical projects conducted in the laboratory which provide simulation of clinical conditions.

RESD6002. Preclinical Operative Dentistry. 3.5 Credit Hours.
Preclinical projects provide students an opportunity to practice skills presented in the lecture course. Exercises include mixing and placement of interim restorative materials, glass ionomer, silver amalgam, and composite resin. Lab fee included in general laboratory fee.

RESD6021. Advanced Dental Materials. 3.5 Credit Hours.
Students have an opportunity to become acquainted with sophisticated research equipment through hands-on exposures. Measurements of mechanical, physical, and chemical properties of commonly used dental materials give the student the opportunity to envision and formulate research projects in dental materials.

RESD6050. Esthetic Dentistry. 1.5 Credit Hour.
The course examines the subtle and individual issues of dental esthetics and addresses facial contours, tooth arrangement, individual tooth contours, and tooth shade. The laboratory phase emphasizes the principles of dental esthetics during the fabrication of a porcelain laminate veneer restoration.

RESD6102. Biomaterials 2. 1 Credit Hour.
A didactic introduction to dental materials by classification, this course describes the manipulative and technical aspects of each existing material category and relates the basic physical, mechanical, and chemical properties to the desired end use so that intelligent choices may be made as new materials become available.

RESD6108. Temporomandibular Disorders. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive approach to the diagnosis and sequential management of patients with temporomandibular disorders.

RESD7010. Operative Dentistry Lecture. 1.5 Credit Hour.
A series of lectures designed to present more sophisticated didactic material in areas not included in the first and second year preclinical courses. This course serves as a forum for discussion of individual clinical problems and their solutions which are of interest to the class as a whole.

RESD7011. Operative Dentistry Clinic. 4.5 Credit Hours.
Students are given the opportunity to commence the clinical practice of operative dentistry. Each student is expected to achieve competency in the restoration of teeth with various restorative materials. Students’ application of knowledge of proper patient management is assessed.

RESD8051. Senior Esthetic Dentistry. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This course is designed to present available alternatives in esthetic dentistry, indication and clinical applications for each alternative, new materials designed for the concepts of esthetic dentistry, and appropriate methods of patient communication and patient management. Emphasis will be placed on clinical applications, efficacy of materials, precise communication with the laboratory concerning veneer shade information, and methods of doing chair-side color modifications.
Courses

SELC7007. General Practice Emergency Care. Credit Hours.
The Dental Emergency Care Course (DECC) is designed to provide practical clinical experience in the diagnosis and treatment of emergency dental care problems. The course includes, on a limited basis, more comprehensive treatment of patients of record where it is determined that an acute problem might develop if comprehensive treatment or retreatment is delayed. DECC is conducted during the summer months from the end of Junior Clinic in May until the beginning of Senior Clinic in August. Two students will be required to cover emergencies during the Christmas holiday period and Spring Break.

SELC7009. Orthodontic Summer Clinic. Credit Hours.
This course gives the student an opportunity to work with orthodontic graduate students treating comprehensive cases. Students will have the opportunity to actively participate in all aspects of patient care and resident training.

SELC7010. Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (COSTEP). Credit Hours.
Health professional students, including dental students, are commissioned as reserve officers in the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and called to active duty for further professional clinical training during summer months (U.S. citizenship required). Assignments of dental students are made according to the training and skills of the applicants and the needs of the PHS agencies. The agency that predominantly selects dental students for clinical assignments is the Indian Health Service. The deadline for application is December 31 each year. Application packets are available from the Public Health Service (http://www.usphs.gov) and the Dental Dean's Office. Duration of assignment is 31-120 days. Attendance is mandatory and failure to complete or withdraw from the course will result in a WF entry on the student's transcript. 160 clinic hrs/2-5 students (varies)/31-120 days/Rising DS 4.

SELC7011. Summer Clinical/Community Externship. Credit Hours.
Rising senior students are selected to provide dental care to patients enrolled in community clinics that are affiliated with the Dental School under the supervision of the community clinic dental directors. The clinics are located primarily in communities along the U.S./Mexico border of Texas. Rising sophomore and senior students will be selected to develop and implement patient education and community outreach services for the clinic. Duration of assignment will be 2-4 weeks in accordance with the schedules of the on-site dentist supervisors. Attendance is mandatory and failure to complete or withdraw from the course will result in a WF entry on the student's transcript.

SELC7027. Research Protocol Development. Credit Hours.
In this elective course, the student, with guidance of the mentor, is required to review the literature and develop a research protocol. Credit for the elective course will be awarded by the mentor contingent on the approval of the protocol by the mentor and the Associate Dean for Research. To apply for this elective, the student must be in good academic standing as determined by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. If placed on academic probation, students may become ineligible to complete the elective course. Enrollment in this elective may be extended from semester to semester when the mentor reports satisfactory progress. DECC is conducted during the summer months from the end of Junior Clinic in May until the beginning of Senior Clinic in August. Two students will be required to cover emergencies during the Christmas holiday period and Spring Break.

SELC7028. Research Completion of Individually Design. Credit Hours.
In this elective course, the student, with guidance of the mentor, will complete individually designed research following the approved protocol. The student must continue to be in good academic standing to apply for and to complete this elective course. Enrollment in this elective can be extended from semester to semester when the mentor reports satisfactory progress. Student participation in the AADR student research fellowships or NIDCR summer Research Training Programs fulfills the requirements of the elective. Withdrawal from this elective course will result in entry on the transcript as WP or WF as determined by the mentor. Credit for the course is contingent on verification by the mentor that the research has been completed satisfactorily up to abstract submission and acceptance at a national/international scientific meeting. By arrangement/year round.

