



# 2025 VIEWBOOK

**Health. It's in our DNA.  
Is it in yours?**





# ABOUT US



**U**NT Health Fort Worth consists of six nationally recognized colleges specializing in patient-centered education, research, public health and health care, all located on a beautiful 33-acre campus in Fort Worth's Cultural District. The university includes the **Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, College of Biomedical and Translational Sciences, College of Public Health, College of Health Professions, College of Pharmacy** and **College of Nursing**. UNT Health Clinical Practice Group, the health science center's clinical enterprise, welcomes patients from across the region, with physicians and health providers representing a myriad of medical specialties providing training opportunities for students. UNT Health's mission is to create solutions for a healthier community by being an extraordinary team, committed to excellence and unafraid to challenge conventional wisdom.

Our campus is home to state-of-the-art training facilities, including the Regional Simulation Center, which offers immersive virtual reality training experiences. Expansive collaborative research facilities, including the Research Core Labs, provide advanced instrumentation and cutting-edge technologies that enable and enhance world-class scientific discovery.

UNT Health offers a comprehensive health science education all on one campus. Our student physicians, researchers, pharmacists, medical scientists, physician assistants, physical therapists, nurses, public health and health care management professionals work side by side with faculty and staff to impact communities in Fort Worth and across Texas.

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# Welcome to Cowtown

Fort Worth, the 11th largest city in the U.S., is known for Texas hospitality and a dozen remarkable districts full of culture and fun. The historic Fort Worth Stockyards feature the world's only twice-daily cattle drive and a year-round rodeo; Billy Bob's Texas, the world's largest honky-tonk; and the one-of a kind Mule Alley shopping, eating and entertainment area. A walkable downtown includes Sundance Square Plaza, Bass Performance Hall and the Fort Worth Water Gardens. Near **UNT Health**'s campus are stunning museums, a botanic garden, a world-class zoo and Dickies Arena, voted the No. 1 venue of its kind in 2024 by Billboard Magazine.

# Fort Worth, TX

Population: 1+ million



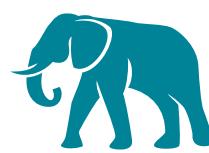
## TOP 25

Best Places for  
Young Professionals



11th

Largest City  
in the U.S.

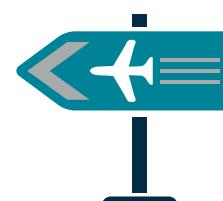


No. 2  
Zoo in America



33.4

Median Age of Population



30 MINUTES

To DFW International Airport



TOP 50

BEST PLACES  
to visit in the U.S.



## FAST FACTS (2024)



# 867

### DEGREES & CERTIFICATES AWARDED

**358 Doctoral – professional practice** (DO, DPT, PharmD)  
**16 Doctoral – research/scholarship** (PhD)  
**460 Master's** (MHA, MPAS, MPH, MS)  
**8 Bachelor's** (BS)  
**25 Graduate Certificates**



# 2,332

### ENROLLMENT

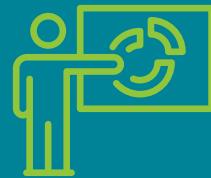
**1,392 Doctoral – professional practice** (DO, DPT, PharmD)  
**93 Doctoral – research/scholarship** (PhD)  
**795 Master's** (MHA, MPAS, MPH, MS)  
**41 Bachelor's** (BS)  
**11 Graduate Certificates**

26 students were enrolled in two programs but count only once for headcount.  
The secondary program enrollment includes 7 doctoral - research/scholarship, 17 master's and 2 graduate certificates.



# 1,129

Staff



# 326

Faculty

An additional 19 staff members have faculty appointments and may teach, but their primary roles are not instruction.



# 13,715

Alumni

# CULTURE AT UNT HEALTH

UNT Health and the other campuses that are part of the University of North Texas System share a set of values that define how we work together to reach our goals. They represent the best way for us to fulfill our mission and vision, and achieve our strategic goals. Through the power of our values, we can make a difference in the lives of our students and employees, build meaningful relationships with our partners and develop our leaders.

## Our Values



**Courageous Integrity**



**Be Curious**



**We Care**



**Better Together**



**Show Your Fire**

Our values are based on the concept of True North. This term refers to the internal moral compass we each possess. The north arrow of the compass points to the values and principles that guide and inspire us to do the right thing — even if no one is looking.

### UNT Health

**Mission:** Create solutions for a healthier community

**Vision:** One university, built on values, defining and producing the providers of the future

**Purpose:** Transform lives in order to improve the lives of others

# CAMPUS LIFE

UNT Health strives to create a student atmosphere that stimulates learning and integrates extracurricular experiences into the formal learning programs. At UNT Health, preventative medicine and Whole Health are a way of life. We encourage our students to develop leadership skills that will serve this community and the communities they choose in the future. This means developing personal and professional involvement in a wide range of community health activities.

The Division of Student Affairs provides support services to students. The main office is located in the Student Services Center. We hope you will rely on our Student Affairs staff to assist with your needs and concerns, both academically and personally, during your academic career at UNT Health.

