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INFORMATION SHEET Healthcare Interior Design Emphasis

The Degree

The *Healthcare Interior Design Emphasis* for the Master of Science in Human Sciences is part of the new online Master's Program offered by the School of Human Sciences.

Qualified Healthcare Interior Designers are in demand for a growing variety of healthcare settings today-- everything from pediatrics to geriatrics. The graduate level program at Stephen F. Austin State University offers healthcare design course work for acute and ambulatory care, senior Living and long-term care settings, and medical office buildings--providing unique training and learning opportunities for interior designers specializing in Healthcare Interior Design.

Elizabeth C. Brawley, AAHID

Author of *Design Innovations for Aging and Alzheimer's*

Format

Courses are delivered via on-line instruction with no on-site campus visits required.

Curriculum

All courses are aligned with requirements of the Graduate School and the School of Human Sciences at Stephen F. Austin State University. Specialized healthcare courses incorporate content from the healthcare interior design body of knowledge as identified by the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers.

You may choose one of two options for your curriculum:

I. Course Topics for 30-hour Degree (*Thesis Option*)

- Design of Long-term Care/Senior Living Facilities (3 credit hours)
- Design of Ambulatory/Outpatient Care Facilities (3 credit hours)
- Design of Acute Care Facilities (3 credit hours)
- Design of Other Medical Facilities (3 credit hours)
- Graduate Design Studio (3 credit hours)
- Advanced Practicum/Internship (3 credit hours)
- Social Inquiry/Research Methods (3 credit hours)
- Data Analysis (3 credit hours)
- Thesis Research (3 credit hours)
- Thesis Writing (3 credit hours)

II. Course Topics for 36-hour Degree (*Non-Thesis Option*)

- Design of Long-term Care/Senior Living Facilities (3 credit hours)
- Design of Ambulatory/Outpatient Care Facilities (3 credit hours)
- Design of Acute Care Facilities (3 credit hours)
- Design of Other Medical Facilities (3 credit hours)
- Graduate Design Studio (3 credit hours)
- Advanced Practicum/Internship (3 credit hours)
- Social Inquiry/Research Methods (3 credit hours)
- Data Analysis (3 credit hours)
- Advanced Lighting (3 credit hours)
- Student-selected courses in area of interest (9 credit hours from Sustainable Factors, Advanced Housing, Aging and Adult Development, education courses for teaching, new course in development with School of Nursing)

Application Requirements

1. Admission procedures and application form

An explanation of admission requirements is available from the SFASU Graduate School at http://www2.sfasu.edu/graduate/ProspStudents/apply_reg.html. For the shortest processing time, follow the instructions under item 1.1. to complete the SFASU Graduate School Application Form (please note that the Texas Common Application for Admission under item 1.2. takes longer to process). Application should be accompanied by a \$25 application fee. Official transcripts are required and should be sent directly to the Graduate School.

2. Three letters of recommendation for graduate study

Submit letters either by email to mperritt@sfasu.edu, by fax to 936-468-2140, **or** by postal mail to Dr. Mitzi R. Perritt, P.O. Box 13014, SFASU, Nacogdoches, TX 75962.

3. Prior education/experience

Eligibility for the program involves one of three conditions. The applicant should have: 1) an undergraduate degree in interior design or related field, 2) extensive experience in healthcare interior design, or 3) a willingness to complete leveling work in Interior Design prior to program entrance. Address questions to mperritt@sfasu.edu.

4. No Graduate Record Examination

At present, this exam is not required unless the undergraduate transcript grade point average is below 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Costs

A tuition calculator is available online at the following link:

http://www.sfasu.edu/controller/businessoffice/students/tuition_calc.asp There are five calculators at this site. Scroll to the bottom of the list to use either the fourth calculator indicated for “Online Students That Are Texas Residents” or the fifth calculator for “Online Students That Are Non-Residents.” Textbook costs for 2-3 books per semester may be estimated at \$250-400.

Financial Aid

Information about financial aid may be accessed at <http://www.sfasu.edu/faid/?q1>

A menu of options appears on the right side of the screen, and the campus telephone number and address for the Office of Financial Aid are shown on the left.

Scholarships

Scholarship applications are due by February 1 each year to the SFASU Alumni Office. The scholarship application is available at the following link:

https://sfasu.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/CMXAdmin/Cmx_Content.aspx?cpId=481

The receipt of a scholarship in the amount of \$1000 or more entitles an out-of-state student to pay the in-state tuition rate.

Registration

Once admitted to the Graduate School, students may register for classes. The Registrar (936-468-2120) will assign the student a username and password which allows the student to access MySFA, the campus management system. The program advisor will advise the student of appropriate coursework (see Course Sequence on next page). Students who are not Texas residents should contact Admissions (936-468-2504) for assistance with course enrollment.

Thesis

A student-selected research topic is explored via literature review in the thesis research course with the actual independent research project implemented and documented in the following thesis writing course. Both courses are taken at the end of the curriculum. A graduate advisor and thesis committee assist the student in identifying a research topic, conducting the literature review, designing the study, collecting data, and analyzing the results.

Accreditation

No accrediting body exists for healthcare design education. Accreditations currently held by the university which impact the Healthcare Interior Design Graduate Emphasis include the following: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (Stephen F. Austin State University), National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (James I. Perkins College of Education), American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (School of Human Sciences), and the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (Undergraduate Interior Design Program). Of special note, Stephen F. Austin State University has been ranked for the last two years consecutively in the first tier of “Best Colleges” in the western region by *U.S. News & World Report*. Articles are posted at the following links: <http://www.sfasu.edu/4762.asp> and <http://www2.sfasu.edu/sfatoday/Archives/2011/September/USNewsWorldReportRanking.pdf>

More Information

Address inquiries to Dr. Mitzi Perritt at mperritt@sfasu.edu or 936-468-2155.

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WITH AN EMPHASIS
IN HEALTHCARE INTERIOR DESIGN**

THESIS OPTION
Course Sequence for Full-time Student

Fall 1	Spring 1
HMS 512 Long-Term Care/Senior Living SOC 551 Sociological Inquiry (Research Methods) 6 credit hours	HMS 525 Ambulatory Care/Outpatient Facilities SOC 550 Social Statistics 6 credit hours
Summer 1	
HMS 514 Interior Design Studio I (perhaps in Fall) HMS 520 Advanced Practicum 6 credit hours	
Fall 2	Spring 2
HMS 589 Thesis Research (or non-thesis course) HMS 524 Acute Care Facilities 6 credit hours	HMS 590 Thesis Writing (or non-thesis course) HMS 523 Other Medical Facilities 6 credit hours
DEGREE TOTAL: 30 credit hours	

An additional semester is needed for the non-thesis option (36 credit hours). Students should enroll in Advanced Lighting (3 credit hours) and three other courses (9 credit hours) selected from Sustainable Factors, Advanced Housing, Aging and Adult Development, education courses for teaching, or a new course currently in development with the School of Nursing.

Curriculum aligned with the healthcare interior design body of knowledge as identified by the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers (AAHID) and the testing content of the Healthcare Certification Examination as administered by AAHID.

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