



Boston University School of Medicine
Division of Graduate Medical Sciences



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ORAL HEALTH SCIENCES



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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 85% 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 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 the Division of Graduate Medical Sciences at 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
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Summer Semester 2:

Capstone Project	Continuing Student
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Fall and Spring Semester Year 2:

Thesis Research	4 Credits
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*Courses taken with DMD1 students



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Admissions

While admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis beginning in January, completed applications must be received by May 17 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 18 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 19.2 and 3.14 respectively.

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

Tuition, Financial Aid and Student Resources

The combined annual tuition and fees is \$57,352 (2017 rates). This includes two semesters as a full time student at \$24,588 and two semesters as a continuing student at \$2,964.

The Financial Aid Office at Boston University's Division of 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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