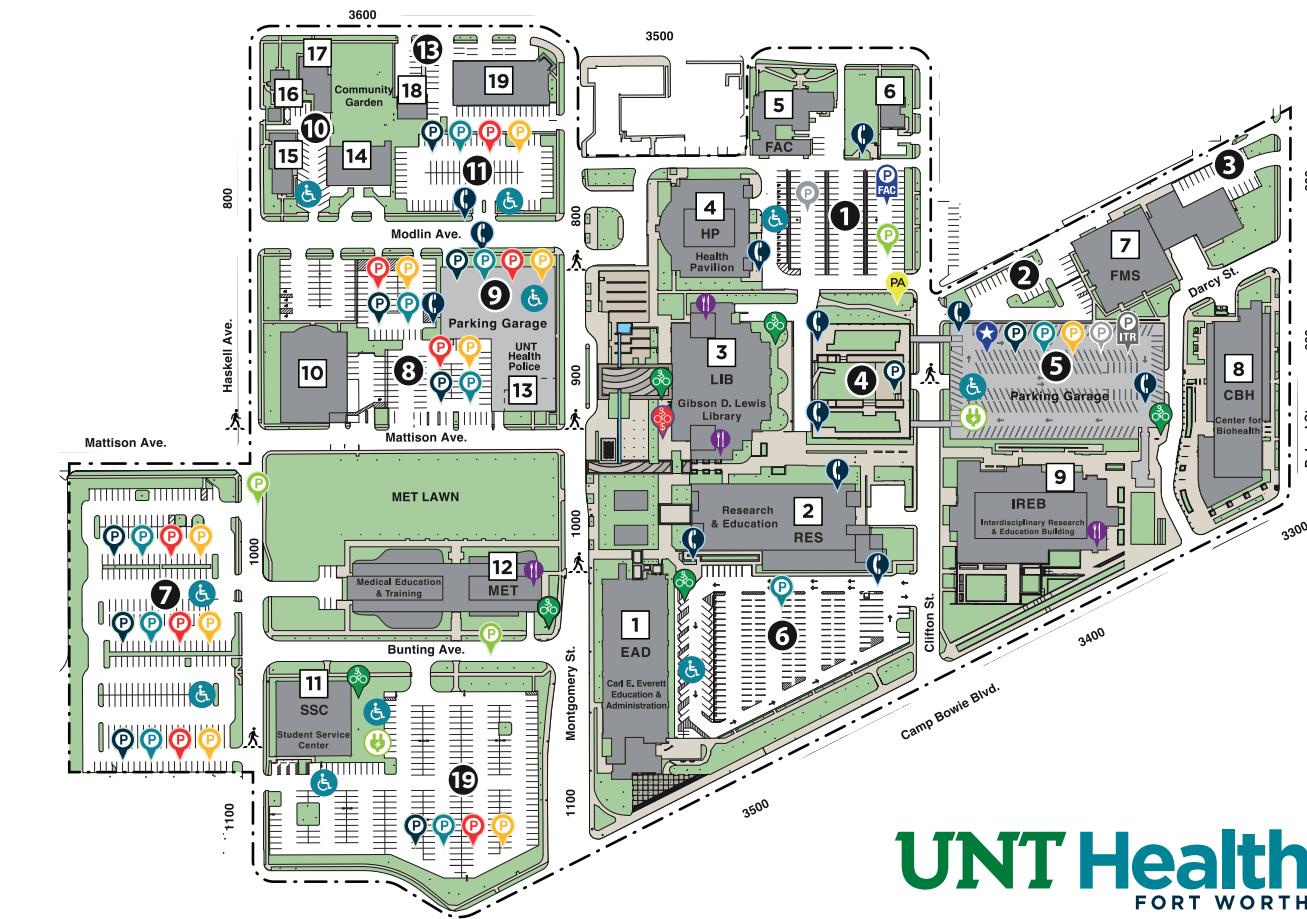
The division is dedicated to promoting the health and wellness of students at UNT Health through various programs and campus activities. The Founders' Activity Center is located on the north end of campus. The FAC is the hub for physical fitness at UNT Health. It is open seven days a week to students, faculty, staff and community members. It includes multiple weight rooms, a room complete with new cardiovascular equipment, an outdoor basketball court, full-service locker rooms and group exercise classes. Equipment orientations are available upon request. Personal training is available at competitive rates. Fitness center memberships are available to students at no cost and include unlimited access to group fitness classes.





# JOIN US FOR OUR ADMISSIONS EVENTS

Learn about upcoming events at [unthealth.edu/admissions](http://unthealth.edu/admissions). You also will be able to schedule one-on-one advising appointments, access our monthly webinars and in-person events, book group tours and more!



**UNT Health**  
FORT WORTH

BUILDING PARKING

## BUILDINGS

1. Carl E. Everett Education & Administration  
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd
2. Research & Education  
1055 Montgomery St
3. Gibson D. Lewis Library  
955 Montgomery St
4. Health Pavilion  
855 Montgomery St
5. Founder's Activity Center  
3515 W. 7th St
6. Clinical Practice Group  
3501 W. 7th St
7. Facilities Management  
901 Clifton St
8. Center for BioHealth  
3400 Camp Bowie Blvd
9. Interdisciplinary Research & Education Building  
3430 Camp Bowie Blvd
10. Regional Simulation Center Annex  
975 Haskell Ave
11. Student Service Center  
1051 Haskell Ave
12. Medical Education & Training  
1000 Montgomery St
13. UNT Health Police  
3600 Mattison Ave
14. Lena Pope Early Learning Center  
3620 Modlin Ave
15. Pediatrics and Women's Health Research and Programs  
3632 Modlin Ave
16. Healthy Start  
3633 W. 7th St
17. Storage/Ground Shop  
3629 W. 7th St
18. St. Emilion French Restaurant  
3617 W. 7th St
19. Professional Offices  
3605 and 3609 W. 7th St

## PARKING KEY

Visitor Spaces Available	Park Mobile
Premium Garage	Parking Attendant Booth
Premium Surface	Bicycle Racks
Employee Garage/Surface	Bike Share Rental Station
Student Garage/Surface	Emergency Phone Location
Patient	Campus Eats
ITR Patient Parking (Institute for Translational Research)	Handicap Spaces Available
Founder's Activity Center Parking (Fitness Center)	EV Spaces Available



# DEGREES

## Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

DO-Osteopathic Medicine

## College of Biomedical and Translational Sciences

PhD-Biomedical Sciences (Dissertation Research Based)

MS-Biomedical Sciences (Thesis Research Based)

MS-Clinical Research Management

(Practicum/Capstone; Online Available)

MS-Medical Science (Non-Thesis; Online Available)

BS-Biomedical Sciences (Online Only)

## College of Public Health

MHA-Health Administration (Online Available)

MPH-Biostatistics & Data Science

MPH-Epidemiology

MPH-Maternal & Child Health

MPH-Public Health Leadership (Online Available)

MS-Public Health Sciences (Epidemiology, Health Behavior Research)

PhD-Public Health Sciences (Epidemiology, Health Behavior Research)

## College of Health Professions

DPT-Physical Therapy (Hybrid Available)

MPAS-Physician Assistant Studies

MS-Lifestyle Health Sciences & Coaching (Online Only)

MS-Clinical Nutrition\* (Starting Fall 2026)

## College of Pharmacy

PharmD-Pharmacy

MS-Applied Outcomes Research (Online Only)

MS-Drug Discovery & Development (Hybrid)

## College of Nursing

MSN-Nursing Practice Innovation

MSN-Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

BS-Nursing (RN to BSN)

BS-Nursing (Traditional)

## Dual Degrees

DO/Master of Health Administration

DO/Master of Public Health

DO/PhD

DO/MS

MPAS/Master of Health Administration Online

MPAS/Master of Public Health

MPH/Master of Science Anthropology

PharmD/Master of Public Health

PharmD/PhD

PharmD/MBA

## Graduate Certificate Programs

Academic Medicine

Applied Health Outcomes Research

Chronic Disease Management

Correctional Health

Digital Health Innovation

Drug Discovery & Development

Geographic Information Systems

Health Care Management

Health Care Management for Nurses

Palliative and Hospice Nursing

Patient Safety

Pharmacometrics

Public Health

Simulation in Nursing and Health Care

Substance Use Disorder Correctional Health

\*The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics, or ACEND, has granted candidacy for accreditation status to this program.



# Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

The Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine is a leader in osteopathic medical education and is committed to meeting the needs of underserved communities in Texas through holistic, patient-centered care. Each year, TCOM enrolls about 230 new students who represent a wide spectrum of experiences and possess the academic and humanistic qualifications to become skilled osteopathic physicians. In addition to the four-year curriculum, students can broaden their interests through professional associations, research and service activities. About 60% of TCOM graduates pursue careers in primary care, with the remainder entering more than 70 specialties and subspecialties.

## Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

TCOM offers a four-year curriculum leading to a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. The applied-learning model is

designed to train future osteopathic physicians by giving them the necessary cognitive and clinical skills to provide effective patient care. In the first two years, students are taught the medical sciences through body systems-based courses. Clinical skills, professionalism, health systems science and osteopathic manipulative medicine courses are taught concurrently. There is an emphasis on the practice of medicine in the third and fourth years through clinical rotations at affiliated hospitals and clinics.

## Rural Osteopathic Medical Education

This specialized education program offers an enhanced curriculum for students interested in serving rural and underserved communities. ROME includes supplemental medical education, specialized skills labs and community-based experiences across Texas during the first two years of medical school. In the third and fourth years,

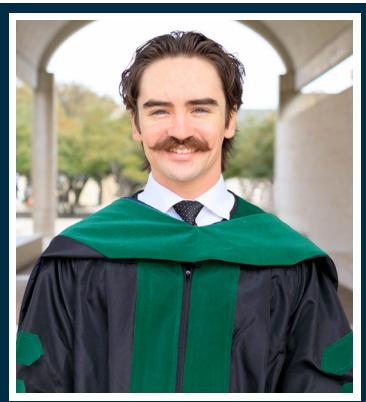
students complete their clinical education through core rotations with rural physicians, many of whom are TCOM alumni. Students also can participate in two medical mission trips each year to the Texas border to provide free clinics to underserved populations.

### Patient Safety Course

TCOM was the first medical school in the nation to address patient safety through the healthcare workforce. During their third year, students complete a mandatory course aligned with Certified Professional in Patient Safety content. In just a few years, TCOM has integrated patient safety science into the medical school curriculum, offering a course specifically designed to prepare students for the Certified Professional in Patient Safety Certification Exam. TCOM faculty, students and graduates account for 14% of all providers with the CPPS™ credential in the world.

### Professional Identity & Health Systems Science

TCOM has developed an innovative curriculum to prepare students to practice in today's complex healthcare system. The "Professional Identity and Health Systems Practice" course spans all four years of undergraduate medical education, equipping students with the tools, methods and mindsets to help prevent moral injury, also known as burnout. The curriculum delivers timely content in areas that include ethics, student health and wellness, community service, population and public health, policy and advocacy, interprofessional education, SAGE, patient safety, medical informatics, the business of medicine and innovation.



### How I got to TCOM

Read about TCOM graduate Kory Howell's amazing journey to medical school.



Scan QR code to read the story.

### DEAN



**Dr. Lisa Nash, DO, MS-HPEd, FAAFP**, is vice president of clinical affairs and dean of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. Prior to this role, she served as interim dean after serving as the senior associate dean for Graduate Medical Education and a professor in TCOM's Department of Family and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. She is a 1991 graduate of TCOM, completed her family medicine residency at the Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas in Fort Worth, and obtained board certification in family medicine. Dr. Nash spent four years in rural private practice. From 1998 to 2010, she was on the faculty at the University of Texas Medical Branch before returning to TCOM.



Ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a 2024 Tier 1 medical school for primary care

**99.1%**



Match rate  
(Class of 2025)

 **54%**

Matched into residencies in Texas  
(Class of 2025)

**17** 

Number of specialties matched  
(Class of 2025)



# College of Biomedical and Translational Sciences

**T**he College of Biomedical and Translational Sciences is committed to shaping the future of the biomedical workforce.

The college offers innovative and accessible degree programs at all levels of higher education, preparing students for careers as educators, researchers or healthcare professionals.

Graduate programs attract students from around the world and include traditional dissertation- and thesis-based research degrees, clinical research management, and a specialized master's degree designed to support entry into professional schools, including medical or dental schools, or into careers in science.

The undergraduate program — the first of its kind at UNT Health — offers a flexible and affordable path to degree completion for students pursuing careers in healthcare or science.

Faculty members mentor, teach and train students while conducting cutting-edge research that explores solutions for major health issues such as cancer, cardiovascular and infectious diseases, and Alzheimer's disease.

The college's Student and Academic Services team supports students throughout their academic journey.

## **B.S. in Biomedical Sciences (Online Only)**

The Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences is a fully online degree completion program designed for students preparing for graduate or professional school or a career in healthcare. The program offers online flexibility, affordable tuition and admissions scholarships. The curriculum focuses on best practices in active learning and provides students with access to academic navigators, faculty mentors, tutoring services, well-being support and career resources.

## **M.S. in Medical Science (On-Campus Cohort or Online)**

The Master of Science in Medical Science enhances students' academic credentials for entry into medical, dental or other professional schools. The program features a rigorous biomedical science curriculum and offers resources such as application and skills

workshops, mock interviews, MCAT preparation courses and guidance from faculty advisors who teach in a health science center environment.

The three-semester cohort option is designed for students who work best in an in-person team setting with daily faculty interaction. The 100% online option offers the same curriculum with the convenience of asynchronous, distance learning. Online students can select the three-semester or five-semester format.

### **M.S. in Clinical Research Management** (On-Campus/Hybrid Cohort or Online)

The Master of Science in Clinical Research Management prepares students for careers in clinical research through a curriculum that offers a broad-based view of the biomedical sciences and provides in-depth knowledge of regulatory requirements and ethical issues in clinical management. The flexible program offers hybrid or online options with two starting points each year. Cohort students participate in didactic lectures, interacting in real time with faculty and other students with some courses delivered online. The online option is completed fully online with an internship practicum or capstone project.

