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Health Professions

One Word in Healthcare

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS







Feik School of Pharmacy

Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing and Health Professions

Rosenberg School of Optometry

School of Osteopathic Medicine

School of Rehabilitation Sciences



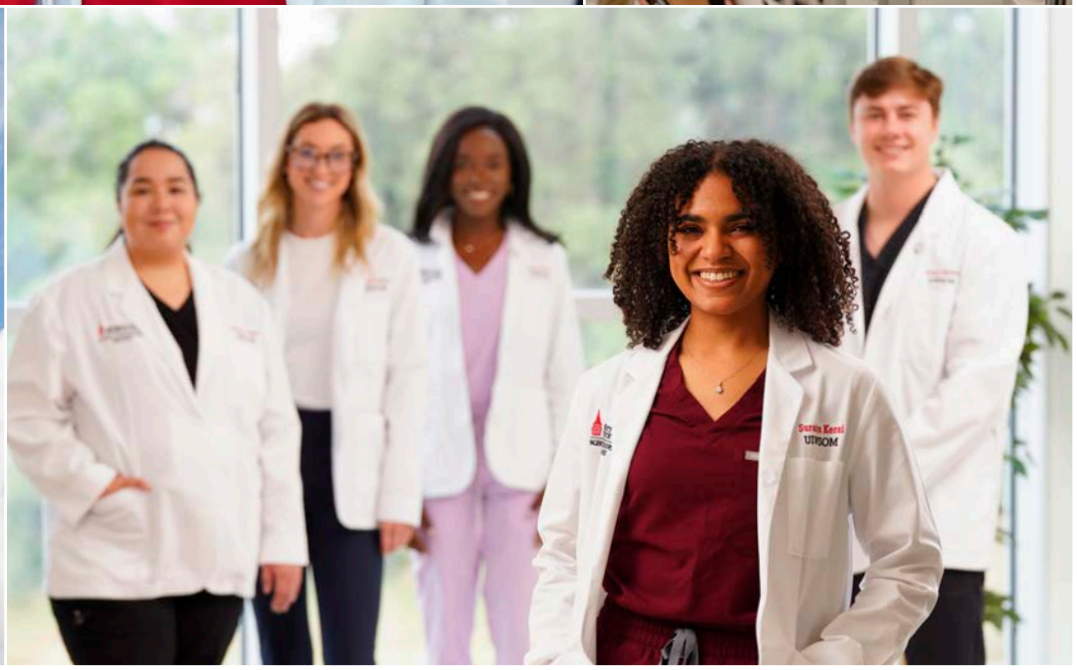












Five Health Professions Schools:
One Word – Purpose

University of the Incarnate Word's (UIW) five health professions schools attract some of the nation's most talented and diverse faculty and students. Our emphasis on critical thinking, holistic approaches and clinical experience will enable you to graduate practice-ready across a variety of professional settings.

Heart for Others Through Clinical Experience

UIW partners with hospitals and specialty clinics in San Antonio and throughout Texas to provide our students with abundant choices for internships, capstone projects and clinical experiences. The locations include civilian and military facilities. UIW also partners within six full-service hospitals with the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System. Like UIW, CHRISTUS Health was founded by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word and is the region's only Catholic faith-based nonprofit healthcare system.



UIW AT A GLANCE

Our health professions schools are known nationally for preparing graduates to become leaders in a changing healthcare environment and for making a commitment to its alumni to promote lifelong learning and service.

Located in San Antonio, UIW offers an unmatched variety of clinical settings that address patient needs.

The Alamo City

San Antonio, home to 1.5 million people, is the second-fastest-growing city in the U.S. and the nation's seventh-largest. It is affordable too — its cost of living is 2% below the Texas average and 8% lower than the national average, as reported by HomeCity. Moreover, Travel + Leisure ranked San Antonio as the Sixth Best City in the U.S. in 2024, as well as one of the nation's friendliest cities. In fact, about 39 million visitors explore San Antonio each year.