SELC7029. Manuscript Preparation And Presentation. 2 Credit Hours.
In this elective course, the student, with guidance of the mentor, is required to help prepare an abstract and extended abstract, not to exceed six pages, suitable for incorporation into a peer-reviewed publication. The student must also present their research at a national/international scientific meeting and the annual Dental School Science Symposium. A copy of a published abstract, the extended abstract, and paperwork showing completion of all required coursework must be submitted to the Dental School research committee by the end of March the senior year for review. A student must be in good academic standing to participate in this elective course. The mentor will award a grade for the elective course. Withdrawal from the elective course will result in entry on the manuscript as WP or WF as determined by the mentor. By arrangement/year round.

SELC7032. Pediatric Dentistry Clinical Externship Program. Credit Hours.
The Pediatric Dentistry summer selective course is a two week long clinical course, in which rising seniors are offered the opportunity to provide comprehensive Pediatric Dental Care at the UTHSCSA Pediatric Dental Clinic, and the Ricardo Salinas Clinic. This selective course will provide students with broad clinical experiences, ranging from the simple preventive procedures to the more complex operative and surgical procedures encountered in Pediatric Dentistry.

SELC7041. Supervised Teaching/Prosthodontics. Credit Hours.
Senior students are assigned to various clinics, laboratories and classes for the opportunity to acquire experience in teaching freshman, sophomore and/or junior students in a variety of educational situations. Supervision and evaluation of teaching performance is provided by the departmental faculty.

SELC7088. Community Service Elective. 0.5-9 Credit Hours.
This elective offers an opportunity for students to receive up to 1.5 credit hours for 10-45 hours of documented community service. Service hours can be filled by participating in school-wide or community agency service projects or helping the Department of Community Dentistry with health fairs. Students will be able to choose the activities that they participate in from a list of approved activities. The service activities will take place during hours outside the curriculum (usually weekend; some evenings/pending availability of the student). This selective is open to all students. By arrangement.
SELC7094. Teaching Fundamentals. 1 Credit Hour.
During SELC 7094, dental students and dental hygiene students interview faculty members to assess the advantages and issues of an academic career, analyze teaching strategies, assess the learning environment in their educational program and gain hands-on experience in course planning. During the course, student teams design a new course for their academic program and present it to classmates. The course is the first of three selective courses in the Teaching Honors Program. Dental students and dental hygiene students who complete all three courses (SELC 7094, SELC 7095 and SELC 7096) are recognized with “Distinction in Dental Education”. Withdrawal with notification is permitted at any time without recording on the transcript. Enrollment is limited to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th year dental students, Dental Hygiene B.S. Completion students and Dental Hygiene Masters degree students.

SELC7095. Second Year Classroom Teaching Seminar. 1 Credit Hour.
The course goal is to provide dental students with opportunities to function as a classroom teacher by planning and delivering instruction followed by: (1) self-assessment, (2) feedback from students, and (3) feedback from the THP Director. The selective is limited to THP students pursuing the Distinction in Dental Education. Prerequisites: SELC 7094.

SELC7096. Special Educational Projects. 1 Credit Hour.
The goal of SELC 7096 are to provide dental students with an opportunity to conduct a research or educational development projects related to dental or dental hygiene education and complete an assessment of the project. Withdrawal with notification is permitted at any time without recording on the transcript. Enrollment limited to: DS1-DS4 students, Dental Hygiene B.S. Completion students and Dental Hygiene Master's Degree students.

SELC7097. Preclinic Orthodontic Techniques. 0.5 Credit Hours.
DS 2 students will have the opportunity to learn the necessary skills to fabricate appliances for conducting limited treatment, orthodontic problems. This is an ungraded selective. Withdrawal is permitted before the 2nd session of the selective without transcript recording, but subsequent withdrawal or failure will be recorded on the transcript. Students must complete this course to be eligible for Invisalign certification.

SELC7099. Dental Spanish Selective. Credit Hours.
This selective is designed for those students who are interested in acquiring basic conversational skills in the Spanish language as it pertains to dentistry. The course is not a Spanish language class and will focus mainly on teaching dental students how to interact with their Spanish-speaking patients in the dental office setting. This selective will be planned and conducted by dental students. The Hispanic Student Dental Association will assume responsibility for implementing this course annually.

SELC7106. Endodontics Pain Research. Credit Hours.
This selective will provide advanced training in basic or clinical research on orofacial pain mechanisms. This course is ideal for those students interested in pursuing the research honors program or a PhD program. By arrangement/juniors & seniors/24 students/Contact course juniors and seniors director for estimated time commitment.

SELC7107. Periodontal Flap Design Elective. Credit Hours.
Each participant is required to attend lecture and seminar presentations, and participate in laboratory sessions devoted to learning the fundamental aspects of periodontal flap surgery. The learning activities will include (1) seminars on flap design, surgical anatomy, and avoidance of complications; (2) video presentations of periodontal surgical techniques; (3) bench-top exercises in flap design and creation; and (4) bench-top exercises in periodontal suturing. Recorded as CR (successful completion) on the transcript. Withdrawal at any time, with prior notice to the course director, is permitted without transcript recording.

