

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH STUDIES

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/health-studies/graduate-programs/ms-in-health-studies/>

Degree Requirements

Prerequisites or Co-requisites

1. Undergraduate degree from an accredited university.
2. Successful completion of new student orientation within the first year.

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

Thesis Option: 42-43 semester credit hours (SCH) that includes 18 SCH of required program courses, 9 SCH of focal area courses, 9-10 SCH of research tools, and 6 SCH of thesis

Internship/Professional Affiliation/National Certification Option: 36 semester credit hours (SCH) that includes 18 SCH of required program courses, 12 SCH of focal area courses, and 6 SCH of research tools

Emphasis in Dental Hygiene Option: 36 semester credit hours (SCH) that includes 18 SCH of required program courses, 12 SCH of Dental Hygiene emphasis area courses, and 6 SCH of research tools

Thesis Option (42-43 SCH)

Code	Title	SCHs
Health Studies Core		
HS 5413	Current Issues in Health Promotion	3
HS 5353	Epidemiology	3
HS 6443	Theoretical Foundations of Health Promotion	3
HS 5423	Ethnic and Cultural Factors in Health Decisions	3
HS 5383	Program Planning and Implementation in Health Promotion	3
HS 6453	Strategies in Health Promotion Planning and Delivery	3

Focal Area

9 SCH from one of the following Focal Areas (Practicum is not required)

Higher Education

HS 5113 Curriculum Development for Health Professionals

HS 5103 Principles and Methods of Teaching for Health Professionals

Leadership Elective (speak with advisor)

Community/Population Health

HS 5363 Population Health

HS 5053 Psychosocial Aspects of Health

Leadership Elective (speak with advisor)

Worksite Health

HS 5613 Worksite Health Promotion

HS 5343 Risk Reduction

Leadership Elective (speak with advisor)

Research Tools		
HS 5013	Data Collection and Analysis	3
HS 5023	Health Promotion Research Methods	3
Select one of the following		3-4
PSY 5304	Advanced Psychological Statistics I	
KINS 5033	Applied Statistical Principles	
HS 5703	Applied Statistics in Health Promotion	
MATH 5573	Statistical Methods I	
Thesis		
HS 5983	Thesis (during semester prospectus meeting is scheduled)	3
HS 5993	Thesis (every semester chair advises defense)	3
Total SCHs		42-43

Internship/Professional Affiliation/National Certification Option (36 SCH)

Code	Title	SCHs
Health Studies Core		
HS 5413	Current Issues in Health Promotion	3
HS 5353	Epidemiology	3
HS 6443	Theoretical Foundations of Health Promotion	3
HS 5423	Ethnic and Cultural Factors in Health Decisions	3
HS 5383	Program Planning and Implementation in Health Promotion	3
HS 6453	Strategies in Health Promotion Planning and Delivery	3

Focal Area

Select 12 SCH from one of the following Focal Areas

Higher Education

HS 5113 Curriculum Development for Health Professionals

HS 5103 Principles and Methods of Teaching for Health Professionals

Leadership Elective (speak with advisor)

HS 5003 Internship/Professional Affiliation in Health Promotion

Community/Population Health

HS 5363 Population Health

HS 5053 Psychosocial Aspects of Health

Leadership Elective (speak with advisor)

HS 5003 Internship/Professional Affiliation in Health Promotion

Worksite Health

HS 5613 Worksite Health Promotion

HS 5343 Risk Reduction

Leadership Elective (speak with advisor)

HS 5003 Internship/Professional Affiliation in Health Promotion

Research Tools

HS 5013	Data Collection and Analysis	3
Select one from the following		3
HS 5703	Applied Statistics in Health Promotion	

KINS 5033	Applied Statistical Principles	
MATH 5573	Statistical Methods I	
PSY 5304	Advanced Psychological Statistics I	
Total SCHs		36

Emphasis in Dental Hygiene (36 SCH)

Code	Title	SCHs
Health Studies Core		
HS 5413	Current Issues in Health Promotion	3
HS 5353	Epidemiology	3
HS 6443	Theoretical Foundations of Health Promotion	3
HS 5723	Health Care in a Culture of Poverty	3
HS 5763	Alternative Dental Health Careers	3
HS 5383	Program Planning and Implementation in Health Promotion	3
Dental Hygiene		
HS 5713	Dental Hygiene Leadership and Advocacy	3
HS 5733	Dental Hygiene Clinical Education	3
HS 5753	Interprofessional Collaboration and Health Promotion	3
HS 5783	Research in Dental Hygiene	3
Research Tools		
HS 5013	Data Collection and Analysis	3
HS 5703	Applied Statistics in Health Promotion	3
Total SCHs		36

Emphasis

9 SCH (Thesis Option) or 12 SCH (Internship/Professional Affiliation/National Certification Option) from one of three focal areas offered among Higher Education, Community/Population Health, or Worksite Health. The emphasis in Dental Hygiene does not include focal areas.

Residence Requirement

For students in the Thesis Option, campus visits are required to defend the complete proposal and again to defend the complete thesis. There is no resident requirement for students in the Internship/Professional Affiliation/National Certification Option and Emphasis in Dental Hygiene.

Final Examination

For the Thesis Option, the successful oral defense of a completed thesis; for Internship/Professional Affiliation/National Certification /Emphasis in Dental Hygiene, a written comprehensive core project on the core coursework is required.