FOUNDED
In 1881 UIW was founded by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word

OUR MISSION
Supporting the core values of Faith, Truth, Service, Innovation and Education

FAITH-BASED
A private, faith-based institution with students from all religious backgrounds

LOCATION
With a beautiful 154-acre main campus in the heart of San Antonio, UIW has locations throughout San Antonio and South and Central Texas, as well as two campuses in Mexico and a European Study Center in France

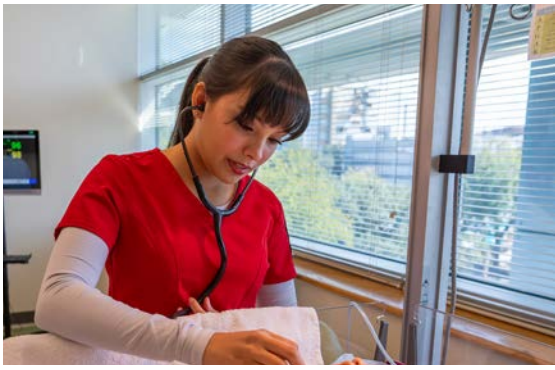
COMMUNITY SERVICE
Students fulfill their service hours required for graduation by assisting people with healthcare needs in our community

ATHLETICS
14 sports for men and women
Divison I, Southland Conference (SLC)

School Programs

FEIK SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

- Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
- **Dual Pathway | Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)**
  - + Master of Arts in Administration (MAA) Dual Pathway
  - + Master of Business Administration (MBA) Dual Pathway
- Master of Science (MS) in Applied Pharmaceutical Sciences



ILA FAYE MILLER SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

- Master of Science in Nursing Leadership
  - RN-MSN option
- Master of Science in Kinesiology
- Master of Science in Sport Management
- BSN-Doctor of Nursing Practice
  - Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
  - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)
- MSN-Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
- Post Graduate Certificate
  - Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
  - Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)



ROSENBERG SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY

- Master of Science (MS) in Vision Science
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Vision Science
- Doctor of Optometry (OD)



SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

- Master of Biomedical Sciences (MBS)
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)



SCHOOL OF REHABILITATION SCIENCES

- Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT)
- Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) (Entry-Level)
- Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) (Entry-Level)



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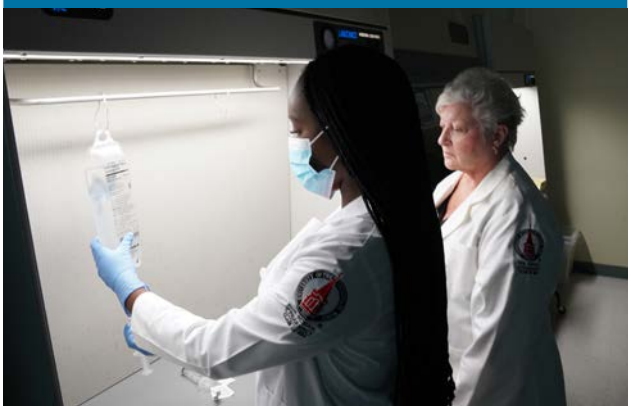
- 1k+ patients served annually
- 15k patients served through mission trips
- Dual degree options available (MBA, MAA)
- No. 2-ranked school on GradReport list of Best Pharmacy Programs
- 1.3 million intern hours since 2010
- No. 2 in Texas for NAPLEX
- 86.3% 2023 NAPLEX pass rate
- Four professional certifications
- Required Spanish education

Feik School of Pharmacy

The Feik School of Pharmacy (FSOP) is dedicated to providing pharmacy education and scholarship that advance the quality of healthcare practices in diverse populations. The Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program focuses on a strong foundation in the basic pharmaceutical, administrative and clinical sciences using innovative technology, curricular integration, lifelong learning and critical thinking to provide high-quality, evidence-based pharmaceutical care with opportunities for multicultural and multilingual development.

Study Abroad

International travel and study opportunities are available to students throughout their academic journey. Feik School of Pharmacy students have traveled to South Africa, Australia, Brazil, China, India and Spain.



