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INSTITUTIONAL SUMMARY FORM PREPARED FOR COMMISSION REVIEWS

GENERAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

1. Level of offerings (check all that apply)

- Diploma or certificate program(s) requiring less than one year beyond Grade 12
- Diploma or certificate program(s) of at least two but fewer than four years of work beyond Grade 12
- Associate degree program(s) of at least two but fewer than four years of work beyond Grade 12
- Associate degree program(s) requiring a minimum of 60 semester hours or the equivalent designed for transfer to a baccalaureate institution
- Associate degree program(s) requiring a minimum of 60 semester hours or the equivalent not designed for transfer
- Four or five-year baccalaureate degree program(s) requiring minimum of 120 semester hours or the equivalent
- Professional degree program(s)
- Master's degree program(s)
- Work beyond the master's level but not at the doctoral level (such as specialist in education)
- Doctoral degree program(s)
- Other (specify): Transfer-in baccalaureate degree programs offering upper level coursework only, dental professional specialty certificates awarded post-DDS

2. Types of Undergraduate Programs (check all that apply)

- Occupational certificate or diploma program(s)
- Occupational degree program(s)
- Two-year programs designed for transfer to a baccalaureate institution
- Liberal Arts and General
- Teacher Preparatory
- Professional
- Other (specify)

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| GOVERNANCE CONTROL |
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Check the appropriate governance control for the institution:

Private (*check one*)

Independent, not-for-profit

Name of corporation OR
Name of religious affiliation and control

Independent for-profit*

If publicly traded, name of parent company

Public * (*check one*)

Not part of a state system, institution has own independent board

Part of a state system, system board serves as governing board

Part of a state system, system board is super governing board, local governing board has delegated authority

Part of a state system, institution has own independent board

** If an institution is part of a state system or a corporate structure, a description of the system operation must be submitted as part of the Compliance Certification for the decennial review. See Commission policy "Reaffirmation of Accreditation and Subsequent Reports" for additional direction.*

**INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION
FOR REVIEWERS**

1. History and Characteristics

The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center is a member institution of the Texas A&M University System, which consists of 11 other universities plus 7 state agencies, and is governed by a nine-member Board of Regents. The A&M System Board of Regents formally approved establishment of the Health Science Center in September 1997, and it officially began operation on September 1, 1999. The CEO of the A&M System is the Chancellor, and the CEO of the Health Science Center is the President.

The mission of the Health Science Center is to dedicate the full measure of its resources and abilities to advancing the knowledge and technologies of its professions, and to bring Texans the finest in health education, promotion and care. Because of its work, people’s lives are changed – across the state, around the nation, and throughout the world.

The Health Science Center reaches across Texas through its seven components: the Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas; the College of Medicine in College Station, Temple, and Round Rock; the School of Graduate Studies in College Station, Temple, Dallas, and Houston; the Institute of Biosciences and Technology in Houston; the School of Rural Public Health in College Station, Temple, Austin, and McAllen; the Rangel College of Pharmacy in Kingsville; and the most recent addition, the College of Nursing in College Station and Round Rock. Southern regions of the state are also served by the Health Science Center through its Coastal Bend Health Education Center, which reaches the 19-county region surrounding Corpus Christi and Kingsville, and through the South Texas Center for Rural Public Health located in McAllen.

The Health Science Center has nearly 2,000 students, who are admitted through a highly selective admissions process. Its student population is 53 percent female, and 24.5 percent under-represented minorities. 84 percent of its students are Texas residents, with the average age as 27 years old.

2. List of Degrees

The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center currently offers the following degrees:

| Baylor College of Dentistry | 2011 Graduates |
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| Doctor of Dental Surgery | 98 |
| Master of Science – Oral Biology | 4 |
| Master of Science – Health Professions Education | 0 |
| Master of Science – Biomaterials Science | 0 |
| Master of Science – Dental Hygiene | 0 |
| Bachelor of Science – Dental Hygiene | 28 |
| Professional Specialty Certificates in the areas of: | |
| Dental Public Health | 0 |
| Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology | 1 |

