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# Certificate in Cancer Prevention (CCP)

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UT HEALTH AT SAN ANTONIO
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES (GSBS)

Certificate in Cancer Prevention (CCP)

AIMS/OBJECTIVES

The goal of this program is to provide graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty, and other health care professionals with formal education in the essential components of the science of cancer prevention. This training program will prepare professionals to integrate within interdisciplinary investigative teams for the conduct of cancer prevention research in culturally diverse settings.

The specific aims of the CCP Program are to:

• Support the intellectual environment at UT Health San Antonio for cancer prevention research.

• Provide fundamental curricular activities in the science of cancer prevention to UT Health San Antonio students, postdoctoral trainees, clinical residents and fellows, and faculty from the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Health Professions, and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) as well as from local organizations that are partnered with UT Health San Antonio.

The aims of the CCP Program will be achieved via participation and successful completion of required didactic coursework.
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Certificate Program Governance

Oversight for the routine operations and implementation of the Certificate in Cancer Prevention (CCP) Program will be provided by the Master of Science in Clinical Investigation and Translational Science (MSCI-TS) Program and the corresponding MSCI-TS Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS).

Admission Requirements

All students should have a sufficient educational background in the biological or biomedical sciences prior to admission to the program. It is expected that most students will have a health professional degree (e.g., MD, DDS/DMD, DVM, or BS in nursing and/or allied health) or a BS/BA, MS, or PhD degree with emphasis in a health-related discipline. The following general requirements will be applied:

- A medical, dental, masters and/or baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution in the United States or an U.S. equivalent degree and training at an international institution. All transcripts from international institutions (including GPA) must be evaluated and submitted by an approved NACES member foreign credentialing evaluation agency. The CCP preferred agencies are: the Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE) or the World Education Services, Inc. (WES).
- A Grade Point Average (GPA) no lower than a B (3.00 in a 4.00 system) in the last 60 hours of coursework for a BS/BA degree or a GPA of at least 3.0 for applicants with a MS degree.
- A minimum score of 84 on the internet version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or 6.5 on the academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for our international applicants. Scores on the TOEFL and IELTS (academic version) tests taken more than two years prior to the date of application will not be accepted.

Applicant Documentation Requirements

1. Completed and submitted GSBS on-line application. The GSBS on-line application can be found on the GSBS homepage at https://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/biomedical-sciences/what-know-you-apply
2. Official transcripts from ALL colleges and universities attended.
3. Course by Course Translation of international transcripts to include GPA and U.S. degree equivalency by NACES member (ECE or WES agencies).
4. Official TOEFL or IELTS (academic version) scores taken within the past two (2) years for foreign national applicants.
5. Three (3) Letters of Recommendation attesting to the applicant's readiness for graduate level studies in cancer prevention science. These letters should be uploaded to the Recommendation Form by the individual recommenders who will receive an email from the on-line application system (EMBARK) with a link to the Recommendation Form.
• Students from a GSBS graduate program who have a Supervising Professor are required to submit one (1) of the three (3) letters from their Supervising Professor with a statement indicating the availability and approval of release time for the completion of the CCP educational activities.

• Residents or fellows in an approved UT Health San Antonio residency or fellowship program are required to submit one (1) of the three (3) letters from the departmental chair with a statement indicating the availability and approval of release time for the completion of the CCP educational activities.

• UT Health San Antonio faculty and staff are required to submit one of the three (3) letters from their authorized supervisor with a statement indicating the availability and approval of release time for the completion of the CCP educational activities.

6. A **Statement of Purpose (a.k.a. Personal Statement)** (1-2 pages) that includes a brief description of the applicant’s educational background. The applicant should express their long-term research and career goals, and clearly state how the CCP educational curriculum will fit in with and enhance their career objectives. The Statement of Purpose should be submitted with the online application to the GSBS.

7. A **current curriculum vitae.** This should be submitted with the on-line application to the GSBS.

8. **Copy of U.S. Medical License/Certificate** for licensed health care professionals.

**Official test scores, transcripts, and foreign transcript translations, mentioned above, MUST also be sent to:**

Registrar’s Office-Graduate Admissions MSC 7702
UT Health San Antonio
7703 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78229-3900

**gsprospect@uthscsa.edu**
Phone: 210-567-2667

Applicants should utilize the **checklist** of required documentation for admission that is provided in the Appendix of this Handbook.

