

# HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES, DIVERSITY AND ADVOCACY

Online Program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Disparities, Diversity and Advocacy

## Required Prerequisite Courses for Application into Health Care Disparities, Diversity and Advocacy

## Application for Spring 2026

COURSE TITLE	TCCNS COURSE NUMBER	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
English Composition I	ENGL 1301	3
English Composition II	ENGL 1302	3
<i>Mathematics Core</i> College Algebra or higher	MATH 1314	3
<i>Language, Philosophy and Culture Core</i> Courses in humanities, literature, philosophy, modern or classical language, cultural studies or equivalent		3
<i>Creative Arts Core</i> Courses in arts, dance, music appreciation, music, drama or equivalent		3
United States History I	HIST 1301	3
United States History II	HIST 1302	3
Federal Government	GOVT 2305	3
Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
<i>Social and Behavioral Science Core</i> Courses in anthropology, economics, psychology, sociology, social work or equivalent		3
<i>Life and Physical Sciences Core</i> Courses in biology, chemistry, physics, geology or other natural sciences		12
<i>Elective Courses</i> Applicants may complete any college-level academic course of their choice to fulfill elective requirements. However, remedial, developmental, or workforce-level courses are not accepted.  Applicants also have the option to take up to 9 semester credit hours of elective courses at the School of Health Professions. These courses will count toward the maximum of three courses that may be outstanding at the time of enrollment.  <b>Note: Admitted students may have no more than three (3) outstanding prerequisite courses on the first day of enrollment in the School of Health Professions.</b>		30
<b>Total number of semester credit hours</b>		<b>72</b>

Applicants to the Health Care Disparities, Diversity and Advocacy program may apply for admission when the majority of prerequisite courses are completed. The prerequisite courses may be taken at any regionally accredited college/university with a grade of C- or better. Courses are listed using the Texas Common Course Numbering System ([tccns.org](http://tccns.org)).

Admission into the program is competitive. Learn more at [mdanderson.org/SHPapply](http://mdanderson.org/SHPapply).



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## Spring 2026 Admission

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. When do I turn in my admission application for Spring 2026?

The application will be available starting May 1, 2025. You should submit the application, transcripts of each college attended, essay and three professional recommendation forms before the priority deadline of October 15, 2025. To ensure documents are received before the priority deadline, it's recommended that you apply two months before the deadline.

#### 2. Can I apply for Fall admissions?

Yes, you can apply for Fall admissions. Refer to the Fall Admissions Prerequisite and FAQs sheet for details.

New students enter the Health Care Disparities, Diversity and Advocacy program in the Fall or Spring semester.

#### 3. Can I apply for Summer admissions?

No, we do not admit new students for summer.

#### 4. Can I enroll in classes part-time?

Yes, enrollment is offered full-time or part-time. View the courses and details [here](#).

#### 5. I've not finished with all the prerequisite courses. Can I still apply for admission?

Yes, if the majority of the prerequisite courses are completed, you may apply for admission. The more prerequisite courses you have completed at the time of application, the better.

Admitted students must have no more than 3 missing prerequisite courses by the first day of enrollment in the School of Health Professions.

For this purpose, please note that a science course with a corresponding lab, is considered one course and not two courses, e.g. Human Anatomy and Physiology lecture and lab.

#### 6. What factors are considered in the [admission process](#)?

Admission to the program is competitive and holistic. This means that an admissions committee will look at all the factors below when admitting a student. Meeting the minimum requirement does not guarantee acceptance.

- (1) A minimum of 2.50 in all three areas: Overall GPA, science GPA and prerequisite GPA
- (2) Number of completed prerequisite courses at the time of application
- (3) Essay (the essay prompt will appear on the online admission application)
- (4) Three Professional Recommendation forms

#### 7. When will I receive my admission decision?

An admission decision will be completed near November 2025.

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**8. I was accepted for Spring 2026 to Health Care Disparities, Diversity and Advocacy. Due to incomplete prerequisite courses, I was accepted into the program conditionally. What is the deadline to complete my outstanding prerequisite courses?**

If you are enrolled in the full-time track, you must finish any outstanding prerequisite course no later than January 2027.

If you are enrolled in the part-time track, you must finish any outstanding prerequisite course no later than January 2028.

Our recommendation is to finish any outstanding prerequisite course as soon as possible.

**9. How can I learn more about the program?**

You can view a pre-recorded information session, which is on the DDA homepage [here](#).

**10. Do you offer an online option?**

Yes, the program is offered in an online learning format. You will have online courses and preceptorships.

**11. When are courses offered?**

Courses are offered in the Fall and Spring semesters. You can view the curriculum [here](#).

However, if you were admitted with missing prerequisite courses, you may need to take coursework during the summer semester(s) to complete this requirement.

**12. What is a preceptorship?**

Students will complete 2 virtual preceptorships in Advocacy and Disparities. Community and clinical experts from across the country guest lecture bi-weekly. This is supplemented with webinars and virtual conferences. Students are required to interact with clinical experts and participate in question and answer sessions. This is a synchronous virtual class.

**13. I already hold a Bachelors Degree. Can I apply for this program?**

Yes, you can apply. Upon graduation, you will earn a second Bachelor Degree.

**14. I already hold a bachelors degree. Can you waive all the prerequisite courses?**

No, despite holding a prior degree, prerequisite requirements cannot be waived. However, applicable courses from your prior degree may be used toward the prerequisite requirements.

**15. When I graduate, what degree will I earn?**

You will earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Disparities, Diversity and Advocacy. Your degree will be awarded from The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.