SELC7108. Basic Periodontal Surgery Elective. Credit Hours.
Each dental student will have the opportunity to participate in the surgical treatment planning, surgical procedure (both as an assistant and surgeon), and postoperative follow-up care of one periodontal surgical procedure (e.g., flap for access and crown lengthening). Second- and third-year periodontal postdoctoral students will mentor each case. For this selective, all surgeries and POT visits take place on Wednesday mornings only. The first meeting of the selective will be an orientation to discuss the logistical plan, time commitments, student expectations, fee structure, etc. Approximately three hours of lecture will also be included. The remaining sessions will be in the Periodontics Postgraduate Clinic. To accommodate the scheduling of the surgery and to include the postoperative operative appointments, which are performed at 1, 2, and 6 weeks after surgery, students must be available throughout the elective time period noted above (keep in mind your rotation and other selective schedules).

SELC7109. Graduate Orthodontic Clinic Rotation. Credit Hours.
The objective of this selective is to provide interested undergraduate students with the opportunity to assist orthodontic graduate students performing comprehensive orthodontic treatment. Students must have completed SELC 7097 Preclinical Orthodontic Techniques to participate, since they will be asked to perform clinic procedures other than assisting. Three students can participate in each of the five graduate clinic sessions held each week, Tuesday and Thursday - all day; Wednesday - pm session only. The number of sessions each person can attend will depend on the number of eligible students who apply.

SELC7113. Women's Health Seminar Selective. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This is a multi-professional course on some special health issues unique to women. The goal is to sensitize interested dental students to these issues and inform them of important questions and special examination techniques that they should incorporate into their patient assessment and treatment planning strategies. Five main health topics will be covered: Ethics, Bone Health, Impact of Socio-cultural Roles on Women's Health, Cardiovascular Health, and Maternal Oral Health. Additionally, students are required to choose five topics from the remaining 25 online lectures, for a total of 10 lecture hours. Students must answer pre- and post-test questions for each lecture viewed.

SELC7114. Interprofessional Community Service Learning 1 (IPCSL 1). Credit Hours.
This is an innovative interprofessional community service learning (CSL) course for medical, dental, nursing, and pharmacy students. The goal of this course is to promote social accountability among health professional students through the integration of meaningful service learning with the core competencies of interprofessional education. This course enables students from various health science professions to learn with, from, and about each other and each other's roles on a health care team as they examine social determinants of health and social justice issues while applying these principles in a structured service learning practicum.
SELC7115. Interprofessional Community Service Learning 2 (IPCSL 2). Credit Hours.
This is an innovative interprofessional community service learning (CSL) course for medical, dental, nursing, and pharmacy students. The goal of this course is to promote social accountability among health professional students through the integration of meaningful service learning with the core competencies of interprofessional education. This course enables students from various health science professions to learn with, from, and about each other and each other’s roles on a health care team as they examine social determinants of health and social justice issues while applying these principles in a structured service learning practicum.

SELC7117. Third Year Clinical Teaching Experience. Credit Hours.
This selective is limited to THP students pursuing the Distinction in Dental Education. The course goal is provide dental students with opportunities to function as a teacher in the clinical setting by planning and conducting “Preparing for Patient Care” workshops for 2nd year students followed by: (1) self-assessment, (2) feedback from the students who attended the workshops, and (3) feedback from the THP Director and/or faculty members who observed the students’ workshops. Prerequisites: Prior completion of three THP courses: SELC 7122, SELC SELC 7094, and SELC 7095.

SELC7118. Fourth Year Teaching Rotations. Credit Hours.
This selective is limited to THP students pursuing the Distinction in Dental Education. The course goal is to provide dental students with opportunities to function as a preclinical lab instructor in the “Dental Hand Skills Development Module” for 1st year students, and to function as an “Instructor for a Day” in the GPGs. In the later rotation, THP seniors will take the place of a GPG core faculty member and provide instruction for 3rd year students for a full clinic session. Prerequisites: SELC 7122, SELC 7094, SELC 7095, SELC 7069.

SELC7119. Advanced Studies on Human Disease Processes. Credit Hours.
This course offers a series of comprehensive, in-depth lecture/case presentations of human disease processes to prepare second or third year dental students to take the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) Comprehensive Basic Science Exam (CBSE). This exam is required for the application and subsequent entry of our graduating students into an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery specialty program. The course consists of lecture/case presentations that are extensions of subjects presented in the DS 2 General Pathology course (PATH 6019) given in the fall semester of the second year of dental school. The course is focused on reinforcing topics presented in PATH 6019 as well as introducing new disease processes and concepts that were not covered. The course will be offered when at least three (3) second or third year dental students enroll. Because the nature of this course by design is highly interactive, it will be limited to a maximum enrollment of eight (8) students who are in excellent academic standing; and preference will be given to those dental students who are anticipating entrance into an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery specialty program. The first portion of the course will begin the first week in September of the fall semester after completion of the basic science portion of PATH 6019 and continue through the organ systems portions of the General Pathology course in early December. The second portion of the course will begin in spring semester in concert with the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology course (PATH 6021).