All of the **required** information previously described **must** be submitted in order for an applicant to be considered by the MSCI-TS Student Admissions Committee. Requests for an exemption to any of these general admission requirements should be addressed to the CCP Program Director and sent directly to the CCP Program Coordinator at the address below.

**Program Coordinator**
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7703 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78229-3900
Application Process

Application. An online application for admission into the CCP Program must be processed through UT Health San Antonio Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS). This application is available at: https://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/biomedical-sciences/what-know-you-apply

As described in the on-line application for admission into the GSBS, official transcripts from ALL colleges and universities attended by the applicant are required; these must be submitted in sealed institutional envelopes. In addition, all transcripts from international institutions must be evaluated and submitted by one of the above mentioned approved foreign credentialing evaluation agencies. Official TOEFL or IELTS (academic version) test scores must also be submitted.

Deadlines. The CCP Program has an open application policy and will accept applications for admission at any time. However, GSBS deadlines (for submission of application and required documentation) for matriculation in a specific academic semester are listed below.

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Applicants will have the responsibility for the timely submission of application materials in order to meet the deadlines established by the GSBS for registration and course enrollment.

Application Review. Operational processes used by the CCP Program are provided by the Master of Science in Clinical Investigation and Translational Science (MSCI-TS) Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS). Thus, after receipt of the on-line application together with all of the required admission materials outlined above, the MSCI-TS Student Admissions Committee will review and provide a recommendation to the MSCI-TS COGS.

Each application will be individually reviewed to consider: the applicant’s undergraduate and graduate course work and degree(s), scores on the TOEFL or IELTS (academic version), if applicable tests, research experience, and all other required documentation submitted with the online application. Research experience is not required but may be beneficial. The admission decision is based on the personal statement as well as record of academic achievement, research experience, coursework, and letters of recommendation.

After sequential review by the MSCI-TS COGS, and the GSBS, applicants will be formally notified of the outcome by the Graduate Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS). The MSCI-TS COGS recommends admission to the most highly qualified applicants regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, nation of origin, or disability.

After acceptance, students may complete the requirements for certificate completion while enrolled as either a full-time or part-time student.

Graduate students who are enrolled in the Master of Science in Clinical Investigation and Translational Science (MSCI-TS) Program or the Certificate in Translational Science (CTS) Program are ineligible to concurrently enroll in the CCP Program. However, coursework accomplished towards the Certificate in Cancer Prevention may be applied to the MSCI-TS degree or the CTS.
Tuition and Fees

Tuition and Fees. Rates for in-state and out-of-state graduate student tuition and fees are established by the institution and subject to adjustment. A summary of current rates is provided in the Appendix.

Student Pathways in the CCP Program

Regular Students. After acceptance as a candidate working towards the certificate, students may undertake course requirements for graduation while enrolled as either a full-time or part-time student.

Full-Time Students. Full-time students are enrolled in at least eight (8) semester credit hours (SCH) during the Fall and Spring semesters.

Part-time Students. Part-time students are enrolled for less than eight (8) SCH credit hours per semester during the Fall or Spring semesters. A part-time student must enroll in at least four (4) SCH per semester.

UT Health San Antonio Faculty and Staff as Students in the CCP Program.
UT Health San Antonio faculty and staff may apply for admission in the CCP Program. The amount of course work that can be taken by faculty or staff in a given semester is subject to the ‘quantity of work’ rules outlined in the current UT Health San Antonio Catalog and Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP).

Non-Degree Seeking Students in the GSBS. Non-degree seeking students may enroll in courses and receive GSBS course credit without matriculation (admission) into a graduate program. For those not already matriculated into other GSBS graduate programs, an on-line application must be submitted to the GSBS for approval by the Dean [this would also include UT Health San Antonio faculty, staff, or others]. The appropriate course director or the MSCI-TS Academic Programs Coordinator must approve the enrollment of any non-degree seeking student in all MSCI-TS courses and sign course cards (provided by the GSBS Dean’s Office).

Course credit earned as a non-degree seeking student can be applied towards a Certificate in Cancer Prevention following formal application and acceptance into the CCP Program. Note that enrollment as a non-degree seeking student in the GSBS is limited to four (4) semesters. Additional details about non-degree seeking students are available at: UT Health San Antonio GSBS website.
Certificate Requirements

**Coursework.** Completion of the CCP Program requires the satisfactory completion of required and elective coursework. Twelve (12) semester credit hours (SCH) of didactic coursework are required to obtain the CCP. All course-related rules established by the MSCI-TS Program and listed in the MSCI-TS Handbook will be endorsed and followed by the CCP Program.

