ACADEMIC TEXAS CORE CURRICULUM

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

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

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

The University of Texas Health Science Center reviews student's completion of the Core based on the following:

1. If a student's transcript from another Texas public college or university indicates that the student has completed the institution's core curriculum, no additional core curriculum requirements will be imposed. An Associate in Applied Science degree does not deem a student core complete.
2. If a student has not completed the core requirements at another Texas institution prior to entering UT Health San Antonio, the student must complete outstanding core requirements before a baccalaureate degree will be awarded by UT Health San Antonio (even if all program requirements have been met at the health science center). Students who are deficient in core requirements, upon acceptance at the health science center, should work closely with their academic advisor and/or program director to finalize these requirements before completion of the baccalaureate program at UT Health San Antonio, as meeting Texas Core requirements is a requirement of degree completion. Courses completed must fulfill transfer requirements and be equivalent to the deficient course. Applicants should note that most programs require full completion of the Texas Core prior to admission to UT Health San Antonio.
3. Students who are marked Core Complete are still evaluated for the prerequisites of the program for which they are applying to include requirements of a C or better in a Core requirement and additional course requirements for the program. Core completion does not waive the grade or course prerequisite requirements for admission.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or Advanced Placement (AP) credit may be accepted for core curriculum requirements. The maximum number of hours accepted for CLEP shall be established by the respective school/program. Students who are Core Complete or hold a bachelor’s degree will not be held to the time limit on acceptance of CLEP or AP scores. More information is available in the Policy on Awarding Academic Credit, Transfers and Substitutions (http://catalog.uthscsa.edu/generalinformation/generalacademicpolicies/policyonawardingacademiccredittransfersandsubstitutions/) in this catalog.

Timeline to Complete the Texas Core Curriculum

It is recommended that the Texas Core curriculum be completed prior to entry into the health science center; however, select courses may be taken up until one semester before graduation.