### **Ph.D. and M.S. in Biomedical Sciences** (Research-Based)

The research-based Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences programs are designed to prepare students for a wide range of careers in biomedical and translational sciences. The individualized, competency-based curriculum provides a strong foundation in the biomedical sciences during the first year, including coursework in biochemistry, molecular biology, cell biology, pharmacology, physiology and immunology.

Students participate in laboratory rotations to identify a faculty mentor and research lab, and complete advanced coursework aligned with their academic discipline and research interests. While working on thesis or dissertation research, students engage in mentored experimental projects led by faculty.

#### **Students may specialize in one of the following disciplines:**

- Biochemistry and cancer biology
- Cell biology, immunology and microbiology
- Genetics
- Integrative physiology
- Pharmaceutical sciences and pharmacotherapy
- Pharmacology and neuroscience
- Structural anatomy and rehabilitation science
- Visual sciences

#### **DEAN**



**David Keller, PhD** ('04), dean of the College of Biomedical and Translational Sciences, has devoted his career to preparing students for careers in biomedical research.

Prior to joining the college as dean, Dr. Keller served as associate dean and chair of the Department of Kinesiology in the College of Nursing and Health Innovation at the University of Texas at Arlington, where he increased research activity and enrollment, and helped launch programs designed to prepare students for careers in science and healthcare.

With a background in integrative and environmental physiology with specific expertise related to neural control of the vasculature at rest and during stress, his primary research focus is blood pressure regulation in human health and disease.

Dr. Keller is a proud alumnus of UNT Health, where he earned both his master's and doctoral degrees in biomedical sciences.



**\$8.4M**  
RESEARCH AWARDS  
FY 2024



**457**  
Total enrollment  
75 PhD • 341 MS • 41 BS  
(FY 2024)



# College of Public Health

The College of Public Health's vision is to build healthier communities. We are fulfilling this vision by working collaboratively to create solutions for healthier communities and fair, accessible health systems through socially accountable, community-centered and globally relevant education, research and service.

We offer four degree programs and multiple certificates using online and on-campus formats: Master of Public Health, Master of Health Administration, Master of Science, Doctor of Philosophy, dual degrees with multiple programs, and certificates in public health and health care management. Key research areas focus on substance use, health disparities, family and child health, global and environmental health, infectious disease, aging and neurodegenerative diseases, sexual health, mental health and implementation science.

## Master of Public Health

A Master of Public Health demands a commitment to protect and improve the health and conditions of life in North Texas, the nation and the world. The MPH Public Health Leadership concentration equips graduates with interdisciplinary skills in program planning, evaluation and management. Whether pursuing work in governmental, nongovernmental, profit or nonprofit capacities,

graduates are prepared to tackle health outcomes at the heart of population health, and emerge as prominent leaders in the field.

The MPH Biostatistics and Data Science provides comprehensive training in data management, statistical analysis, and the interpretation and communication of results. Graduates are equipped to support project teams in a variety of settings, including public health agencies, health care organizations and research institutions, ensuring data-driven decision-making and contributing to the advancement of public health.

In the MPH Epidemiology concentration, you'll acquire advanced research and epidemiological skills related to disease causation, control and prevention, preparing you for roles in public health agencies, community organizations, academia, healthcare and the private sector.

MPH Maternal and Child Health is an interdisciplinary concentration providing applied skills in program planning and evaluation, data management and policy analysis to improve the health of women, children and families. Graduates are prepared for pivotal leadership roles in organizations dedicated to advancing maternal and child health.

# 93%

Students employed or continuing their education in the field following graduation.



## MORE THAN \$200K

Scholarships awarded to incoming students for the 2024-2025 academic year.



The majority of faculty members have practical experience working in the fields of health administration and public health to bring real-world experiences to the classroom

### Master of Health Administration

The Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education-accredited Master of Health Administration prepares visionary leaders to drive transformative changes in the health sector. Available in both on-campus and online formats, our program offers the first fully integrated pathway to the Certified Professional in Health Care Quality credential through a partnership with the National Association for Healthcare Quality.

### Master of Science in Public Health Sciences

Gain essential knowledge and research skills needed to understand the patterns, causes and effects of health and disease conditions in populations through our **Epidemiology** concentration. Embark upon a rigorous scientific approach to the study of the psychological, social and cultural factors that impact human health with the **Health Behavior Research** concentration.

### Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health Sciences

This doctoral program is designed to equip the next generation of public health leaders and scholars with the skills and expertise necessary to generate and disseminate cutting-edge knowledge through our **Epidemiology** or **Health Behavior Research** concentrations. Admission to the program is highly competitive and is determined based on alignment with program objectives.

### Online Graduate Certificates and Non-Degree Student Status

The College of Public Health offers three online graduate certificate programs. A bachelor's or equivalent is required. Students need a minimum 2.5 GPA or higher in prior academic coursework.

#### Options include:

- The online **Graduate Certificate in Public Health** allows working professionals to gain foundational public health

knowledge. This 15-credit program consists of five core public health courses required of all MPH students. This program is typically completed in one year. Grades of "B" or higher in each course can apply toward the MPH.

- The online **Graduate Certificate in Health Care Management** is for students seeking foundational knowledge in health care management. The program, usually completed in one year, consists of five core courses required of all MHA students.
- The online **Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems** is for working professionals looking to advance their public health training by gaining additional skills in public health and GIS. The 15-credit graduate certificate consists of five, three-credit courses that can be taken completely online in eight-week terms.

### Dual-Degree Programs

For more information about dual degrees, see Page 25.

#### DEAN



**Shafik Dharamsi, PhD**, dean of the College of Public Health and professor, brings more than 25 years of transdisciplinary and international teaching, research and leadership experience. A first-generation college graduate from Tanzania, he has a strong commitment to student success. He previously served as regional director for an early childhood development program in East Africa, managing more than 200 staff across three countries and leading fundraising efforts. At the University of British Columbia, Dr. Dharamsi helped lead the Center for International Health, focusing on health equity in underserved communities. He also was founding associate dean at the University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine and served as dean of the College of Health Sciences at the University of Texas at El Paso. Before joining UNT Health, he was a senior advisor and visiting professor at New Mexico State University.