**Required Courses.** Students in the CCP Program must successfully complete the following didactic courses.

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<td>TSCI 5070  (2 SCH)</td>
<td>Responsible Conduct of Research</td>
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<td>TSCI 5071  (2 SCH)</td>
<td>Patient-Oriented Clinical Research Methods - I</td>
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<td>TSCI 5072  (2 SCH)</td>
<td>Patient-Oriented Clinical Research Biostatistics - I</td>
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<td>TSCI 6001  (1 SCH)</td>
<td>Introduction to Translational Science</td>
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<td>TSCI 6105  (1 SCH)</td>
<td>Topics in Cancer Prevention</td>
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<td>TSCI 6106  (.5 – 1 SCH)</td>
<td>Practicum in Cancer Prevention Science</td>
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**Elective Courses.** Diverse elective courses are available to CCP graduate students. These courses may be taken in any semester when offered and include:

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<td>TSCI 5050  (1 SCH)</td>
<td>Introduction to Data Science</td>
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<td>TSCI 5073  (1 SCH)</td>
<td>Integrating Molecular Biology with Patient-Oriented Clinical Research</td>
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<td>TSCI 5074  (2 SCH)</td>
<td>Data Management, Quality Control, and Regulatory Issues</td>
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<td>TSCI 5075  (2 SCH)</td>
<td>Scientific Communication</td>
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<td>TSCI 5076  (2 SCH)</td>
<td>Applied Healthcare Informatics and Analytics</td>
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<td>TSCI 5077  (1-3 SCH)</td>
<td>Practicum in Translation Science</td>
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<td>TSCI 5078  (1 SCH)</td>
<td>Introduction to Intellectual Property, Tech Transfer, &amp; Communication</td>
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<td>TSCI 5079  (.5 SCH)</td>
<td>Practicum in Intellectual Property, Tech Transfer &amp; Communication</td>
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<td>TSCI 5080  (1 SCH)</td>
<td>Practicum in Integrating Molecular Biology with Patient-Oriented Clinical Research</td>
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<td>TSCI 6060  (2 SCH)</td>
<td>Patient-Oriented Clinical Research Methods -2</td>
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<td>TSCI 6061  (2 SCH)</td>
<td>Patient-Oriented Clinical Research Biostatistics - 2</td>
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<td>TSCI 6064</td>
<td>Grantsmanship and Peer Review</td>
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<td>TSCI 6065</td>
<td>Health Services Research</td>
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<td>TSCI 6066</td>
<td>Instrument Development and Validation</td>
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<td>TSCI 6067</td>
<td>Genomic Healthcare</td>
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<td>TSCI 6069</td>
<td>Statistical Issues, Planning, &amp; Analysis of Contemporary Clinical Trials</td>
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<td>Biostatistics Methods for Longitudinal Studies</td>
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<td>TSCI 6101</td>
<td>Topics in Translational Science</td>
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<td>TSCI 6102</td>
<td>Practicum in IRB Procedures</td>
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**Timeline for Coursework.** A typical schedule for a full-time CCP student is provided in the Appendix of this handbook.

Coursework towards a Certificate in Cancer Prevention must be accomplished within three (3) or less years prior to request for certification. Exceptions to this requirement will be considered by the MSCI-TCOGS on a case-by-case basis. A written request for exemption must be submitted to the CCP Program Director through the CCP Program Coordinator and should include a brief description of the reason(s) for the request. The CCP Program Director will make a recommendation to the MSCI-TCOGS who will provide the final program approval. It will then be submitted to the Graduate School Dean for final institutional approval.

**Grade Requirement.** As detailed by the MSCI-TC Program, student performance in MSCI-TC courses is assessed on a satisfactory (S) / unsatisfactory (U) basis. Any student who receives less than a Satisfactory (S) assessment in any CCP required course will be required to re-take the course and receive a passing grade during the next academic year. In the event of a second failure in the same course, the MSCI-TCOGS will provide a recommendation to the GSBS Dean as to whether or not the student should be dismissed from the CCP Program.