SELC7120. Preventive Dentistry Outreach. Credit Hours.
Paired groups of DS I students are required to participate in a two-week rotation during the summer session between the freshman and sophomore years. The students will be based at either Mercy Ministries of Laredo or UT Brownsville School of Public Health. Students must participate in outreach to include dental education on dental disease prevention and oral health promotion and will work alongside clinic outreach staff (e.g., Promotoras and Social Workers) and dental care providers (dentist, dental hygienists, and dental assistants). Activities will include clinical preventive patient education, dental surveys, dental assisting, and preventive dentistry clinical procedures. Students are required to develop a health promotion and disease prevention project (e.g., patient handout, educational flip chart, presentation, etc.). This tool will be implemented and continue to be used in future outreach by the program. Students will also have the opportunity to rotate to the office of a private practitioner as a part of this program. This is a work-study selective; students will be employed by UTHSCSA and receive selective credit. Ability to communicate in Spanish is essential. 2-week rotation.

SELC7122. Academic Dental Career Mentorship. Credit Hours.
First year students will meet with faculty members to learn about academic careers: why did the faculty member choose to work in a dental school, what are the benefits of an academic career and what are the limitations of an academic career. Additionally, students learn about the roles and responsibilities of dental school faculty members in teaching, research, administration and service. Participating students prepare summaries of what they have learned about academic careers, submit these to the course director for review and then participated in a wrap-up seminar where teams of students share and discuss their experience and identify “take-home messages”, insights and surprises about academic careers in dentistry. Dental students can take this course as a stand-alone selective without committing to the THP.

SELC7123. Primary Dental Care/Outreach Laredo-IPE. Credit Hours.
Rising fourth year dental students participate in a primary care/preventive dentistry elective training program. Together medical, nursing and “promotoras” from Mercy Ministries, collaborate with our faculty and dental students, providing an interdisciplinary approach to our training program. Dental care is provided in a community health clinic with conventional dental equipment and also using portable dental equipment. Dental students participate in a two week rotation and practice in accordance with their level of training and ability. Patients are adults and represent local community and “colonial” residents as well as referrals from a “battered women’s shelter”. All are from lower socio-economic border areas of Webb County in Laredo, Texas. Dental care is provided under the direct supervision of Dental School faculty. Students that participate become familiar with the oral health needs of various segments of the population and gain invaluable clinical experience and patient management skills.

SELC7124. PreClinical and Clinical Teaching Practicum. Credit Hours.
This selective is for 3rd and 4th year students pursuing the Distinction in Dental Education (School of Dentistry Teaching Honors Program; THP) who plan and conduct teaching for student peers in preclinical and clinical topics and skills. The course goals are to enhance THP students’ capacity to: (1) design and implement hands-on workshops to help their student colleagues acquire fundamental technical and procedural skills that will assist their learning in preclinical laboratory courses, and (2) function effectively as a clinical instructor on a GPG during the “Clinical Instructor Activity” (CIA) during the 4th year of the THP using effective coaching, demonstration and feedback skills. Prerequisites: Completion of Years 1 and 2 in the THP.
SELC7130. Introduction To Graduate Prosthodontics. 2 Credit Hours.
This course intends to familiarize students with a graduate prosthodontics residency. Participants will be introduced to complex and challenging situations in clinical prosthodontics through a series of lectures, pertinent literature reviews, patient diagnosis and treatment planning seminars, demonstrations of clinical patient treatment, and the laboratory procedures that support treatment. Withdrawal, with notice to the course director, will be permitted without recording of the withdrawal on the student's transcript.

This selective will provide more breath and in-depth knowledge of oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMS) to 3rd and 4th year dental students who are interested in the surgical specialties. The didactic venues for this course include morbidity and mortality conferences, seminars and literature review sessions that are part of the OMS residency curriculum, and case presentations involving orthodontics and prosthetics. No more than two students will usually be selected for this course; selections will be at the course director's discretion based on faculty interview and an application which includes a letter of interest. There are no prerequisites for this selective. Student evaluation will be based on a completed portfolio and their seminar/conference attendance. No remediation will be offered and students can withdraw at any time without prejudice.

SELC7132. Advanced Placement in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 2. Credit Hours.
This selective is for 4th year students interested in furthering both their didactic and clinical experiences in OMS. The goal of this course is to further strengthen the students' capacity to critically appraise new OMS information, increase their surgical skills, and expose them to the unique environments that exist in the operating room and/or hospital emergency department. Prerequisites: Completion of APOMS I and successful completion of the OMS summer selective or an equivalent experience. No more than two students will usually be selected; selection is at the course director's discretion based on a student's clinical proficiency, faculty interview, application and letter of intent to specialize OMS. Students will be evaluated based on their clinical proficiency, portfolio and seminar/conference attendance. No remediation will be offered and students can withdraw at any time.

SELC7133. Dental Gross Anatomy Teaching Selective. Credit Hours.
The Dental Gross Anatomy Teaching Elective allows qualified dental students to serve as teaching assistants for the CSBL 5016 Dental Gross Anatomy course which is offered during the fall semester. This elective is designed to: 1) provide an environment and an experience for dental students to develop, strengthen and practice effective teaching skills in human gross anatomy to near-peer students in CSBL 5016; 2) provide an experience for dental students to improve and augment anatomical knowledge and understanding through study of the dissected human body and their applications to dentistry; 3) provide an opportunity to develop and strengthen skills in communication, interpersonal relations, conflict management and teamwork.

SELC8023. Wonderful World Of Periodontics. Credit Hours.
Periodontal therapy includes a variety of sophisticated surgical modalities with many different objectives. Having a basic understanding of these surgical procedures and their outcomes can give a general dentist a basis for improving communications with patients related to periodontal treatment needs. This course will showcase advanced periodontal surgical procedures and their outcomes through case presentations made by Periodontics postdoctoral students.