Block Schedule and Rotations

While students take 18 credit hours per semester, the School of Pharmacy's block system allows each student to take 6-7 hours every five weeks, allowing them to concentrate on critical issues within each course. The PharmD program requires students to complete rotations in their fourth year of study. Six rotations, each six weeks in length, are required to graduate. Students may opt to take two rotations outside of the state of Texas, including international opportunities.

Pharmacy

Our Competitive Applicant

We seek passionate and compassionate individuals who show potential for academic success, patient advocacy and the desire to become an educator in the field of pharmacy. The admissions committee considers a number of factors during the review process. These factors include cumulative GPA, math/science GPA, pharmacy or other work experience, community service within healthcare environments, and other variables measured during the interview process.

Admissions Overview

Admissions for fall classes opens in July of the year prior to enrollment and concludes Feb. 1 of the anticipated enrollment year. Applications must be submitted using the PharmCAS® online process.

PharmCAS® applications must include the following:

- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, undergraduate and graduate
- Two letters of recommendation
- Personal statement



Pre-Pharmacy Curriculum

For bachelor's degree-seeking students, the pre-pharmacy curriculum is a rigorous two-to-four-year program designed to prepare students for admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy program. It includes a liberal arts core of social sciences and the arts, combined with specialty courses in the biological, physical and chemical sciences.

Direct Admit Pharmacy Program

This is a program for high school students interested in a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Students must maintain specific requirements throughout two years of undergraduate study at UIW in order to guarantee an interview to the four-year professional pharmacy program.

Master of Science (MS) in Applied Pharmaceutical Sciences

The Master of Science (MS) in Applied Pharmaceutical Sciences program equips students with the advanced knowledge and skills for a career in the pharmaceutical field. Career opportunities for graduates include positions in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry, government agencies and research laboratories. The program includes a pharmaceutical internship that provides hands-on, real-life experience. It also prepares students interested in applying to related Ph.D. programs.

For program accreditation status, see: pharmacy.uiw.edu/about-us/accreditation.html

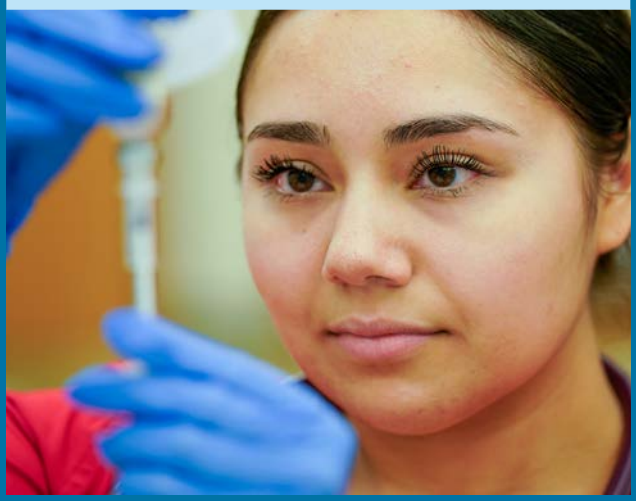


DID YOU KNOW?

- 100% nurse practitioner pass rate
- 135k hours invested by faculty and students to under-served communities each year
- First accredited undergraduate nursing program west of the Mississippi

Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing and Health Professions

The Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing and Health Professions combines the best possible scientific grounding with unmatched clinical experience across many types of healthcare settings and diverse patient populations. Our students advance a mission of faith-based care that began in 1869 with the founding of the region's first Catholic hospital. Faculty, students and alumni carry on that work through regional clinics, service trips abroad and other Mission-driven initiatives.



Clinical Experience

The state-of-the-art, 9,000-square-foot Clinical Learning Center (CLC) provides a supportive environment that enhances learners' psychomotor skill sets, clinical reasoning and reflective practice. The skills lab is composed of an 11-bed hospital ward, a three-bed practice area and an athletic training and equipment lab. Participants learn and hone their skills through demonstration, supervised practice, peer practice, independent practice and feedback. Five simulation rooms allow learners to apply their knowledge in realistic situations.