**Exemption of a Required Course.** Exemption of the requirement for completion of a required course will be considered by the MSCI-TCOGS on a case-by-case basis. A written request for exemption must be submitted to the CCP Program Director through the CCP Program Coordinator and should include a brief description of the reason(s) for the request as well as documentation (publication copies, meeting abstracts, etc.) supporting the reason(s) for the request.

In the event that prior coursework is the basis for the request, the following documentation must be submitted to the CCP Program Director through the CCP Program Coordinator.

1. A written request that includes a comprehensive description of the prior course detailing when and where completed, course semester credit hours, and details of course content and objectives.
2. An official copy of the student’s transcript that indicates successful course completion and the grade issued.
3. A copy of the course description from the catalog that was in effect during the semester the course was taken.
4. A course syllabus is suggested but not required.

MSCI-TS COGS approval of a request for course exemption does not grant the student credit for the semester credit hours associated with the course. The semester credit hours for the exempted course can be obtained by taking a MSCI-TS elective course or additional mentored research hours. Transfer of coursework for credit is described below.

**Transfer of Coursework for Credit.** If a student has successfully completed graduate level coursework that is duplicative of required or elective CCP courses, it is possible that transfer of course credit may be allowed. A written request for consideration of transfer of course credit in substitution for a given CCP course must include the following documentation and be submitted to the CCP Program Director through the CCP Program Coordinator.

1. A written request that includes a comprehensive description of the prior course detailing when and where completed, course semester credit hours, and details of course content and objectives.
2. An official copy of the student’s transcript that indicates successful course completion and the grade issued.
3. A copy of the course description from the catalog that was in effect during the semester the course was taken.
4. A course syllabus is suggested but not required.

If the transfer of credit request is approved by the MSCI-TS COGS, the CCP Program Coordinator will prepare a request for transfer of course credit (on GSBS form) and submit it to the GSBS for consideration/approval by the Dean. In no case will the allowable semester credit hour(s) of transfer for a given course exceed that of the corresponding CCP course. No more than three (3) semester credit hours may be transferred towards the completion of a Certificate in Cancer Prevention.

### Class Attendance and Make-up Policy

**Attendance.** Attendance at scheduled classes and examinations is crucial to meeting course and program objectives. Therefore, regular attendance in class is expected of each student. Attendance is defined as being present within 15 minutes after the scheduled beginning of the class and until 15 minutes before the scheduled ending of the class.

Excused absences may be granted by the Course Director in cases such as formal presentations at scientific meetings, illness, or personal emergency. Excused absences are considered on an individual basis and require electronic communication with the Course Director to request an excused absence. The e-mail request to the Course Director for consideration of an excused absence must provide details regarding the circumstances and specific dates. It is expected that students will provide *advanced notice* of absence for scheduled events.

Repeated unexcused absences make it impossible to achieve course objectives. Thus, if a student has excessive unexcused absences in a given course, they will automatically receive a grade of unsatisfactory unless makeup has been approved by the Course Director (see below). Allowable unexcused absences will be determined by the credit hours of the course as follows:
Absence Makeup. Makeup of absences (both excused and unexcused) is allowed at the discretion of the Course Director.

Other CCP Program Requirements

Laptop Computers. The CCP Program requires each student to have a laptop computer that can connect to and operate over a wireless network. Software required:

- Microsoft Office Suite (can be purchased at the UT Health San Antonio bookstore with a student ID)
- R & R Studio (Open source, free, latest version)
  https://www.rstudio.com/products/RStudio/
  https://www.r-project.org/

Laptops with an Apple Mac-based operating system must be able to also perform as a PC-based operating system.

All laptops will connect to UT Health San Antonio network via the HSCwave broadcast wireless connection. Authentication for wireless use is based on UT Health San Antonio domain username and password. Verification of proper operation prior to the start of class is highly recommended.

Assistance is available thru the IMS Service Desk (210-567-7777 or ims-servicedesk@uthscsa.edu). Assistance is also available at the IMS Student Support Center (ALTC 106).

Ethics/Professionalism Policy

The CCP Program expects all students to exhibit the highest standards of conduct, honesty, and professionalism. Academic misconduct includes activities that undermine the academic integrity of the institution. The University may discipline a student for academic misconduct as outlined in the UT Health at San Antonio Catalog and Handbook of Operating Procedures. Academic misconduct may involve human, hard-copy, or electronic resources. Policies of academic misconduct apply to all course-, department-, school-, and university-related activities including conferences and off-campus
performs. All cases of academic misconduct must be reported to the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) and the seriousness of the violation may be taken into account in assessing a penalty. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- **Cheating.** Any attempt to use or provide unauthorized assistance, materials, information, or access in any form and in any academic exercise or environment is considered cheating and is expressly forbidden.

