

HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES, DIVERSITY AND ADVOCACY

Online Program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Disparities, Diversity and Advocacy

Required Prerequisite Courses for Application into Health Care Disparities, Diversity and Advocacy

*Application for
Fall 2021 or Spring 2022*

| COURSE TITLE | TCCNS COURSE NUMBER | SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS |
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| English Composition I | ENGL 1301 | 3 |
| English Composition II | ENGL 1302 | 3 |
| <i>Mathematics Core</i> College Algebra or higher | MATH 1314 | 3 |
| <i>Language, Philosophy and Culture Core</i> Courses in humanities, literature, philosophy, modern or classical language, cultural studies or equivalent | | 3 |
| <i>Creative Arts Core</i> Courses in arts, dance, music appreciation, music, drama or equivalent | | 3 |
| United States History I | HIST 1301 | 3 |
| United States History II | HIST 1302 | 3 |
| Federal Government | GOVT 2305 | 3 |
| Texas Government | GOVT 2306 | 3 |
| <i>Social and Behavioral Science Core</i> Courses in anthropology, economics, criminal justice, geography, psychology, sociology, social work or equivalent | | 3 |
| <i>Life and Physical Sciences Core</i> Courses in biology, chemistry, physics, geology or other natural sciences | | 12 |
| <i>Elective Courses</i> Remedial-level courses will not be accepted. | | 30 |
| <i>Option 1: Transfer 30 semester credit hours of elective courses from a regionally accredited college/university.</i> | | |
| <i>Option 2: Applicants holding a national certification in a health care discipline (e.g. Medical Laboratory Technician, Surgical Technologist, Dental Hygienist) may be awarded a maximum of 30 semester credit hours at the discretion of the School of Health Professions' Curriculum Committee.</i> | | |
| <i>Option 3: Applicants may choose to complete the 30 semester credit hours of elective courses at the School of Health Professions. Course offerings vary by semester.</i> | | |
| Total number of semester credit hours | | 72 |

Applicants to the Health Care Disparities, Diversity and Advocacy program may apply for admissions when the majority of prerequisite courses are completed. The prerequisite courses may be taken at any regionally accredited college/university with a grade of C or better. Courses are listed using the Texas Common Course Numbering System (tccns.org).

Admissions into the program is competitive. Learn more at mdanderson.org/SHApply.



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Frequently Asked Questions

When do I turn in my admission application for Fall 2021?

The application will be available starting September 15, 2020. You should submit the application, transcripts of each college attended, essay and three professional recommendation forms before the priority deadline of June 1, 2021. To ensure documents are received before the priority deadline, it's recommended that you apply two months before the deadline.

Can I apply for Spring 2022 admissions?

Yes, you can apply for Spring 2022 admissions. The Spring application will be available beginning May 1, 2021. You should submit the application, transcripts of each college attended, essay and three professional recommendation forms before the priority deadline of November 1, 2021. To ensure documents are received before the priority deadline, it's recommended that you apply two months before the deadline.

New students enter the Health Care Disparities, Diversity and Advocacy program in the Fall or Spring semester.

Can I apply for Summer admissions?

No, we do not admit new students for summer.

Can I enroll in classes part-time?

Yes, enrollment is offered full-time or part-time. View the courses and details [here](#).

I've not finished with all the prerequisite courses. Can I still apply for admission?

Yes, if the majority of the prerequisite courses are completed, you may apply for admission. The more prerequisite courses you have completed at the time of application, the better.

What factors are considered in the [admission process](#)?

Admission to the program is competitive and holistic. This means that an admissions committee will look at all the factors below when admitting a student. Meeting the minimum requirement does not guarantee acceptance.

- (1) A minimum of 2.50 in all three areas: Overall GPA, science GPA and prerequisite GPA
- (2) Number of completed prerequisite courses at the time of application
- (3) Essay (the essay prompt will appear on the online admission application)
- (4) Three Professional Recommendation Forms

When will I receive my admission decision?

If you are applying for Fall 2021, the admissions review committee will review the application. An admission decision will be completed June 2021.

If you are applying for Spring 2022, decisions will be completed December 2021.

How can I learn more about the program?

You can view a pre-recorded information session, which is on the DDA homepage [here](#).

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I was accepted for Fall 2021 to Health Care Disparities, Diversity and Advocacy. Due to incomplete prerequisite courses, I was accepted into the program conditionally. What is the deadline to complete my outstanding prerequisite courses?

If you are enrolled in the full-time track, you must finish any outstanding prerequisite course no later than August 2022.

If you are enrolled in the part-time track, you must finish any outstanding prerequisite course no later than August 2023.

Our recommendation is to finish any outstanding prerequisite course as soon as possible.

I was accepted for Spring 2022 to Health Care Disparities, Diversity and Advocacy. Due to incomplete prerequisite courses, I was accepted into the program conditionally. What is the deadline to complete my outstanding prerequisite courses?

If you are enrolled in the full-time track, you must finish any outstanding prerequisite course no later than January 2023.

If you are enrolled in the part-time track, you must finish any outstanding prerequisite course no later than January 2024.

Our recommendation is to finish any outstanding prerequisite course as soon as possible.

Do you offer an on-line option?

Yes, the program is offered in an online learning form. You will have online courses and preceptorships.

What is a preceptorship?

A preceptorship is an opportunity to work with professionals in the fields of advocacy and diversity to gain beneficial practical knowledge and experience. Preceptorship courses are offered in the Fall and Spring semesters of the senior year.

I already hold a Bachelors Degree. Can I apply for this program?

Yes, you can apply. Upon graduation, you will earn a second Bachelor Degree.

I already hold a Bachelor Degree. Can you waive the prerequisite courses?

No, despite holding a prior degree, you must still complete the prerequisite courses.

When I graduate, what degree will I earn?

You will earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Disparities, Diversity and Advocacy. Your degree will be awarded from The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.