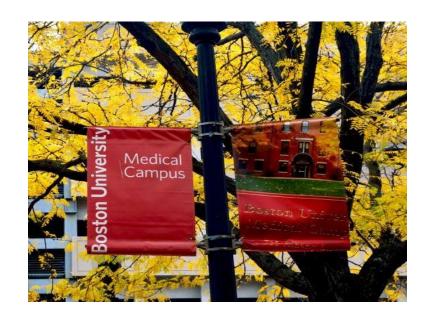


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# Clinical Master's Programs

## **Boston University**



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## Graduate Medical Sciences *Make A Difference.*







## Why BU and Graduate Medical Sciences?

- Leader in biomedical research and graduate education
- More than 900 graduate students
- Over 30 PhD, MA, and MS degrees
- 15 different departments and programs
- World-class urban teaching hospital Boston Medical Center

#### LOCATED AT BU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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# Clinical Masters Programs

#### **PROGRAMS**



# Mental Health Counseling and Behavioral Medicine

(Licensure) (FT, 2 years)



### **Genetic Counseling**

(Accredited) (FT, 2 years)



### **Bioimaging**

Clinical (Registered MRI Technologist)

OR

Research focus

(FT, 1 year or PT, 2 years)

#### **CAREER OPTIONS**

Mental Health Counselors in private, public, or community healthcare settings (brochure)

Genetic Counselors in private, hospital, and community settings (brochure)

Imaging technology in healthcare

Research- pharmaceutical, biotech, academia, the military, & forensic science (brochure)

# **Professional Masters Programs**

## **Clinical Research**

#### **PROGRAMS**



Pathology Laboratory Sciences

(FT, 2 year)



**Nutrition & Metabolism** 

(FT, 1 year or PT, 2 years)



**Clinical Research** 

(FT, 1 year or PT, 2 years)

#### **CAREER OPTIONS**

Employed in clinical and diagnostic labs, clinical research & academic settings, advance to doctoral or medical school (brochure)

Clinical or basic sciences research in biotech, private/academic settings or further study towards a MD/DMD/PhD (brochure)

Clinical research in healthcare, biotech, private/academic settings (brochure)

## **Pre-Health Post-Bac Masters**

#### **PROGRAM**



Medical Sciences (MAMS) (FT, 1 or 2 year)



Oral Health Sciences (OHS)
(FT, 1 or 2 year)

#### **CAREER OPTIONS**

Medical school admission, clinical researcher, or public health (brochure)

Dental school admissions (brochure)

- Rigorous year of biomedical coursework to prepare for medical & dental school
- Develop critical thinking and study & test taking skills
- Gain valuable experiences through research, clinical, and community outreach
- Professional development through enrichment events

# Boston University's M.S. in Oral Health Sciences (OHS) Program

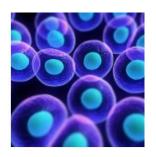
- Improve academic credentials by taking courses with BU's DMD I students.
- Rigorous coursework to challenge you and improve study skills / time management
- Strong advising support
  - Personalized advising, mentoring and AADSAS Application assistance
- Additional Enhancement Opportunities
- Thesis and Capstone opportunities
- 90% of OHS graduates are successful in gaining admission to dental school















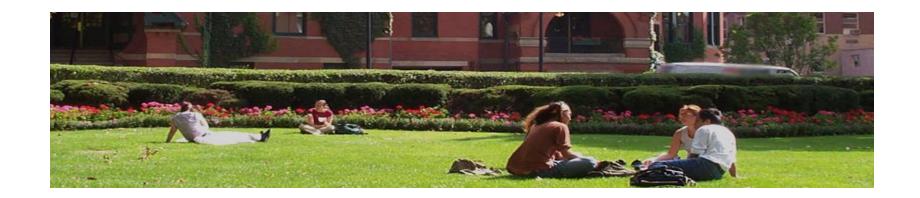












Shared learning with like-minded students across the medical campus

Collegial and collaborative environment

Graduate Medical Sciences Student Organization gives students the opportunity to voice questions, concerns, and ideas.









# BOSTON

- College-oriented city
- Academic hub with rich cultural, intellectual, and recreational opportunities
- Mountains north and west; beautiful ocean beaches are a short drive to the Cape or Gloucester









## What Are Schools Looking For?

## What does "Holistic Review" mean?

- Academically strong student
- More than just the "numbers"
- Test scores and GPA
- Real interest in the program/career
  - Demonstrated interest by experiences
- Good fit for the school, program and their mission
  - GMS / BUSM / Boston Medical Center
  - Safety Net Hospital / Underserved
  - Research focused
  - Service -learning



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# More: What Are Schools Looking For?

## YOUR EXPERIENCES MATTER

How many and what type of experiences

- Clinical
- Service
- Outreach

- Leadership
- Research
- Volunteer

## **DIVERSITY? ARE YOU A GOOD FIT?**

Not just race & ethnicity

- Socioeconomic status
- Disadvantaged rural/health
- Family educational history
- Religion
- Political beliefs

- Gender Identity /LGBTQ
- Geographic
- Cultural background, heritage
- Distance Traveled
- Age



## **Admissions**

We all have stories – They want applicants who are prepared academically

learned, grown, overcome and matured on their journey

## Requirements

- Basic science pre-requisites
- DAT or MCAT or GRE (waived)
- Personal Statement
- Resume
- Letters
- Application fee (fee waivers available)



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## **Upcoming Events**

- All GMS Spring Virtual Fair <u>March 9 from 11-2pm</u>
  - 15 Masters programs, Student Life, Financial Aid, Admissions Q & A, Diversity & MISO, 10 PhD programs
- MS Medical Sciences events
  - Upcoming events for spring
- MS Oral Health Sciences
  - Informational Webinar March 17
  - Student Panels Feb 24 and April 6
- Mental Health Counseling
  - Watch their <u>FaceBook Live</u> sessions
- Genetic Counseling recruitment starts in the summer/fall (sign-up here)
  - 2/27/21 Career Day at Dana Farber Cancer Institute

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## **MEET OUT STUDENT PANEL**

Naaila - MS in Bioimaging
Fatouma - MS Medical Science
Kenisha - MS in Oral Health Sciences
Nola - MS in Pathology Laboratory Sciences



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# **Final Thoughts**

- Be honest about your credentials
- Find a mentor, talk to your advisor
- Take a gap year if you need it to gain more experience or take extra classes
- Don't be afraid to ask questions of admissions folks
- Attend open houses, virtual fairs
- Plan your time, don't procrastinate when applying everything takes longer than you think!
- Good luck!

Stay focused work hard and you will achieve your goals

