

# DUAL DEGREE: MASTER OF LIBRARY SCIENCE AND MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH STUDIES

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/slis/programs-admission-requirements/dual-mls-ms-health-studies-degree/>

Students in the dual-degree program will earn two degrees: the Master of Library Science and the Master of Science in Health Studies. Both degree programs are available entirely online.

The Master of Library Science degree prepares professionals for careers as health librarians and information specialists in hospitals, medical centers, medical schools, nursing colleges, and other public and private agencies. The Master of Science in Health Studies prepares students for leadership positions in the disciplines of health education and health promotion.

## Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/thecb-60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

### For the Master of Library Science

1. Deliver innovative, high-quality health information services responsive to the needs of diverse communities.
2. Utilize technologies to meet changing health information needs.
3. Facilitate the access and use of biomedical, clinical, and health information.

### For the M.S. in Health Studies

1. Communicate and advocate for the improvement of health.
2. Assess health needs and recommend appropriate solutions.

## Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

The academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

## Degree Requirements

### Prerequisite

A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university.

## Total Semester Credit Hours Required

54 semester credit hours (SCH) consisting of:

- 21 SCH of Library Science courses
- 24 SCH of Health Studies courses
- 9 SCH of Dual Degree courses

Code	Title	SCHs
<b>Required Library Science Courses</b>		
LS 5083	Foundations of Library and Information Studies	3
LS 5053	Information Retrieval	3
LS 5043	Information and Communication Technology	3
LS 5003	Collection Development and Management	3
LS 5363	Health Sciences Information Services Management	3
LS 5473	Health Reference Services and Resources	3
LS 5483	Patient and Consumer Health Information	3
<b>Required Health Studies Course</b>		
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 6453	Strategies in Health Promotion Planning and Delivery	3
HS 5383	Program Planning and Implementation in Health Promotion	3
HS 5013	Data Collection and Analysis	3
HS Elective (speak with advisor)		3
<b>Dual Degree Requirements</b>		
Graduate Level Statistics Course		3
HS 5023	Health Promotion Research Methods	3
LS 5843	Practicum	3
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>54</b>

## Residence Requirement

Successful completion of new HS student online orientation during the first year in the program.

## Final Examination

Health Studies: A written comprehensive core project on the core coursework is required.

Library Science: Completion of the LS 5843 Practicum course.