- **Fabrication.** A student must not falsify or invent any information or data including, but not limited to, records or reports, data analyses, and citation to the sources of information.

- **Plagiarism.** Plagiarism is defined as presenting someone else’s work as one’s own. Ideas or materials taken from another source for either written or oral use must be fully acknowledged. The adoption or reproduction of ideas, opinions, theories, formulas, graphics, or research results of another person without acknowledgment is expressly forbidden. Credit must be given to the originality of others whenever:
  - Quoting the works of another
  - Using another person’s ideas, opinions, or theories
  - Paraphrasing the words, ideas, opinions, results, or theories of others
  - Borrowing facts, statistics, or illustrative material
  - Offering materials assembled or collected by others

- **Facilitating Academic Dishonesty.** A student must not intentionally or knowingly help another student commit an act of academic misconduct, nor allow another student to use his/her work or resources to commit an act of misconduct.

## Completion of the CCP Program

**Recommendation for Granting the Certificate in Cancer Prevention.** A graduate student must be accepted into in the CCP program to be eligible to receive a certificate. Upon satisfactory completion of all required didactic and elective coursework, the CCP student will complete and submit the CCP Request for Certification form to the MSCI-TS Academic Coordinator for review and approval by the MSCI-TS COGS. Once approved by the MSCI-TS COGS, the Chair of the MSCI-TS COGS will then submit a recommendation form to the Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) through the Dean of the GSBS for further consideration and approval.

**Time-to-Certificate.** The CCP Program can be completed within 1 year of study. Some students may require two (2) to three (3) years to complete certificate requirements. If a CCP student has not completed the necessary coursework within three (3) years, the MSCI-TS COGS Chair will form a special committee to review progress with the student. The special committee’s responsibility will be to either recommend a course of action to expedite completion or recommend termination of the enrollment of the student in the program.
## Helpful On-line Connections

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### Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS)
- **GSBS Application for Admission**
  - [https://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/biomedical-sciences/what-know-you-apply](https://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/biomedical-sciences/what-know-you-apply)
- **GSBS Academic Calendar**
- **GSBS Syllabus Depot**
  - [http://gsbssyllabus.uthscsa.edu/](http://gsbssyllabus.uthscsa.edu/)

### Canvas
- **Canvas**
  - [http://www.uthscsa.edu/university/canvas](http://www.uthscsa.edu/university/canvas)

### UT Health San Antonio Catalog
- **UT Health San Antonio Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP)**

### Institute for the Integration of Medicine and Science
- **Institute for the Integration of Medicine and Science**
  - [http://iims.uthscsa.edu/](http://iims.uthscsa.edu/)
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Typical Schedule for a One Year CCP Student

Year 1 – Fall Semester

TSCI 5070 (2 SCH) – Responsible Conduct of Research
TSCI 5071 (2 SCH) – Patient Oriented Clinical Research Methods -1
TSCI 5072 (2 SCH) – Patient Oriented Clinical Research Biostatistics -1
TSCI 6001 (1 SCH) – Introduction to Translational Science
TSCI 6105 (1 SCH) – Topics in Cancer Prevention
TSCI 6106 (.5 - 1 SCH) – Practicum in Cancer Prevention

Year 1 – Spring Semester

TSCI 6106 (.5 - 1 SCH) – Practicum in Cancer Prevention Science
TSCI electives (3 - 4 SCH) - Elective coursework

CCP Elective Courses (may be taken in any semester when offered)

