

Master of Science in Oral Health Sciences



Program Overview

The MS in Oral Health Sciences is a nationally recognized and highly regarded program designed to strengthen students’ foundation in the biomedical sciences while enhancing the critical thinking, research, and analytical skills necessary for advanced study in dentistry and other health-related fields.

The program, which can be completed in one or two years, emphasizes rigorous academics, collaboration, and professional development. Two-year students have the option to complete a research thesis or take additional courses. 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 enroll in DMD classes with first year DMD students
- Highly effective program – 90% of our graduates have successfully matriculated to dental school
- Full-time, 32-credit program begins in late July 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 Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine and Boston University’s Goldman School of Dental Medicine – faculty include professionally active dentists and researchers
- High levels of mentoring and advising are provided to support each student’s success and a series of enrichment events to build networking and foster professional development skills
- Strong commitment to enhancing the diversity of the dental profession. We believe that the field of dentistry should be represented by people of all backgrounds and life experiences to promote the highest quality of care for patients
- To be eligible for admission, students must have graduated from a four year college or university in the United States or Canada (English-speaking), and completed the pre-dental prerequisites
- The degree is awarded by Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine

OHS was much more than a steppingstone to dental school. It was the year that showed me what I was capable of. The confidence, friendships, mentorship, and academic foundation I gained through OHS are things I will carry with me throughout dental school and into my future career.

- Karim, OHS Alum

Boston University School of Dental Medicine, Class of 2030



Curriculum

Required Courses

Fall Semester 1	Credits
DMD Biochemistry*	6 credits
DMD Physiology*	4 credits

Spring Semester 1	Credits
DMD Physiology*	4 credits
Prevention & Oral Health Promotion in Dentistry	3 credits
Biomedical Information	2 credits

Elective Courses

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Applied Physiology	2 credits
Evidence Based Dentistry	2 credits
DMD Microbiology & Immunology*	4 credits
DMD Pathology*	2 credits
Head & Neck Anatomy	3 credits
Applied Histology	2 credits
Infectious Diseases	2 credits
Biostatistics Using R	2 credits
Leadership for the Biomedical Scientist	2 credits
Clinical Skills in Biomedical Sciences	2 credits

Summer Semester 1	Credits
Capstone Project	Continuing Student

Summer Semester 2	Credits
Capstone Project	2 credits

Fall and Spring Semester Year 2	Credits
Thesis Research	4 credits

*Courses taken with DMD1 students 2

Admissions Requirements

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 begins during the last week of July. The program does not offer a January start date.

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

While there is no minimum score requirement to apply to the program, higher DAT and GPA scores are considered more competitive. The average scores for the recently admitted class were 410 (DAT AA (19.5)) and 3.13 (overall GPA), respectively.

To apply to the program, please visit www.bumc.bu.edu/gms/admissions/

Tuition, Financial Aid, and Student Resources

For financial aid resources, including cost of attendance, tuition, and fees information, please visit the Graduate Medical Sciences Financial Resources webpage (www.bumc.bu.edu/osfs/gms/).

GMS and the Office of Housing Resources provides information regarding housing, transportation, and local neighborhoods. For more details, visit bumc.bu.edu/ohr.

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