SELC8032. Senior South Texas Rotation. Credit Hours.
Senior dental students will be required to provide basic dental care and preventive services to patients in a community-based clinic in South Texas. The participating community clinic and time schedules will be available in the Dental Dean's Office/Office of External Affairs. A minimum of 2 weeks will be scheduled by arrangement. Attendance is required. Withdrawal permitted with appropriate transcript entry. Seniors may participate for a maximum of 4 weeks based on availability. Housing will be provided. Participants will be scheduled based on the list of students who register for the course. Students must complete evaluation forms at the end of the rotation.

SELC8035. Mobile Van Mission Dental Care Program. Credit Hours.
Dental students at all levels of education and experience participate in a primary care/preventive dentistry elective training program in which primary dental care is provided in a non-conventional setting, using mobile dental care facilities and/or portable dental equipment. Students participate in accordance with their level of training and ability, by providing needed dental care to patients of all ages from lower socio-economic border areas of Texas and Mexico, as well as other dentist shortage areas in Texas, thus becoming familiar with the oral health needs of various segments of the population. Dental care is provided under the direct supervision of Dental School faculty, including adjunct faculty from the private sector. The mission trips are coordinated and organized by the San Antonio Christian Medical-Dental Association. Medical teams are also located at each dental clinic manned by physicians, nurses, and medical students, thereby coordinating care and providing an opportunity for interdisciplinary training with medical disciplines.

SELC8060. Advanced Graduate Clinic Rotation. 1.5 Credit Hour.
This course is designed for the student who is seriously considering specializing in orthodontics upon graduation from Dental School. The student will be trained in all facets of clinical orthodontics and will be expected to perform a variety of orthodontic procedures on patients under the supervision of clinical faculty and residents on a regular basis. Students must complete a minimum of 40 clinical hours per semester for credit.

SELC8087. RESPECT-Interprofessional. Credit Hours.
Future health professionals who will be working together in clinical settings would benefit from clinical education and training opportunities that promote the appreciation of the skills of other team members providing health care to patients. The course is an interdisciplinary clinical training opportunity for dental, dental hygiene, medical and nursing students to work together in teams to evaluate the level of health and wellness of an underserved population by utilizing the student run free medical and dental/dental hygiene clinics at the SAMM Transitional Living and Learning Center (TLLC) a homeless transitional center. Course limited to four senior or fourth-year dental students. Permission required by course director.

SELC8094. Enteral Conscious Sedation And Emergency Procedures. 0.5 Credit Hours.
This is the TSBDE approved two-day course in oral sedation. This course is necessary in order to apply for and be granted a permit in Enteral Sedation by the State Board of Dental Examiners.

SELC8099. Exciting Orthodontic Literature Review. Credit Hours.
Selectees will have the opportunity to review classic articles in clinical and research areas of Orthodontics. This course is designed to provide a springboard for those students entering graduate programs. Withdrawal will be permitted at any time without recording of the withdrawal on the transcript. Two absences will be permitted. Participants will be selected from the list of students who register for the course.
SELC8117. CAD-CAM (Cerec 3D) Dentistry. 0.5 Credit Hours.
The course consists of four half-day sessions and is designed for students who will intensify their clinical skills of CAD-CAM dentistry. Students will be given the information needed to keep up-to-date with the latest techniques and software. A maximum of 8 students are encouraged per course session.

SELC8130. Clinical Occlusion. Credit Hours.
The goal of this course is to relate the concepts and principles of occlusion learned during previous years to the treatment of the normal patient as well as the patient with damaged dentitions. The purpose of this course in Occlusion is two-fold. First, the course is a continuation of basic occlusion concepts and their relationship to general dentistry. Second, the course will introduce disorders of the natural dentitions. The role occlusion in diagnosis and treatment of these disorders will be explained. Techniques include occlusal splint appliance and pre-restorative occlusal adjustment will be presented. This course will be delivered in two parts. The first part is related to lectures and the one to laboratory procedures.

SELC8131. Research in Dental Education (RIDE). Credit Hours.
This selective is for students pursuing the Distinction in Dental Education who desire to acquire skills in educational research beyond the core expectations of the THP. The course goal is to enhance the capacity of participants to design research studies that explore educational issues, to obtain funding to support research and to disseminate findings via publication. RID has 3 components: designing educational research, grant writing, and writing for publication. Students work in teams to plan and implement an educational research project. During seminars on grant writing, teams develop and present a grant application project and receive a critique. During seminars writing for publication, participants complete writing exercises, critique a manuscript and write an abstract, which is presented to the class for peer feedback.

SELC8132. Academic Dental Careers Fellowship Program (ADCFP). Credit Hours.
The ADCFP is a 12 month fellowship to prepare students to enter academic dentistry. Students begin ADCFP at the ADEA meeting in the spring of their 3rd year and conclude at ADEA in their 4th year. Students complete ADCFP in collaboration with 2 faculty mentors. ADCFP students and mentors complete workshops on teaching strategies, curriculum innovation and education issues at the ADEA meetings and webinar on leadership, research and career planning. Students do supervised classroom, lab and clinical teaching and interview 10 faculty with different job foci to learn roles, functions and career development issues. Students conduct a research project and meet regularly with their faculty mentors to discuss their progress, culminating in a poster presentation at the ADEA meeting summarizing their fellowship experiences.