# College of Health Professions

**T**he College of Health Professions offers Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master of Physician Assistant Studies and Master of Science in Lifestyle Health Sciences and Coaching degrees. Starting in August 2026, the college will offer a Master of Science in Clinical Nutrition. Our outstanding programs provide the knowledge, experience and skills necessary to ensure our students excel in their chosen health professions.

CHP also offers current health care professionals the opportunity to further their career development. Careers as either a physician assistant or a physical therapist are among the most rewarding and in-demand of all the health care professions. Individuals serving in these positions have challenging and satisfying careers while enjoying considerable flexibility in their choice of practice and working conditions. Classes in both the PT and PA programs include experiences designed to prepare students to be contributing members of an interprofessional healthcare team.

The Department of Personalized Health and Well-Being offers a first-of-its-kind Master of Science in Lifestyle Health Sciences and Coaching. This innovative program is designed to provide the knowledge, skills and tools needed to effectively address health behaviors and become a credentialed health and wellness coach with a specialization in lifestyle medicine. The foundational competencies will prepare graduates to empower others to mobilize internal strengths and external resources in order to achieve true self-care reform.

## Master of Physician Assistant Studies

For more than 25 years, our Physician Assistant program has proudly helped shape more than 1,000 PAs who make a difference in our community, state and beyond.

Our graduate performance on the national certifying exam is exceptional and underscores our commitment to preparing and empowering our students.

We teach beyond written exams, giving our learners the hands-on confidence to truly be outstanding health care providers.

#### **Highlights of our program:**

- 30-month, in-person cohort of 75 students
- All-time 99% PANCE pass rate
- One of the state's most affordable PA programs
- Interdisciplinary education opportunities
- State-of-the-art UNT Health Regional Simulation Center with approximately 16,000 square feet for simulation and virtual reality experiences
- Dual-degree opportunities to earn an MPH or MHA through UNT Health's College of Public Health
- Network of more than 1,000 PA alumni
- Recently earned a 10-year accreditation, the maximum duration allowed

#### **Doctor of Physical Therapy**

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program produces well-rounded contemporary physical therapists able to analyze and optimize movement. Our signature pedagogy centers around fostering adaptive learning strategies to equip students with the responsibility of managing the well-being and Whole Health of individuals and communities in their professional practice.

Our program features collaborative learning environments with other health care professionals, simulation-based practice and enhanced technology for student preparation into clinical education.

The newly created hybrid PT pathway combines online and in-person learning, offering students greater flexibility while maintaining the program's rigorous standards.

#### **Highlights of our program:**

- 33-month, in-person cohort
- 100% employment rate within first year of graduation
- 100% ultimate pass rate of NPTE licensing exam
- Low student-faculty ratio with many faculty members holding at least one clinical specialty
- One of the state's most affordable DPT programs
- Interdisciplinary education opportunities
- State-of-the-art UNT Health Regional Simulation Center on campus
- Rural and underserved populations course

#### **Master of Science in Lifestyle Health Sciences and Coaching**

This innovative graduate program provides students with the knowledge, skills and tools needed to become a credentialed health and wellness coach with a specialization in evidence-based lifestyle medicine. This is

the first graduate degree in Texas that combines lifestyle medicine with wellness coaching.

#### **Highlights of our program:**

- 100% online
- One-year program
- Affordable tuition
- Student support provided
- Career available in many settings and industries
- Flexibility to achieve your goals while maintaining a balance with your work and family
- Be at the forefront of a transformed and sustainable health care system

#### **Master of Science in Clinical Nutrition\***

Coming fall 2026, this 22-month program prepares students for careers as registered dietitians by combining high-quality coursework with supervised training experiences in professional settings across North Texas. Students will apply nutrition knowledge to promote health, prevent disease and manage various health conditions. The program will focus on the intersection of nutrition and medicine, equipping students with the skills to assess nutritional needs, develop therapeutic diets and educate patients.

#### **Highlights of our program:**

- 100% online
- 22-month program
- Develop science-based nutrition knowledge
- Learn about evidence-based practices in nutrition
- Find out more about nutrition-research skills and practices
- Develop communication skills in nutrition-related practice and research

\*The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics, or ACEND, has granted candidacy for accreditation status to this program.

#### **DEAN**



**J. Glenn Forister, PhD, PA-C**, has been with UNT Health since 2019 as dean of the College of Health Professions. Prior to coming to UNT Health, he served as division head of Physician Assistant Education in the School of Medicine at the Oregon Health & Science University. He has a Master of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska, a Master of Science in clinical investigation from the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, and a PhD in Education and Human Resource Development from Texas A&M University. Dr. Forister has practiced in orthopedic surgery, family medicine and urgent care. He also served from 2000 to 2008 as a PA in the Medical Specialty Corps of the U.S. Army/Army Reserve.



# Pharmacy



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## College of Pharmacy

The College of Pharmacy, established in 2013 and reaccredited for eight years in 2023, was the first pharmacy college in North Texas to offer all four years of Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum.

### Doctor of Pharmacy

The College of Pharmacy provides a student-focused learning experience delivered through an innovative curriculum. With a foundation of collaborative, interprofessional learning and experiential training, and an emphasis on a patient-centered philosophy, UNT Health prepares student pharmacists for diverse career opportunities in a continuously evolving healthcare landscape.

Faculty clinical pharmacists are board certified and practice in specialties ranging from ambulatory care and internal medicine to infectious diseases and pediatrics. Students have access to more than 1,500 licensed pharmacist preceptors at rotation sites in Texas.

UNT Health researchers are leaders in drug discovery and achieving health equity that advances patient care and improves health. Students are an integral part of the faculty's research activities with abundant opportunities ranging from pharmaceutical sciences to health outcomes research.

Since 2024, the College of Pharmacy's FlexPharmD has offered a combination of online and in-person courses during the first three years, allowing students to enjoy a more flexible schedule with limited in-person activities.



# \$30M

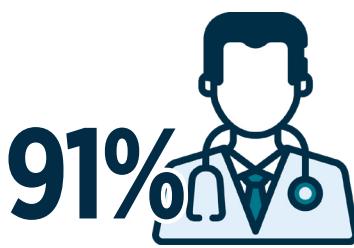
Research funding awarded during the past five years



Rank in percentage of faculty-funded research in Texas by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (2024)



Student satisfaction with college experience and practice readiness



Graduates employed in pharmacy professions or a post-graduate program (2023 responding graduates)



25 STUDENT ORGS

Leadership and networking opportunities



First-year residency match rate (2025) (second-year residency match rate was 100%)

Building on the strength of the PharmD program and faculty expertise, the college offers additional educational programs and dual degrees to pursue specialized career paths to match students' strengths and interests.