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| Endodontics | 0 |
| Advanced Education in General Dentistry | 6 |
| Maxillofacial Surgery | 2 |
| Orthodontics | 0 |
| Pediatric Dentistry | 11 |
| Periodontics | 3 |
| Prosthodontics | 0 |
| | 153 total |
| College of Medicine | 2011 Graduates |
| Doctor of Medicine | 98 |
| College of Nursing | 2011 Graduates |
| Bachelor of Science - Nursing | 80 |
| Rangel College of Pharmacy | 2011 Graduates |
| Doctor of Pharmacy | 69 |
| School of Graduate Studies | 2011 Graduates |
| Doctor of Philosophy – Medical Sciences | 11 |
| Doctor of Philosophy – Biomedical Sciences | 2 |
| Doctor of Philosophy – Neuroscience | 0 |
| Master of Science – Biomedical Sciences | 0 |
| Master of Science – Neuroscience | 0 |
| Master of Science – Medical Sciences | 1 |
| | 14 Total |
| School of Rural Public Health | 2011 Graduates |
| Doctor of Philosophy – Health Services Research | 0 |
| Doctor of Public Health – Social and Behavioral Health | 0 |
| Doctor of Public Health – Epidemiology and Environ Health | 0 |
| Master of Health Administration – Health Administration | 14 |
| Master of Public Health – Environmental Health | 11 |
| Master of Public Health – Biostatistics | 0 |
| Master of Public Health – Epidemiology | 14 |
| Master of Public Health – Health Policy and Management | 24 |
| Master of Public Health – Social and Behavioral Health | 9 |
| | 75 Total |
| The following School of Graduate Studies degrees are administered by the School of Rural Public Health: | |
| Master of Science Public Health – Biostatistics | 0 |
| Master of Science Public Health – Epidemiology | 1 |
| Master of Science Public Health – Health Policy and Mgmt | 0 |
| Master of Science Public Health – Environmental Health | 0 |
| Master of Science Public Health – Social and Behavioral Health | 0 |
| Master of Science Public Health – Occupational Health | 2 |
| Master of Science Public Health – Biostatistics | 0 |
| Master of Science Public Health – Epidemiology | 0 |
| Master of Science Public Health – Health Policy and Mgmt | 0 |
| | 3 Total |

3. Locations and Distance Education

Off-Site Locations:

The following are locations where course work toward a degree, diploma, or certificate can be obtained primarily through traditional classroom instruction.

| Location | College/School | Degrees Offered Primarily Through Traditional Instruction |
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| Bryan, TX | | |
| | College of Medicine | MD |
| | College of Nursing | BS Nursing |
| College Station, TX | | |
| | School of Graduate Studies | MS Medical Sciences PhD Medical Sciences |
| | School of Rural Public Health | Master of Public Health (MPH) Master of Health Administration (MHA) Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) MS Public Health (MSPH) PhD Public Health |
| Dallas, TX | | |
| | Baylor College of Dentistry | BS Dental Hygiene MS Dental Hygiene DDS Specialty Certificates |
| | School of Graduate Studies | MS Biomedical Sciences PhD Biomedical Sciences |
| Kingsville, TX | | |
| | Rangel College of Pharmacy | Pharm D |
| Houston, TX | | |
| | School of Graduate Studies | MS Medical Sciences PhD Medical Sciences |
| Temple, TX | | |
| | School of Graduate Studies | MS Medical Sciences PhD Medical Sciences |
| | College of Medicine | MD |

Distance and Correspondence Education

All credit-bearing educational programs (degrees, certificates, and diplomas) where credit hours are delivered through distance education modes.

| Location | College/School | Degrees Offered with Distance Education Component |
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| Austin, TX | | |
| | School of Rural Public Health | MPH, 40% asynchronous online |
| College Station, TX | | |
| | School of Rural Public Health | MPH, 40% asynchronous online MHA, 32% asynchronous online |
| | College of Nursing | BSN, 50% asynchronous online |
| McAllen, TX | | |
| | School of Rural Public Health | MPH, 66% asynchronous online /synchronous video |
| Round Rock, TX | | |
| | College of Nursing | BSN, 50% synchronous video |
| Temple, TX | | |
| | School of Rural Public Health | MPH, 66% asynchronous online /synchronous video |
| | College of Medicine | MD, 50% synchronous video |

4. Accreditation

Programs within the Health Science Center are accredited by the following organizations:

| Accrediting Body | Current Status and Levels of Accreditation | Date of Last Accreditation Review | Sanctions |
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| Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) | Full accreditation to award baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral level degrees | 2002 | None |
| Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) | Full accreditation to award degrees in Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, Advanced Education in General Dentistry, and the Specialty Certificate Programs of Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics and Prosthodontics | 2004 | None |
| Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) | Full accreditation to award degrees in Medicine | 2004 | None |
| Council for Education in Public Health (CEPH) | Full accreditation to award degrees in Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health, Health Policy Management, and Social and Behavioral Health | 2011 | None |
| Accreditation Council | Full accreditation to award a degree in | | |

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| for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) | Pharmacy | 2011 | None |
| Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) | Full accreditation to award a degree in Nursing | 2009 | None |

5. Relationship to the U.S. Department of Education

The Health Science Center has not had any limitations, suspensions, or terminations by the U.S. Department of Education in regard to finance aid or other financial aid programs during the previous three years. The Health Science Center is not subject to any reimbursement or other exceptional status in regard to federal or state financial aid.