TSCI 5050 (1 SCH) – Introduction to Data Science
TSCI 5073 (1 SCH) – Integrating Molecular Biology with Patient Oriented Clinical Research
TSCI 5074 (2 SCH) – Data Management, Quality Control, and Regulatory Issues
TSCI 5075 (2 SCH) – Scientific Communications
TSCI 5076 (2 SCH) – Applied Healthcare Informatics and Analytics
TSCI 5077 (1 SCH) – Practicum in Translational Science
TSCI 5078 (1 SCH) – Intro to Intellectual Property, Tech Transfer, & Communication
TSCI 5079 (.5 SCH) – Practicum in Intellectual Property, Tech Transfer, & Communication
TSCI 5080 (1 SCH) – Practicum in Integrated Molecular Bio W/Pt-Orient Clinical Research
TSCI 6060 (2 SCH) – Patient Oriented Clinical Research Methods -2
TSCI 6061 (2 SCH) – Patient Oriented Clinical Research Biostatistics -2
TSCI 6064 (1 SCH) – Grantsmanship and Peer Review
TSCI 6065 (2 SCH) – Health Services Research
TSCI 6066 (1 SCH) – Instrument Development and Validation
TSCI 6067 (1 SCH) – Genomic Healthcare
TSCI 6068 (1 SCH) – Cross Cultural Adaptation of Research Instruments
TSCI 6100 (1 SCH) – Practicum in IACUC Procedures
TSCI 6101 (1 SCH) – Topics in Translational Science
TSCI 6102 (1 SCH) – Practicum in IRB Procedures
TSCI 6103 (1 SCH) – Selected Topics in Advanced Research Ethics

Twelve (12) semester credit hours (SCH) are required to obtain the Certificate in Cancer Prevention (CCP). Students must be admitted to the CCP Program to be eligible for certification.
Certificate in Cancer Prevention Program
2020-2021
Tuition and Fees - Certificate Cost Estimate

CCP Requires the Completion of 12 SCH Coursework: 8 Required/4 Elective.

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• Texas Resident Tuition per Semester Credit Hour (SCH) = $179.94 (Tuition estimate is a combination of Statutory, Differential, Designated, and Designated (Deregulated) Tuition Fees).

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Tuition and Fees subject to change without notice.

For a detailed breakdown of Tuition and Fees Click Here.

For questions regarding UTHSA Tuition and Fees Policy, Please Click Here for explanation of tuition types and fees.
Certificate in Cancer Prevention (CCP) Program

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR APPLICATION


☐ Submit an on-line application to the UTHSCSA Graduate School: http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu/

☐ Official transcripts of ALL international colleges/universities from an approved NACES member foreign credentialing evaluation agency should be sent from the credentialing agency (in a sealed envelope) to the UTHSCSA Registrar’s Office as directed in the on-line application instructions. The translation must be from an approved NACES member which has been approved by the UTHSCSA Registrar’s Office.

☐ Official translation of international transcripts including GPA of ALL international colleges/universities from credentialing agencies should be sent from the credentialing agency (in a sealed envelope) to the UTHSCSA Registrar’s Office as directed in the on-line application. The translation must be from a credentialing agency approved by the UTHSCSA Registrar’s Office.

☐ Three Letters of Recommendation (LOR) should attest to the applicant’s readiness for graduate level studies in cancer prevention and be addressed to the MSCI COGS Chair. If a matriculated graduate student has a Supervising Professor or Program/Track Director, one letter must be provided by this individual.

(Note: LOR’s should be uploaded to your on-line application by the references you named in your on-line application.)

☐ LOR1 – Reference: 

☐ LOR2 – Reference: 

☐ LOR3 – Reference: 

☐ Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the academic version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (IELTS) scores (test taker within the past two years) sent directly to the UTHSCSA from the ETS. UTHSCSA code: 6908 (Note: The TOEFL or IELTS (academic version) is required for all non-US citizens whose first language is not English.)

In addition to the above, the documents listed below are required and should be uploaded to your online application.

☐ Curriculum vitae (CV) of applicant.

☐ Statement of Purpose (Includes a brief description of the applicant’s educational background, long term career goals, and an indication of the basis for application into the CCP Program.)

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**Master of Science in Clinical Investigation and Translational Science (MSCI-TS) Program**

**Certificate in Cancer Prevention (CCP) Program**

**Certification Request Form**

Student Name: ______________________________

Graduation Semester:  [ ] Fall  [ ] Spring  

Year: ______________________________

(Double Click on Box & Mark “Checked”)

Regular UTHSCSA Graduate Student:  [ ] Yes  [ ] No

If yes, graduate program/track ______________________________

Department/Division: ______________________________

Date admitted to CCP Program: ______________________________

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### Courses completed towards a Certificate in Cancer Prevention

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Signature confirms course information above: ______________________________

Approved for Submission to MSCI-TS COGS for Graduation Recommendation: ______________________________

Academic Programs Coordinator (Date): ______________________________

Michael J. Wargovich, PhD (Date): ______________________________

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