### **Master of Science in Applied Outcomes Research** (non-thesis, 30 credits, online)

Gain skills in health economics and outcomes research from experts in the field to make an impact on the health and well-being of individuals. Make a difference by using real-world data and evidence for decision-making to improve health outcomes. Prepare for high-impact roles in clinical and non-clinical settings.

- Turn real-world health data into clear, useful evidence that helps guide decisions and improve outcomes.
- Conduct hands-on research projects and explore cutting-edge tools such as artificial intelligence and machine learning.
- Build a versatile skill set for careers in hospitals, research organizations, managed care, government or industry.

### **Master of Science in Drug Discovery and Development** (non-thesis, 30 credits, hybrid)

Learn how drugs are discovered and developed, gain practical research skills, and increase your understanding of clinical, medical and regulatory affairs in the drug discovery and development process.

- Non-thesis master's program with elective emphasis in medicinal chemistry, formulation science, pharmacology and toxicology, or regulatory affairs.
- Practical training and professional networking through a capstone research project or industry internship.
- Graduates are more competitive in the job market and prepared to advance their careers.

### **Certificate Programs (Online)**

Ideal programs to build your professional skills or to gain an advantage in the pursuit of graduate programs, residencies and fellowships.

#### **Options include:**

##### **• Applied Health Outcomes Research** (12 credits)

Learn the fundamental elements of outcomes research with real-world data to gain a basic knowledge and understanding of evidence-based decision making.

##### **• Drug Discovery and Development** (12 credits)

Gain a solid foundation in the modern drug discovery and development process, along with a basic understanding of clinical, medical and regulatory affairs.

##### **• Pharmacometrics** (15 credits)

Learn the skills and quantitative tools that are used in drug development, regulatory decision-making and precision dosing.

### **Dual-Degree Programs**

For more information about dual degrees, see Page 25.

#### **DEAN**



**Evan Robinson, RPh, FNAP**, is the dean of the College of Pharmacy. He brings decades of academic leadership, having served as dean of the Creighton University School of Pharmacy and founding dean of the Western New England University College of Pharmacy and Sciences. Dr. Robinson also played a key role in establishing pharmacy schools at the University of Charleston and Shenandoah University.

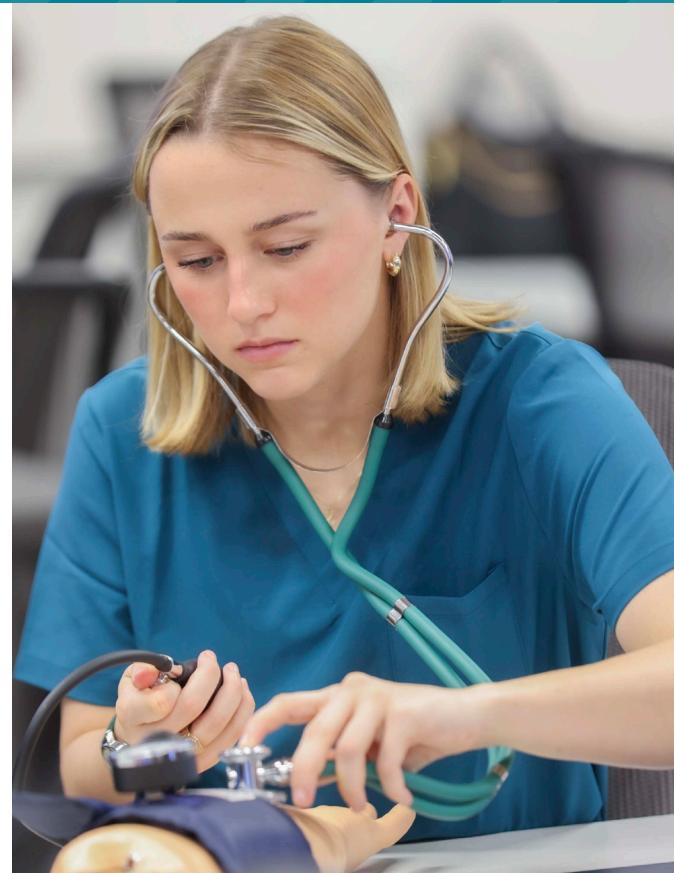
A graduate of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy (BS, MS) and Auburn University (PhD), he is a Distinguished Fellow of the National Academies of Practice. With more than 60 manuscripts and 100 presentations, his expertise in leadership and student success is instrumental in advancing the college's achievements.



# Nursing



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## College of Nursing

**T**he College of Nursing was established in February 2023 by the UNT System Board of Regents to help address the statewide nursing shortage. The college graduates innovative, solutions-driven nurses ready to take on — and solve — today's health care challenges.

UNT Health's inaugural nursing students started in fall 2024 with the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) in Nursing Practice Innovation program.

UNT Health leveraged its interprofessional ecosystem, research enterprise and the strengths of the UNT System to create this innovative college. The university is committed to producing outstanding nurse leaders and innovators who embrace whole-person health, address health disparities and ensure safe, high-quality care in the communities where they live and work.

### Traditional BSN

Our Traditional (prelicensure) Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is focused on developing competent, confident and compassionate nurses to meet the diverse health care needs of today's population. As a graduate of our BSN program, you'll be well-prepared to pass the NCLEX-RN exam and embark on a successful nursing career in a variety of health care settings.

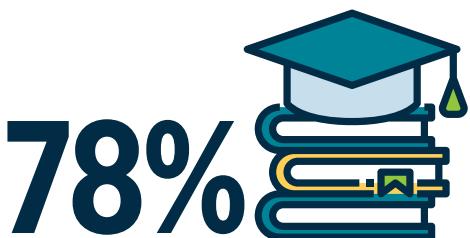
Once enrolled at UNT Health's College of Nursing, students take focused nursing courses and demonstrate their skills with hands-on clinical opportunities and simulated scenarios.