SELC8160. Molar Endodontic Selective. 1 Credit Hour.
This course is designed to allow students to develop skills and appreciation for endodontics therapy on uncomplicated molar cases. It is a self-paced course that involves VitalBooks and Web-based (BlackBoard) reading assignments, video reviews, and hands-on pre-clinical projects on extracted molar teeth. Students who successfully complete this course and go on to complete two molar cases to the satisfaction of the supervising endodontics faculty, will be qualified to perform endodontics therapy on selected molar cases in the General Practice Clinic. Successful completion of one simple (singlerooted) clinical case, demonstrating good basic understanding of principles and procedures. Withdrawal is permitted at any time without recording on the transcript. Year round by arrangement. Prerequisites: ENDO 6041 and 6142.

SELC8175. Geriatric Dentistry. 1 Credit Hour.
Senior dental students will have the opportunity to provide primary dental care and prevention services to a dynamic and diverse population of medically and functionally challenged older adults. In the 10 clinic sessions scheduled by arrangement at the Extended Care Therapy Center at South Texas Veterans Health Care System, senior dental students will review a patient's medical history, medical problems, medications, physical disabilities, sensory deficits, psychosocial status, and environmental factors, as well as review previous dental treatment. These variables will be assessed and used to determine the impact these factors may have on the dental management of the patient. Students, with their faculty supervisor, must develop dental treatment plans and will have the opportunity to provide dental treatment to these patients. Withdrawal from the selective, with notice to the course director, will be permitted at any time without recording of the withdrawal on the transcript.
SELC8530. Teaching Excellence And Academic Skills (TExAS). Credit Hours. Participants will acquire skills for success in academic dentistry with focus on factors that influence memory and learning, teaching strategies for classroom and clinic, course planning, assessment best practices, helping struggling students, educational scholarship and career planning. TExAS also will include a theme devoted to a four-year longitudinal assessment map for a competency, present a lecture, be observed teaching in classroom, lab or clinic, counsel struggling students in teaching simulations, assess the school's learning environment, design an educational activity to promote cultural competency, critique an educational research study, design an educational research study, develop a career plan and receive career coaching, and complete an OSTE (Objective Structured Teaching Evaluation).

Surgery (SURG)

SURG Courses

SURG3005. Surgery Clerkship. 8 Credit Hours. The 12-week clerkship is divided into two 6-week rotations, one on general surgery and one on surgical specialties. Each of these rotations is then subdivided into two 3-week sessions with the general surgery rotation consisting of sessions on each of two different surgical services and the surgical specialties rotation including sessions on two different specialty services chosen electively from among seven surgical specialties. During this surgical clerkship, the student is afforded the opportunity to participate actively in the diagnosis and therapy of patients suffering from both acute and chronic surgical illness including both ambulatory and bedridden patients. The clerkship is interwoven with teaching ward rounds, clinical conferences, symposia, and a reading program with weekly examination and reviews on all aspects of surgery and the surgical specialties. The goals of the surgical clerkship are to provide students the opportunity to develop adequate knowledge, basic manual skills, and attitudes about surgical disease that should be encompassed by every practicing physician.

SURG4000. Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours. This is a self-designed course created by both the student and the department to cover a specific topic. A Course Approval Form must be completed along with documentation of the designed course description.

SURG4002. Surgical Oncology. 4 Credit Hours. Senior students must function as "interns" on the surgical oncology service. They admit and discharge surgical oncology patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on surgical oncology patients. They follow patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units and on general wards. They participate in operations for their patients. They participate in pre-and post-operative care of surgical oncology patients. They present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the surgical oncology service. They mentor third-year medical students on the surgical oncology service. They may participate in basic science research projects in the surgical oncology laboratory and in ongoing clinical trials of cancer diagnosis and management.

SURG4004. Supervised Basic Science Research. 4 Credit Hours. Senior students are required to participate in a basic science project in a research laboratory. Before students enroll in the course, they must contact a surgery faculty member with whom they want to conduct a basic science research project. In order to receive credit for this elective, a student must write a brief synopsis of the basic science research project including: research purpose, methodology, and project (report, abstract, presentation, experiments). The students must submit the synopsis with paperwork for approval of the elective. Midway during the elective (2 or 4 weeks), a student must submit a progress report to the Director of Surgical Education and the supervising surgery faculty member. At the end of the elective, the student will submit a final report to the Director of Surgical Education and to the supervising faculty member, Texas Diabetes Institute.

SURG4006. Supervised Clinical Science Research. 4 Credit Hours. Senior students are required to participate in a clinical science project. Before students enroll in the course, they need to contact a surgery faculty member with whom they want to conduct a clinical science research project. In order to receive credit for this elective, a student must write a brief synopsis of the clinical science research project including: research purpose, methodology, and project (report, abstract, presentation, clinical protocol). A student must submit the synopsis with paperwork for approval of the elective. Midway during the elective (2 or 4 weeks), a student must submit a progress report to the Director of Surgical Education and the supervising surgery faculty member. At the end of the elective, the student must submit a final report to the Director of Surgical Education and to the supervising faculty member.

SURG4007. General Surgery Selective-BAMC/Burn Unit. 4 Credit Hours. Senior students may take a general surgery clerkship at BAMC. They may also take a clerkship at the Burn Unit at the U. S. Army Institute of Surgical Research at Fort Sam Houston. Senior students function as "interns" on each service. They admit and discharge surgical patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on surgical patients. They follow patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units, and on general wards. They participate in operations for their patients. They participate in pre- and post-operative care of surgical patients. They present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the service. Students who participate on the Burn Unit have good exposure to the diagnosis, resuscitation, and treatment of critically ill patients.