San Antonio offers nursing and health professions students many choices for internships and other clinical experiences across a range of hospital and specialty clinic settings.

Academic Overview

Master of Science in Nursing Leadership Program (MSN)

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Leadership is a 31-credit degree plan that can be completed in 24 months. Classes are held online. The program teaches administrative and management theory as well as skills to address organizational issues within complex healthcare systems. The program admits in the fall semester.

- **RN-Master of Science in Nursing Program**
  The RN-MSN in Nursing Leadership is a jump-start program designed for nurses with an Associate Degree in Nursing who desire career advancement and a high-quality, student-centered graduate education. It includes nine credits of online baccalaureate coursework that leads to the MSN curriculum. The program admits in the summer semester.

Doctor of Nursing Practice Program (DNP)

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) is designed for nurses seeking a terminal degree in nursing practice and offers an alternative to research-focused doctoral programs. DNP-prepared nurses are well-equipped to fully implement the science developed by nurse researchers prepared in Ph.D. and other research-focused nursing doctorates.

- **BSN to DNP Program**
  The post-baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice degree has two concentrations, one leading to the Family Nurse Practitioner program and the other to the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program. Both programs are three years, full-time and designed to prepare registered nurses for advanced nursing practice. Courses within the program are offered in a blended format, with class held one day every first and third week of the month, alternating online with clinical experience components. The program admits in the spring semester.

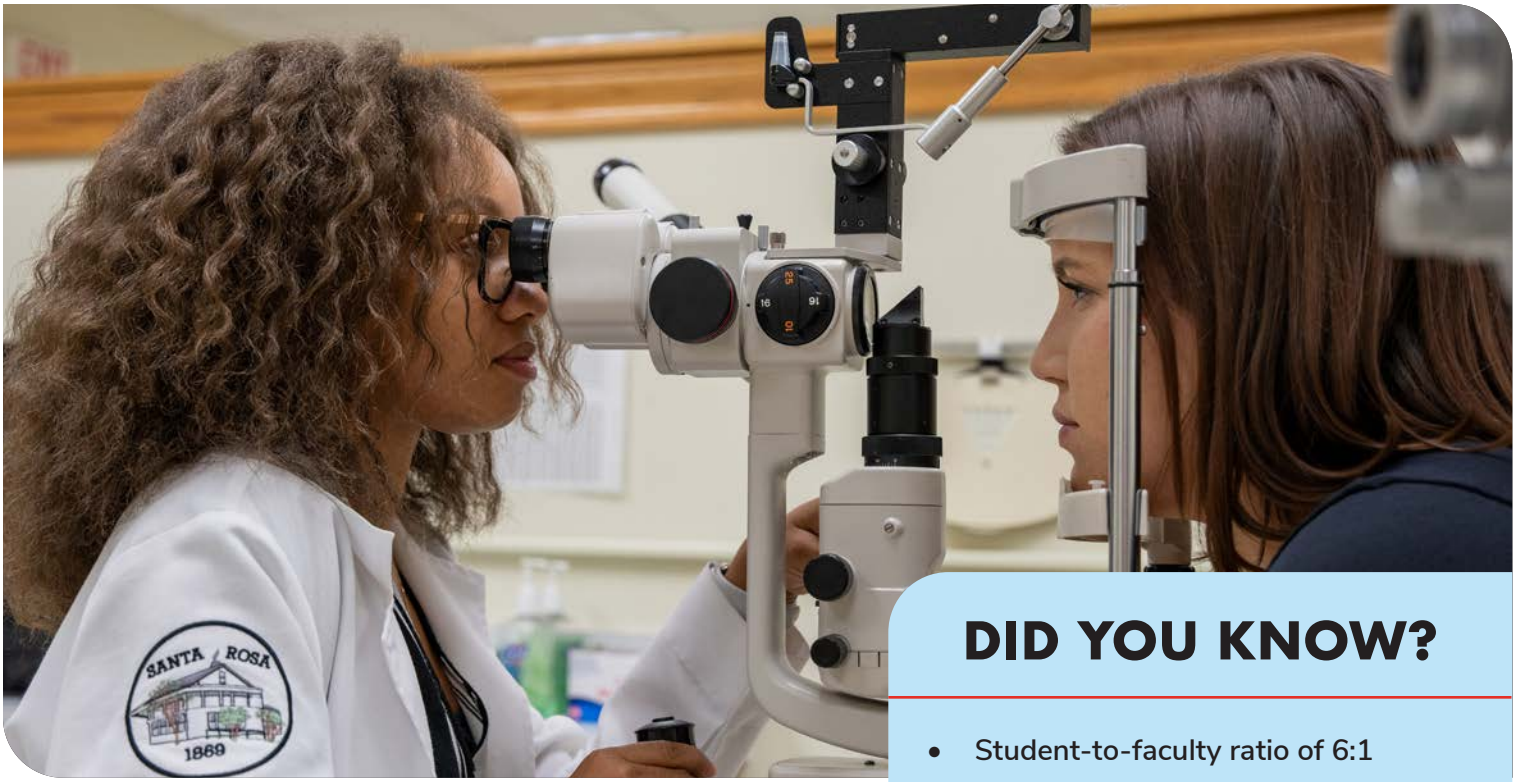
- **MSN to DNP Program**
  The post-master's Doctor of Nursing Practice degree provides a foundation for a leadership role through the translation of evidence for quality improvement and refinement of clinical management skills. This program is aimed at nurses who hold a master's degree in Nursing from an accredited college or university. The program admits in the spring semester and is an online program.