### RN to BSN

Are you a practicing registered nurse looking to advance your career? If you're open to new ideas, technology and



**MSN in Nursing Practice**  
Innovation is the first program  
of its kind in Texas



**78%**  
UNT Health College of Nursing  
faculty with doctoral degrees

• Our faculty includes fellows of:

American Association of Nurse Practitioners, American Academy of Nursing, International Academy of Addictions Nursing, National Academies of Practice and Palliative Care Nursing



**7,000**

Nurses needed in North  
Texas to close the gap

want to learn evidence-based ways to provide best quality of care for patients, our RN to BSN program is for you. Earn your BSN in two, three or four semesters. You will participate in online coursework and occasional hands-on training sessions at UNT Health's state-of-the-art Regional Simulation Center.

We have affiliation agreements with most of the major health care systems in North Texas, plus more than 30 community partners providing a diverse range of clinical opportunities.

### **MSN in Nursing Practice Innovation**

The online MSN in Nursing Practice Innovation is a first-of-its-kind program in Texas. You'll join other nurse innovators and leaders in a collaborative environment where you'll learn from some of the top experts in the fields of digital health care, virtual reality, correctional health care, health care management, palliative care and more.

Earn your MSN in just five, 16-week semesters and condensed 12-week summer semesters. A part-time option extending the program to eight semesters also is available.

### **MSN in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**

UNT Health's MSN in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program is for professional nurses who want to grow their careers as nurse practitioners diagnosing and treating mental health conditions.

Completed primarily online, the program incorporates six, 16-week semesters and condensed 12-week summer semesters. A part-time option is available, extending the

program into nine semesters.

### **Certificate Programs**

- Chronic Disease Management
- Correctional Health
- Digital Health Innovation
- Health Care Management for Nurses
- Palliative and Hospice Nursing
- Patient Safety
- Simulation in Nursing and Health Care
- Substance Use Disorder
- Public Health for Nurses

### **Scholarships and Awards**

Pursuing an advanced degree in nursing should be affordable. UNT Health offers nursing scholarships and awards to support your out-of-pocket tuition costs.

#### **DEAN**



**Cindy Weston, DNP, APRN, FAAN**, is the founding dean of the College of Nursing. Dr. Weston previously served as associate dean for clinical and outreach affairs and associate professor at the Texas A&M School of Nursing.

Dr. Weston has been a co-recipient of more than \$20 million in funding to implement nurse-managed care delivery models, innovative simulation, integrated behavioral health care models and improving health outcomes in vulnerable populations. A longtime registered nurse and nurse practitioner in Texas, she also served as president of Texas Nurse Practitioners, the largest state nurse practitioner organization in the U.S. Other professional memberships include the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, National League of Nursing and more. Dr. Weston is a fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and the American Academy of Nursing.



# Interprofessional Education

**T**he future of U.S. health depends on collaboration. At **UNT Health**, we believe teams—not individuals—drive real change. That's why we go beyond traditional, profession-specific education to offer something transformative: Interprofessional Practice and Education (IPE).

From Day 1, our students engage in IPE—learning with, from and about peers across disciplines. Through dynamic case studies, simulations and team-based discussions, students from all colleges and partner institutions build the skills to collaborate effectively and improve health outcomes.

Students gain a strong foundation in interprofessional values, roles, communication and teamwork strategies—skills they'll carry throughout their careers to lead the future of healthcare.

## Did you know?

**UNT Health earns state and national recognition for its dedication to interprofessional education and preparing students to lead in effective, collaborative practice.**

## Professions Collaborating in IPE with UNT Health

**UNT Health** is proud to collaborate with regional institutions to elevate IPE. Our students don't just learn within their own college or even within their own university—they engage across disciplines and institutions, gaining insights with, from and about peers in a wide range of health professions.

This unique opportunity allows students to connect with future colleagues in fields such as:

- Athletic Training
- Behavioral Health
- Dietetics and Nutrition
- Dentistry
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Medical Assistants
- Radiologic Technology
- Respiratory Therapy
- Physical Therapy Assistants
- Social Work
- Speech-Language Pathology
- And more!



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# Dual Degrees

## Dual-Degree Programs

**A**t UNT Health, we offer students a number of dual-degree options. Dual degrees are particularly valuable for students who want one degree focused on professional preparation and another focused on a passion, particular setting or a special population or issue they want to address in their career. The advantages of dual degrees include:

- Development of a broad skill set with enhanced professional flexibility
- Accelerated career advancement
- More affordable than earning two separate degrees
- Expanded networking opportunities compared with those provided by completion of one degree

### Dual-Degree Programs

- DO/MHA - Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine/Master of Health Administration
- DO/MPH - Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine/Master of Public Health
- DO/MS - Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine/Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences
- DO/PhD - Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences
- MS/MPH - Master of Science in Applied Anthropology/Master of Public Health
- PA/MHA - Master of Physician Assistant Studies/Master of Health Administration
- PA/MPH - Master of Physician Assistant Studies/Master of Public Health
- PharmD/MPH - Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Public Health
- PharmD/PhD - Doctor of Pharmacy/Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences
- PharmD/MBA - Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Business Administration

### Dual-Enrollment Certificates

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine/Graduate Certificate in Health Care Management
- Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences/Graduate Certificate in Health Care Management
- Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences/Graduate Certificate in Public Health
- Master of Physician Assistant Studies/Graduate Certificate in Health Care Management
- Master of Physician Assistant Studies/Graduate Certificate in Public Health

You also can add a graduate certificate in public health or health care management to your degree.



# Institutes



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## Institutes and Centers

UNT Health is home to many institutes and centers with team members working on groundbreaking healthcare research. Students may be provided with training opportunities through the institutes and centers to learn from faculty at the top of their fields:

### **Institute for Health Disparities**

The institute is the recipient of more than \$200 million over 20 years from the National Institutes of Health, Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and Department of Defense to target health disparities through community engagement, mentorship, training, professional development and research opportunities. Areas of focus include STEM education, chronic health disparities, artificial intelligence and machine learning.

### **Center for Human Identification**

The accredited forensic laboratory is globally recognized as a leader in forensic identification. Services include performing forensic genetic and anthropological examinations for criminal casework and missing persons identification, managing local Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) operations and the Texas Missing Persons DNA Database, conducting innovative research to improve forensic identification capabilities, and training students and professionals in forensic genetics.

### **Institute for Translational Research**

Through a \$148.8 million five-year grant from the National Institute on Aging, part of the NIH, the institute is conducting one of the largest studies ever of Alzheimer's disease. The team focuses on research that advances precision medicine approaches to brain health. The institute also houses a state-of-the-art clinical research center — including an imaging center and omics wet lab — that scientists worldwide can use to support their research and develop innovative ways to achieve optimal brain health.

