## Summer

**Introduction to Design Thinking**  
3 credits  
A preliminary foundation in the emerging practice of Human-Centered Design, the methodology driving design thinking.

**3-D Prototyping**  
1 credit  
Using rapid prototyping methods with an emphasis on products and the built environment, this course prepares students to use prototyping as a means of testing ideas iteratively.

**Sketching for Communication**  
1 credit  
Students learn the elements of sketching to visualize concepts, document their thinking, and quickly bring alignment to teams.

**Design Research Methods**  
1 credit  
This course grounds students in the tactics and techniques of several common primary research methodologies including contextual inquiry, intercept interviews, personal inventories, empathy modeling, and others.

## Fall

**Anthropology for Design**  
3 credits  
This course exposes students to anthropological and ethnographic tools that can attune practitioners to difference (social and cultural) and its implications.

**Fieldwork In Design**  
3 credits  
Students conduct field work as part of a collaborative project team under the supervision of a faculty member. This course will emphasize the application of design research tools as a strategic practice within a complex project.

**Service Design**  
3 credits  
Students are equipped to improve existing health care services, create new ones and navigate the complex social, political and organizational challenges to bring them to life.

## Spring

**Design in Health Studio**  
6 credits  
In this capstone project course, student teams collaborate with clients, applying their design skills to immediate challenges in the health space.

**Storytelling for Presentation**  
1 credit  
The frameworks for good storytelling applied to professional presentation and written work.

**Health Systems Design**  
2 credits  
Students will explore all aspects of complex health ecosystems, learning principles and methods to understand interconnection and design future systems that elicit new behaviors.

**The Business of Design in Health**  
3 credits  
This course equips students with acumen to navigate and succeed in the business aspects of applying and positioning design in health.

**Core Lab - Design Futures**  
3 credits  
Students are introduced to the practical tools of strategic foresight to imagine possible futures. Emphasis is placed on understanding the language, theories, and methods of futures studies.

Note: Exact courses, sequencing, and credit hours are subject to change.
An MA in Design focused on health extends the powerful methods of design into the realm of health, looking to realign and improve the sector. This degree is a partnership between the School of Design & Creative Technologies and Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin.

10 Months of Study

Increasingly, the world’s most innovative and impactful health organizations are using the methods of design to realign, improve and reinvent a sector facing unprecedented complexity. The Master of Arts in Design focused on Health at UT Austin is one of the only programs in the world where students train deeply in design specifically in a health context.

40 Credits

The program is delivered over 3 semesters—summer, fall, and spring. The 40 credit hours include 26 credits in foundational design coursework and 14 credits in health-related coursework offered in collaboration with Dell Medical School. Graduates of the MA in Design program are well-equipped to research and interpret human needs and systematic forces in the health sector in order to create improved patient experiences, more effective processes, innovative services, and higher quality care.

ALL Disciplines Welcome

All areas of expertise are welcome in this interdisciplinary, in-residence program. The University is located in the center of Austin, a hub for technology-driven jobs in the aptly named Silicon Hills, leveraging creative and technology ecosystems to give our students hands-on experiences with real-world scenarios in their classes.

Master of Arts in Design focused on Health

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