Admissions Overview

An applicant must submit the following in order to be considered:

- Complete online application through NursingCAS®
- All official transcripts must be sent to NursingCAS®
- Nursing GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Three academic or professional references
- Personal statement, CV/resume and copy of RN License

For program accreditation status, see:
nursing-and-health-professions.uiw.edu/about-us/accreditation.html



DID YOU KNOW?

- Student-to-faculty ratio of 6:1 (pre-clinic)
- One of the most diverse optometry schools in the nation
- $1.8 million annual uncompensated care provided by UIW clinics
- 203.5 credit hours to complete Doctor of Optometry degree
- Merit scholarships available

Rosenberg School of Optometry

The Rosenberg School of Optometry (RSO) is the only optometry school associated with a faith-based institution. It emphasizes individualized attention and places a high importance on students' personal growth and development. The support system that is created through both the feel of family and appreciation of diversity is a tremendous source of guidance and strength for our students.

Academic Experience

The prescribed four-year curriculum is based in the medical model, emphasizing individualized attention and clinical development. The curriculum integrates classroom experience and patient contact, providing early exposure to clinical training captured through community outreach programs and rotations through clinics and externships. The academic experience is enhanced by our virtual reality platforms, including Visible Body and the Binocular Indirect Ophthalmoscope (BIO) Simulation System - Eyesi.



State-of-the-Art Facilities

RSO offers state-of-the-art clinical facilities in San Antonio for students to learn and grow. Students are exposed to a diverse range of clinical cases and patients at the UIW Eye Institute, which is also connected to the academic facility. Further, advanced technology is crucial in providing comprehensive care to an under-served population at the Bowden Eye Care and Health Center. Altogether, the clinical network stretches from San Antonio to the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Optometry

Our Competitive Applicant

Our admissions policy is competitive in order to select those applicants who have the potential for academic success and who will be a credit to the optometry profession as well as the global community. Applicants are considered for admission on the basis of academic performance as well as non-academic qualifications. The following criteria are used in the admissions selection process, in no particular order of preference or weight:

- Scholastic aptitude and academic performance
- Overall undergraduate GPA
- Prerequisite and math/science GPAs
- Standardized admissions exam performance
- Ability to handle a diverse and demanding course load
- Written and oral communication skills
- Optometry-related experience including shadowing hours, work experience and/or general insight/awareness of the profession
- Extracurricular activities, including community service, volunteer work and leadership positions
- Evaluation of character, motivation, initiative, interpersonal skills
- Ability to meet the functional standards as defined by the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry



OD Admissions Overview

An applicant must submit the following to receive full consideration:

- A completed online application through OptomCAS®
- Official Optometry Admission Test (OAT) scores sent directly to RSO
- Official GRE, MCAT or DAT scores are also accepted in lieu of the OAT

Unique Clinical Opportunities

Sports Vision and Enhancement Service

RSO is the only optometry program in the nation that manages a sports vision service in a Division I facility for their student-athletes. The Sports Vision and Enhancement Service Clinic was launched in 2017 to meet the visual demands of the UIW Cardinal student-athletes and to teach RSO's students how to provide sports vision training. Sports vision is an area of optometry specifically geared toward enhancing the visual needs of athletes, which can contribute to achieving an elite level of performance.

Study Abroad Experience

RSO is the only optometry program that offers the opportunity to study abroad. Students can gain valuable insight into health professions and the optometric profession with a unique summer trip to UIW-Strasbourg in France between the first and second year of school.

For program accreditation status, see: optometry.uiw.edu/about-us/accreditation.html



DID YOU KNOW?

- 70% of the students are Texas residents. UIWSOM uses the AACOMAS application system.
- UIWSOM is a leader in underrepresented minority enrollment
- UIWSOM is one of 42 schools of osteopathic medicine in the U.S.
- 1 out of 4 medical school applicants are enrolled in DO programs
- 100% Residency Placement Rate in 2024

School of Osteopathic Medicine

The UIW School of Osteopathic Medicine (UIWSOM) combines scientific grounding, service to the community and abundant clinical experience across many types of primary and specialty care settings and diverse patient populations. Students will gain confidence and deepen their commitment to medicine while addressing the real and pressing needs of under-served communities. UIWSOM offers a curriculum designed to transform each student from a student of medicine to a fully reflective Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO).

Curriculum

The DO curriculum is divided into two phases and organized into units. Phase I includes nine weeks of Essentials. Phase II includes core, selective and elective rotations, board preparation and a Ready for Residency unit. The curriculum delivery is case-based and learner-centered. Engagement with faculty facilitators is designed to foster higher-order learning through interactive, Socratic dialogue and experiential learning.



The application of biomedical knowledge and clinical skills lives in every part of the DO curriculum, including:

- Large and small interactive group sessions (LGS and SIGS)
- Structures (combined study of Histology, Anatomy, Radiology and Pathology) labs
- Developing osteopathic clinical skills (DOCS)
- Community engagement and early clinical experience

DO Admissions Overview

We are seeking learners with an ability to communicate, a natural curiosity and a servant's heart. Qualified applicants will have:

- Motivation, dedication and passion for osteopathic medicine
- A commitment to social accountability and alignment with our mission
- Academic achievement and scholarship
- Life experience

While science proficiency, MCAT scores and academic achievement are facets of your overall application, additional factors are an important part of our holistic review process. We have developed admission criteria to recognize applicants who will thrive in an osteopathic educational setting focused on addressing healthcare disparities in the surrounding community.

UIWSOM participates in the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS®). For full application instructions, visit aacom.org and uiw.edu/som.

Campus and Facilities

Our 24-acre campus includes state-of-the-art facilities designed to educate and train the next wave of compassionate physicians. In addition to anatomy labs, clinical skills labs, interactive learning studios and research facilities, you'll find student support services and dedicated spaces to practice your faith in our Catholic chapel and interfaith room.

Residency Program

UIWSOM has established several new residency programs in South Texas and is in the process of developing more each year. By investing in the development of residency programs, UIWSOM is expanding access to healthcare and medical education to communities in need. For more information on the UIWSOM residency program, visit tigmer.com.