### **North Texas Eye Research Institute**

For more than 30 years, the institute's researchers and clinicians in visual science and ophthalmology have worked to increase awareness of the prevalence and impact of eye diseases and the urgent need for new therapies. The institute is dedicated to addressing, and ultimately eliminating, eye diseases through innovative, research-driven solutions.

# Ensuring Success at UNT Health Fort Worth

UNT Health values its students and provides co-curricular and extra-curricular services, programs and activities designed to facilitate academic training, personal growth and professional development. Our UNT Health team is invested in you, and our goal is to enhance your experience and assist in your academic success. Below are just some of the services UNT Health offers.

 <b>Admissions &amp; Recruitment</b> Assists in recruiting and communicating with new and transfer students. <a href="mailto:Admissions@unhealth.edu">Admissions@unhealth.edu</a>	 <b>Be Well</b> Equips students with tools and skills to enhance their well-being and successfully manage the challenges of future work environments. <a href="mailto:BeWell@unhealth.edu">BeWell@unhealth.edu</a>
 <b>Care &amp; Civility</b> Provides frontline support through the Care Team and helps students overcome challenges and succeed in and out of the classroom. <a href="mailto:OCC@unhealth.edu">OCC@unhealth.edu</a>	 <b>Career Readiness Center</b> Provides comprehensive career services for all UNT Health students and alumni, preparing them for the demands of the global workforce <a href="mailto:CareerCenter@unhealth.edu">CareerCenter@unhealth.edu</a>
 <b>Center for Academic Performance</b> Empowers students through individualized academic support, skill-building resources and collaborative coaching to foster lifelong learning and success. <a href="mailto:CAP@unhealth.edu">CAP@unhealth.edu</a>	 <b>Financial Aid</b> Provides students with financial assistance and advice to help manage the costs associated with educational pursuits. <a href="mailto:FinAid@unhealth.edu">FinAid@unhealth.edu</a>
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 <b>Title IX</b> Creates a safe educational and work environment free from sexual harassment and allows all individuals to fully participate in the campus community. <a href="mailto&gt;TitleIX@unhealth.edu">TitleIX@unhealth.edu</a>	 <b>Student Assistance Resource Center</b> Provides services and programs to support students' basic needs and the development of each student holistically: mind, body and spirit. <a href="mailto:SARC@unhealth.edu">SARC@unhealth.edu</a>

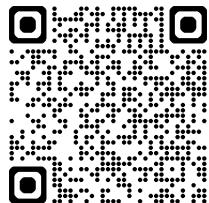
# UNT HEALTH EVERYWHERE



## Flexible online programs to advance your career

There's no better time than today to start pursuing the future you've always wanted. At UNT Health, we offer online degrees and certificate programs in many high-demand healthcare fields. We also offer non-credit professional development courses designed for your goals, budget and lifestyle.

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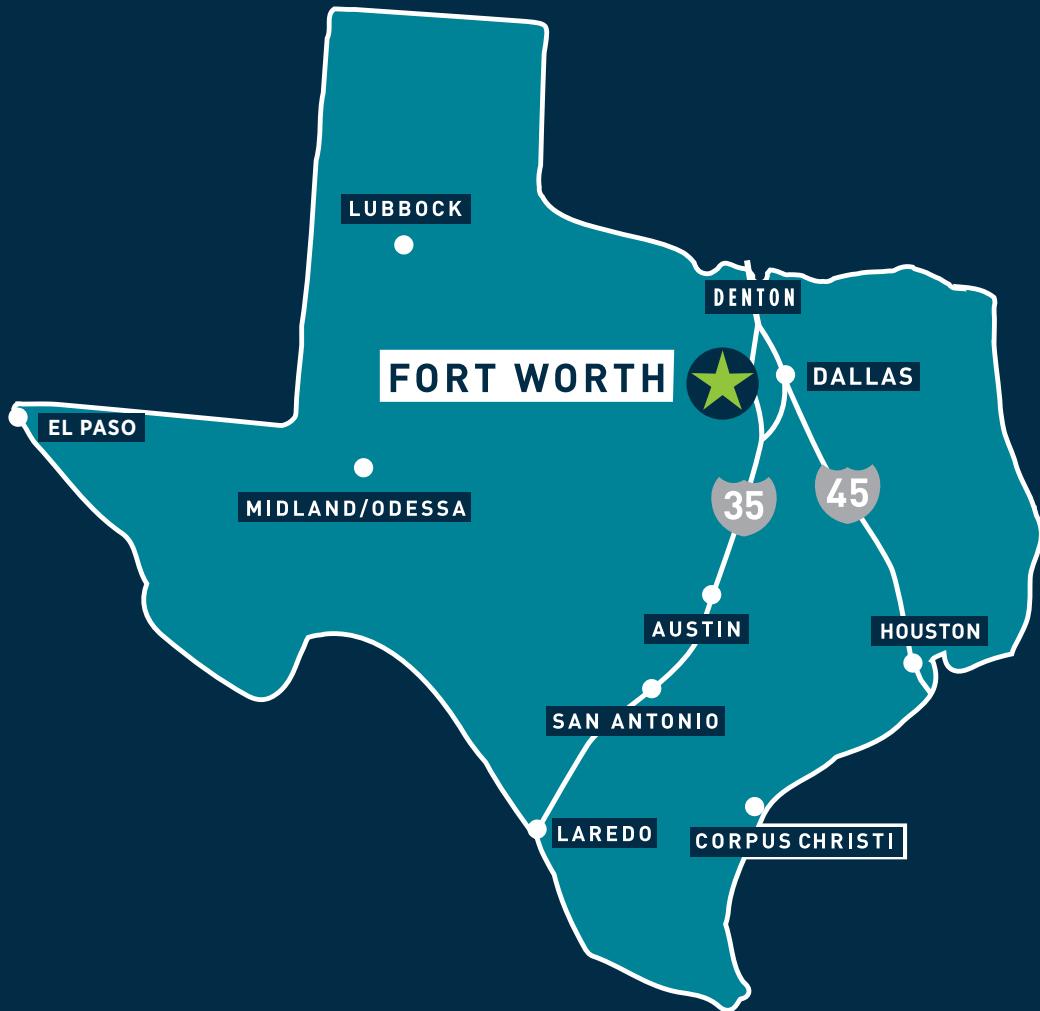


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