Boston University School of Medicine
Graduate Medical Sciences

MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN ORAL HEALTH SCIENCES
Program Overview

The M.S. in Oral Health Sciences provides an academically rigorous learning experience for students who are interested in strengthening their knowledge of the biomedical sciences. The curriculum builds critical thinking and research skills while preparing students for admission to dental school and other health-related professions.

The program, which can be completed in one or two years (two year students complete a research thesis), emphasizes collaboration, professional collegiality, and integrity. The OHS program has had tremendous success with 90% of its graduates accepted into U.S. dental schools.

Program Highlights:

- One of the only programs in the U.S. that allows students to take DMD classes with first year DMD students (3 out of the DMD program’s required classes in the live/stream format)
- Highly effective program – last year 36 of 40 program graduates were admitted into dental schools
- Full-time, 32-credit program begins in August and can be completed in one calendar year
- Program includes 11 elective credits as well as a Capstone or Thesis final project
- Courses taught by world-class faculty from Boston University’s School of Medicine and Boston University’s Goldman School of Dental Medicine – most faculty are also active practitioners and researchers
- High levels of mentoring and advising provided to support each student’s success
- Committed to improving the demographic balance of the dental profession – underrepresented groups, including minority and socioeconomically disadvantaged students, are encouraged to apply
- To be eligible for admission, students must be U.S. residents, must have graduated from a four year college or university in the United States or Canada, and completed the common pre-dental prerequisites
- The degree is awarded by Boston University School of Medicine

I have no doubt that this program made me a more competitive applicant, and schools that I interviewed at genuinely seemed to hold this program in high regard.

- Katie Takach, program graduate, Arizona School of Oral Health and Dentistry, Class of 2018
### CURRICULUM

#### REQUIRED COURSES

**Fall Semester 1:**
- Biochemistry* 6 credits
- Physiology* 6 credits
- Related Medical Sciences (Thesis) 2 credits
  - Capstone Project (2 credits awarded upon completion)
  - Thesis Research (Up to 8 credits awarded upon completion)

**Spring Semester 1:**
- Physiology* 2 credits
- Prevention & Oral Health Promotion in Dentistry 3 credits
- Biomedical Information 2 credits
- Related Medical Sciences (Thesis) 2 credits

#### ELECTIVE COURSES

**Fall Semester 1: (2 – 4 credits)**
- Evidence Based Dentistry 2 credits
- Ethical Issues of Bioscience 3 credits
- Cultural Formation of the Clinician 3 credits
- Fundamentals of Biotechnology 2 credits
- Biostatistics with Computing 4 credits

**Spring Semester 1: (8 - 10 credits)**
- Microbiology* 4 credits
- Head and Neck Anatomy 3 credits
- Biostatistics 2 credits
- General Pathology* 4 credits
- Infectious Diseases 4 credits

**Summer Semester 1:**
- Capstone Project Continuing Student

**Summer Semester 2:**
- Capstone Project Continuing Student

**Fall and Spring Semester Year 2:**
- Thesis Research 4 Credits

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*Courses taken with DMD1 students*
Admissions

While admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis beginning in January, completed applications must be received by May 1 to be eligible for enrollment in the fall semester. The program does not offer a January start date.

Admissions decisions are usually made within 3 months of receiving a completed application (Including recommendation letters, transcripts, DAT scores, resume/CV and personal statement) and payment of the $95 application fee.

While we accept students with a range of scores, a DAT score below 17 and an undergraduate GPA of 2.9 or lower is usually not seen as competitive for this program. Average scores for the recently admitted class were 19.4 and 3.19 respectively.

To apply to the program, please visit bu.edu/gms and click on Admissions.

Tuition, Financial Aid and Student Resources

For the most up to date information on tuition and fees please visit www.bumc.bu.edu/gms/students/financing-options. The Financial Aid Office at Boston University School of Medicine is available to assist students in identifying sources of financial support and tuition remission, including graduate and research assistantships, fellowships, and federal loans.

The Financial Aid Office at Boston University’s Graduate Medical Sciences is available to assist students in identifying sources of financial support including graduate and research assistantships, fellowships, and federal loans.

The BU Office of Housing Resources provides information regarding housing, transportation, and Boston neighborhoods. For more details, visit www.bumc.bu.edu/ohr.

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