

School of Public Health Volunteer Recruiter FAQ's

Volunteer Do's and Don'ts

Do's

- Be positive, helpful and most importantly honest
- Do identify yourself as a UNTHSC alumni volunteer
- Do make contact with prospective student as comfortable and natural as possible
- Do encourage the prospective student to talk about him/herself by asking about academic interests, educational goals, work history, undergraduate degree, etc.
- Do use personal experiences to "connect" with UNTHSC and the student
- Do listen carefully to what people are asking and look for non-verbal clues also
- Do follow up on information requested and other promises
- Do dress appropriately, wear comfortable shoes as you may be standing for long periods of time
- Do include everyone in the group and make eye contact with everyone
- Smile!

Don'ts

- Don't make promises about admissions/scholarships/development of future programs
- Don't make up an answer you don't know but let them know you will find out
- Don't talk negatively about departments, programs or persons at UNTHSC
- Don't discredit another school; focus on UNTHSC strengths
- Don't exaggerate
- Don't talk too much about yourself and your own accomplishments

Common Questions

1. When did UNTHSC start?
1970 as Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
1993 added Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and became UNTHSC
1999 added School of Public Health
2004 added School of Health Professions
2. What is enrollment at UNTHSC/School of Public Health?
UNTHSC has a student population of about 1575 students and the School of Public Health has a student population of about 300.
3. What percentage of students are TX residents?
About 67% of students in the School of Public Health are Texas residents

4. What percentage of students are international students?
About 25% of students in the School of Public Health are international
5. What is a typical class size for the School of Public Health?
Class sizes can range from 30 to 80 students in “core” required courses and from 5 to 25 students in concentration and elective courses
6. Where are you located?
We are located in the heart of Fort Worth’s cultural district, 5 minutes west of downtown, at 3500 Camp Bowie, between Montgomery and University <http://www.fortworth.com/>
7. Do we offer campus housing?
At this time, we do not offer campus housing but would be happy to provide you with area apartments or connect you to a realtor we work closely with.
8. How much does it approximately cost to attend UNTHSC’s School of Public Health?
*To complete a MHA for TX resident is \$11,700 and for a non-TX resident it is \$34,020
To complete a MPH for TX resident is \$9,725 and for a non-TX resident it is \$37,675
To complete a DrPH for TX resident is \$9,305 and for a non-TX resident it is \$26,586
To complete a PhD for TX resident is \$7173 and for a non-TX resident it is \$24,453*
9. How do I apply?
Apply online at <http://www.sophas.org/>
10. How long will it take before my application is reviewed?
All items including fee must be submitted to SOPHAS.org for evaluation, which can take up to 4 weeks. Once UNTHSC School of Public Health receives all information, you should receive a decision within 2 weeks. In total your application will be reviewed within 6 weeks of submitting.
11. Are there scholarships?
The Dean offers scholarships & graduate assistantship positions to new incoming students each fall. There is a limited number available and given out based on academic performance prior to entering UNTHSC. To be considered for the scholarships & GA positions applicants must have their fall 2011 application completed and in our office by March 15th. There is no application form required. We will begin notifying accepted applicants in late March if they have been offered a scholarship or GA position. The scholarship qualifies out-of-state or foreign resident in-state tuition for the academic year 2011-2012 (fall 2011, spring 2012 & summer 2012 semesters). The GA positions are part-time hourly paid positions with a limited amount of funding during each semester; these positions do not qualify for in-state residency tuition.
12. Is the GRE required?
*The School of Public Health will accept the following graduate admissions exams:
GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, DAT or PCAT
The examination requirement is waived for applicants possessing a professional doctoral degree with a license to practice in the United States.*
13. What are average GRE scores?
Verbal – 459, Quantitative – 608, Analytical Writing 4.0
14. What is average undergraduate and graduate GPA?
3.4 and 3.52 respectively

15. How many faculty are in the School of Public Health?

39 Full-time faculty in the School of Public Health and 391 full-time faculty at UNTHSC.

16. Do we offer online programs?

We offer several “technology mediated” classes which means up to half of the class is taught online or through other technology assisted mediums. We do not offer entire programs online at this time; however this is something we are considering for the future.

17. Can the program be completed in the evenings/weekends?

At this time the [Master of Public Health – Professional Option](#) can be completed entirely in the evening as a three year option. We do offer evening classes as part of our curriculum options.

18. How long will it take to complete MHA/MPH/DrPH/PhD?

MHA is a 60 School Credit Hour (SCH) program which can be completed in either 2 or 3 years depending on the course load taken each semester. [Master of Health Administration](#)

MPH-professional option is a 42 SCH program which can be completed in 1, 2 or 3 years. If the student wishes to complete the program entirely through evening classes, this can only be guaranteed in the three year option. [Master of Public Health-Professional Option](#)

MPH is a 48-51 SCH program which can be completed in either 2 or 3 years, depending on the course load taken each semester. [Master of Public Health](#)

DrPH is a 60 SCH program which can be completed in either 3 or 4 years, depending on the course load taken each semester and including 1 year of residency. [Doctor of Public Health](#)

PhD is a 90 SCH program, of which up to 30 SCH of “advanced standing” may be applied (subject to approval by advisor.) This program can be completed in 4 to 5 years.

19. Can I transfer credits earned elsewhere to UNTHSC?

UNTHSC will accept up to 12 SCH from a [CEPH accredited school](#), subject to advisor approval

20. How are you accredited?

UNTHSC is regionally accredited by the [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools \(SACS\)](#)

Additionally, the School of Public Health is accredited by the [Council on Education for Public Health \(CEPH\)](#).

21. How many “CEPH” accredited schools are there?

Currently, there are 46 “CEPH” accredited schools throughout the United States and Mexico and UNTHSC is one of 3 in Texas

22. What is the difference between the PhD and the DrPH?

DrPH is a practice degree similar to other practice oriented degrees (lawyers, physicians, nurses, etc.), meaning you should be able to apply the concepts you learned in school to the demands of a position in public health or not for profit agency. DrPH students will learn the application of research findings as well. Possible employment would be academic institutions, foundations, state and national governmental agencies, non profit agencies and local health departments.

A PhD is a research degree with emphasis on research design, proposal writing, collection and analysis of data and reporting the findings of research. Possible employment would be academic institutions, foundations, state and national governmental agencies, or non profit agencies where research is being conducted.

