
Mission & Vision Statements

Excellence Above All

Organization

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston was created by The University of Texas System Board of Regents and supported by the Texas Legislature in 1972. Located in the world renowned Texas Medical Center, it brings together a dental school (established in 1905), a graduate school of biomedical sciences (1963), a medical school (1969), a school of public health (1969), a school of nursing (1972), a school of health information sciences (1997), a psychiatric center (1986) and an institute of molecular medicine for the prevention of human diseases (1995). The university pursues its mission through a comprehensive approach to health.

Mission

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston is a comprehensive health science university composed of six schools, an institute of molecular medicine and a psychiatric center. The health science center's mission is to treat, cure and prevent disease now and in the future by educating health science professionals; discovering and translating advances in social and biomedical sciences; and modeling the best practices in clinical care.

To fulfill its mission, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston:

- + *Educates health professionals and scientists in a diverse interdisciplinary academic community.*
- + *Creates and evaluates new knowledge—through basic science and applied research—as it relates to disease prevention, treatment and cure.*
- + *Provides leadership and advances scholarship in biomedical sciences, health professions, health promotion, public health policy and health care delivery.*
- + *Models appropriate and compassionate clinical care.*
- + *Addresses the health needs of the community at large through public health expertise, information, outreach and service.*
- + *Develops the expanding field of health information science.*

Vision

"Excellence above all" in the quest to be an acknowledged leader in the collaboration to treat, cure and prevent the most common diseases of our time through education, research and clinical practice.

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston aspires to be a leader in the collaboration to treat, prevent, and cure the most common diseases of our time by:

- + *Utilizing the distinctive capabilities of its schools, clinics, institutes and centers;*
- + *Collaborating with colleagues in the University of Texas System, the Texas Medical Center and throughout the world;*
- + *Being an academic health science center that is nationally and internationally recognized in teaching, research and service;*
- + *Serving as a home for the visionaries and scholars who will lead the way in defining and creating the future of the health sciences; and*
- + *Providing a diverse work environment that is ethically-based, service-oriented and community-sensitive.*