SURG4012. Oral Maxillofacial Surgery. 4 Credit Hours. Senior students function as "interns" on the oral maxillofacial surgery service. They admit and discharge oral maxillofacial patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on oral maxillofacial patients. They follow patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units, and on general wards. They participate in operations for their patients. They participate in pre- and post-operative care of oral maxillofacial issues including outpatient sedation and anesthesia, dentoalveolar surgery, facial fractures, facial aesthetic and reconstructive surgery, management of facial and dental pain, and management of facial infections.
SURG4026. Plastic Surgery Selective. 4 Credit Hours.
Senior students function as “interns” on the plastic surgery service. They admit and discharge plastic surgery patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on plastic surgery patients. They follow patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units, and on general wards. They participate in operations for their patients. They participate in pre- and post-operative care of plastic surgery patients. They present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the plastic surgery service. They mentor third-year medical students on the plastic surgery service. They have exposure to a wide range of plastic surgery issues including complex wound management, aesthetic plastic surgery, facial fractures, reconstructive surgery of the head and neck, and breast, hand, and extremity.

SURG4031. Transplant Surgery Selective. 4 Credit Hours.
Senior students function as “interns” on the transplant surgery service. They admit and discharge transplant patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on transplant patients. They follow patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units, and on general wards. They participate actively in live renal and liver donor evaluation. They participate in operations for their patients, including liver resection and renal, pancreas, and liver transplants. They participate in the evaluation and procurement of the multiorgan cadaveric donor. They participate in pre- and post-operative care of transplant patients. They present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the transplant service. They present patients at formal multidisciplinary transplant rounds daily. They mentor third-year medical students on the transplant service. They have much contact with gastroenterologists and nephrologists who care for patients on the transplant service. The students rotate at University Hospital and Santa Rosa Northwest Medical Center.

SURG4037. Pediatric Surgery Selective. 4 Credit Hours.
Senior students function as “interns” under private practice pediatric surgeons who are clinical faculty at the Health Science Center. They admit and discharge pediatric surgery patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on pediatric surgery patients. They follow patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units, and on general wards. They participate in operations for their patients. They participate in pre- and post-operative care of pediatric surgery patients. They present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the pediatric surgery service. They mentor third-year medical students on the pediatric surgery service. This rotation is intended for students who seek a career in pediatric surgery or primary care pediatrics. Opportunities for clinical research projects are available. The students rotate at Santa Rosa Children’s Hospital.

SURG4038. Rural Surgery Elective. 4 Credit Hours.
In this rotation, senior students work with a private practice general surgeon in a rural setting. Senior students function as a “junior partners” on this general surgery service. They admit and discharge general surgery patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on general surgery patients. They follow patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units, and on general wards. They participate in operations for their patients. They participate in pre- and post-operative care of general surgery patients. They take call as designated by the surgeon. The objectives of this rotation are: to introduce students to the socioeconomic problems that rural patients face with access to care, to discover how the internet and distance learning decrease isolation in rural communities, to encourage students to consider surgical practice in underserved rural communities. Housing for the student will be provided during the rotation.

SURG4040. Surgical Critical Care Selective. 4 Credit Hours.
This course provides senior students with a broad exposure to surgical critical care. Students rotate through the surgical trauma ICU and have the opportunity to gain a great understanding of the principles and practice of surgical critical care. The student will have good exposure to cardiovascular and pulmonary physiology. They will have the opportunity to learn about modern concepts of resuscitation, ventilator management, vasoressor support, nutritional support, and infection control. They will have opportunity to place central lines, PA catheters, arterial lines, and perform intubation and bronchoscopy. They will have opportunity to examine and manage critically ill and injured patients in the ICU and keep medical records daily. They will have opportunity to present patients on formal rounds daily and participate in didactic critical care conference and trauma morbidity and mortality conference. They will have opportunity to take call as designated by the service.

SURG4042. General Surgery (UH). 4 Credit Hours.
Students function as “interns” on this broad-based general and laparoscopic surgery service. They admit and discharge general surgical patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on general surgical patients. They follow general surgical patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units, and on general wards. They participate in operations for their patients. They participate in pre- and post-operative care of general surgical patients. They present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the general surgical service.

SURG4043. General Surgery (Minimally Invasive Surgery- MIS). 4 Credit Hours.
Students function as “interns” on this broad-based general and laparoscopic surgery service. They admit and discharge general surgical patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on general surgical patients. They follow general surgical patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units, and on general wards. They participate in operations for their patients. They participate in pre- and post-operative care of general surgical patients. They present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the general surgical service.
SURG4044. General Surgery VA. 4 Credit Hours.

Senior students function as "interns" on this broad-based general surgery VA service. They admit and discharge general surgical VA patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on general surgical VA patients. They follow general surgical VA patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units, and on general wards. They participate in operations for their patients. They participate in pre- and post-operative care of general surgical VA patients. They present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the service. They mentor third-year medical students on the general surgical VA service.

SURG4047. Emergency Surgery. 4 Credit Hours.