Master of Biomedical Sciences (MBS)

The Master of Biomedical Sciences (MBS) program is a one-year, 36-credit-hour program designed to enhance the scientific knowledge of students who desire to pursue a professional degree in the biomedical sciences or in healthcare professions, including medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physical therapy and optometry. The curriculum integrates science, research, bioethics and medical humanities, culminating in a final capstone project. MBS students applying to the DO program are guaranteed an interview and a supplemental application fee waiver. Over the last three years, over 50% of applicants from the MBS program have been admitted to the DO program.

For program accreditation status, see: osteopathic-medicine.uiw.edu/about-us/index.html



DID YOU KNOW?

- 98.3% overall pass rate on the National Physical Therapy Examination
- 100% employment rate
- Over 60% of students from diverse backgrounds
- 10:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- 14% expected industry job growth from 2023-2033 (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

School of Rehabilitation Sciences

The mission of the School of Rehabilitation Sciences is to develop high-quality healthcare providers who are committed to maximizing individual function, achieving population health and wellness, and serving the common good. Graduates will represent the diversity of our communities and seek to eliminate disparities in health and healthcare.

Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)



The entry-level DPT is a 29-month program utilizing a problem-based learning (PBL) curriculum. Working in small collaborative groups under faculty guidance, students acquire knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors through the PBL process — an innovative, structured teaching methodology that places the student in a position of active responsibility for learning and mastering content. DPT students are presented with simulated, complex patient cases with multiple potential diagnoses and treatment options.

DPT Admissions Overview

- Apply through the Physical Therapy Centralized Application System (PTCAS®)
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Official GRE test scores submitted to PTCAS® using GRE Code 0341. Successful applicants score ~300 points.
- Official college transcripts from all previously attended schools
- Three letters of recommendation (including one from a licensed physical therapist)
- 50 verified observation hours in two different physical therapy settings

DPT, OTD and MSAT

Professional Practice Opportunities

The School of Rehabilitation Sciences offers clinical education experiences in each of its programs. These experiences may include working directly under a licensed professional in the associated field of athletic training, occupational therapy or physical therapy. Other experiences may allow students to explore an emerging role within these professions, such as teaching, research, advocacy, administration, etc. Clinical opportunities are offered in a variety of settings in Texas, throughout the U.S. and internationally. Students are guided in their preparation for an individualized experience.

Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)

The Doctor of Occupational Therapy program is structured to inspire student learning for competency in clinical practice, administration, advocacy, education, leadership and research. The entry-level, clinical doctoral program offers in-person, hands-on and active learning in specialty lab settings. Blended learning for synchronous and asynchronous learning platforms provides opportunities to meet individual learning needs. The program's first cohort of students started in August 2023.

The UIW entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 510E, Bethesda, MD 20814. ACOTE's telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its web address is www.acoteonline.org.

The program must be granted Candidacy Status, have a pre-accreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

OTD Admissions Overview

- Apply through the Occupational Therapy Centralized Application System (OTCAS®)
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Academic excellence (recommended 3.0 overall GPA and 2.9 prerequisite GPA)
- Three letters of recommendation (including one from a licensed occupational therapist)
- 50 observation hours with an occupational therapist or occupational therapist assistant

Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT)

The Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) program is a two-year professional degree program that includes a combination of coursework and clinical experiences to prepare students to sit for the National Board of Certification (BOC) exam. Students begin clinical experiences in the fall of their first year and perform approximately 300 clinical hours per semester in sites located throughout San Antonio. Along with traditional athletic training clinical opportunities, this program offers unique opportunities in a military setting, including injury prevention, treatment and performance optimization. During the final semester, students will have the unique opportunity to engage in an immersive 8-week clinical experience of the student's intended practice setting.

Athletic Training Admissions Overview

- Apply through the Athletic Training Centralized Application System (ATCAS)
- Complete prerequisite courses and at least 50 hours of observation under an athletic trainer
- Submit your letter of intent, resume, two letters of recommendation and all college transcripts

For program accreditation status, see: rehab-sciences.uiw.edu/about-us/accreditation.html

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