Senior students function as "interns" on this emergency and trauma surgery service. They admit and discharge surgical patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on surgical patients. Although students will examine most patients in the emergency department, students will also examine patients in outpatient clinics, in intensive care units, and on general wards. They participate in operations for their patients. They participate in pre- and post-operative care of emergency and trauma surgical patients. They present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the service. They mentor third-year medical students on the emergency and trauma surgery service.

SURG4048. Vascular Surgery University Hospital/VA Hospital. 4 Credit Hours.

Senior students function as "interns" on each vascular surgery UH/VA service. They admit and discharge vascular surgery UH/VA patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on vascular surgery UH/VA patients. They follow vascular surgery UH/VA patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units, and on general wards. They participate in operations for their patients. They participate in pre- and post-operative care of vascular surgery UH/VA patients. They present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the service. They mentor third-year medical students on the vascular surgery UH/VA service. Students have the opportunity to learn to perform a complete vascular physical examination and learn to interpret vascular diagnostic studies. They will have the opportunity to learn the finer details of endovascular treatment of vascular diseases.

SURG4049. Surgical Internship Readiness. 4 Credit Hours.

The purpose of this elective is to prepare senior medical students who are interested in a surgical career for their surgery internship. This elective is a surgical "boot camp" to provide practical "hands on" experience for students. Prerequisites: general surgery subinternship; critical-care rotation. Students can do a critical care rotation in the SICU, MICU, PICU, or CCU. These mandatory prerequisites can occur at the Health Science Center or at a remote site.

SURG4052. Bariatric Surgery (DHR). 4 Credit Hours.

Senior students function as "interns" under Bariatric surgeons at the Doctor's Renaissance Hospital (DHR). They admit and discharge surgical patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on surgical patients. They follow patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units and on general wards. They participate in operations for their patients. They participate in pre- and post-operative care of surgical patients. They present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the surgical service. They may mentor third year medical students on the surgical service.
SURG4057. Vascular Surgery (DHR). 4 Credit Hours.
Senior students function as "interns" on the vascular surgery service at the Doctor's Renaissance Hospital (DHR). They admit and discharge vascular surgery patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on vascular surgery patients. They follow vascular surgery patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units and on general wards. They participate in operations for their patients. They participate in pre- and post-operative care of vascular surgery patients. They present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the service. They mentor third year medical students on the vascular surgery service. Students learn to perform a complete vascular physical examination and learn to interpret vascular diagnostic studies. They will learn the finer details of endovascular treatment of vascular diseases.

SURG4201. General Surgery-Harlingen. 4 Credit Hours.
Senior students function as "interns" under private practice general surgeons who are clinical faculty at the Regional Academic Health Center. They admit and discharge surgical patients. They perform history and physical examinations, and keep daily records on surgical patients. They follow patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units, and on general wards. They participate in operations for their patients. They participate in pre- and post-operative care of surgical patients. They present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the surgical service. They mentor third-year medical students on the surgical service.

SURG5001. Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Clinical Skills Course. 8 Credit Hours.
The goal of Clinical Skills module is to develop the student’s bedside diagnostic skills. As a result of course lectures, readings, labs, longitudinal preceptor experience, and other Clinical Skills (CS) activities, you will be able to: (1) Perform a full history and physical and recognize specific abnormalities; (2) Record the history and physical examination in a coherent, standardized manner; (3) Construct a problem list and differential diagnosis based on the history and physical exam findings; (4) Deliver a concise organized oral presentation of the history and physical interpretation of the findings in a standardized format.

SURG7000. Off Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
All off campus rotations must be approved by the designated faculty member prior to the beginning of the rotation (at least one week before the course begins). Credit will not be given for any rotation that has not been approved in advance. Required paperwork includes: “Course Approval” form, a written letter or email for acceptance form the physician preceptor with the start and end dates of the course/rotation, and a course description of your learning objectives and responsibilities during the rotation. Forms must include a complete address and telephone number for the off campus location or residence address for the student while at the off campus site. Forms will not be approved after the rotation has already begun. Contact the department for assistance with enrolling in this course.

Urology (UROL)

Courses

UROL4000. Special Topic. 4 Credit Hours.
Students will work with faculty in the design, preparation for and execution of basic science or clinical research projects. Translational research studies may be available and are encouraged. Some projects will require that funding or IRB approval be obtained prior to initiation so students are encouraged to discuss their proposed projects well in advance with the appropriate faculty. Participation in some existing projects with faculty that are already in progress may be possible as well.

UROL4027. Urology Selective. 4 Credit Hours.
Senior students are required to function as "interns" on the Urology service; perform history and physical examinations; keep daily records on urology patients; follow patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units, and on general wards; participate in operations for their patients and in pre- and post-operative care of urology patients; present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the urology service; mentor third-year medical students on the urology service; and present one 10- to 15-minute lecture on a urologic topic of their choice. They are encouraged to participate in basic and clinical science research projects with urology faculty.

UROL7000. Off Campus. 4 Credit Hours.
Senior students are required to function as "interns" on the Urology service; perform history and physical examinations; keep daily records on urology patients; follow patients in the outpatient clinics, in the emergency department, in the intensive care units, and on general wards; participate in operations for their patients and in pre- and post-operative care of urology patients; present cases, attend all conferences, and take call as designated by the urology service; mentor third-year medical students on the urology service; and present one 10- to 15-minute lecture on a urologic topic of their choice. They are encouraged to participate in basic and clinical science research projects with urology faculty.
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