

About Us



Shown from left: Hallie Greenberg and Deb Heath (PREP graduates); Libby Bradshaw (Academic Director)

Who Enrolls?

The C-PREP program welcomes all individuals interested in becoming leaders in their field by developing advanced competencies in the rapidly growing field of pain studies.

The program enrolls nurses, physicians, dentists, physical therapists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists, researchers, acupuncturists, occupational therapists, massage therapists, social workers, palliative care providers, health advocates, and other professionals.

New and recent college graduates with the maturity to enter a graduate level program are also accepted. An individual's work or personal experiences with pain are valued, but prior knowledge or specific experience with pain is not required.

We are proud to have an international student body of both full-time and part-time students. With classes held in late afternoons and evenings, the program meets the needs of working professionals.

To meet health care professionals' increasing demand for high-quality pain education, TUSM introduced the Certificate of Advanced Study in Pain Topics to provide a targeted, postgraduate area of study focused on pain research, education or policy (C-PREP).

Students in this program join master's degree students to learn from nationally and internationally recognized experts in this dynamic, growing field.

The MS-PREP program at TUSM is the first and only multidisciplinary postgraduate pain degree program in the U.S. Our interdisciplinary educational program addresses the multidimensional public health burden of pain by preparing diverse learners to contribute with expertise and compassion to pain research, education and policy.

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ADMISSIONS

Applicants must have at least a bachelor's degree and experience in one of the health sciences.

Admissions will begin to process applications on August 1st for the fall semester and January 2nd for the spring semester. Students accepted for the fall semester may enroll in classes during the prior summer semester.

Application materials are due two weeks prior to the start of the semester. Applicants* must submit:

- Completed online application
- Application fee
- Official transcripts from all prior graduate and undergraduate institutions attended

**Non-Matriculated/Guest Students must submit a completed online application, a nominal fee, and official transcripts from all prior institutions attended.*

CURRICULUM

Students choose one of three specialty tracks:

- Research
- Education
- Policy

Students must complete a total of 5 credits to receive a certificate. These credits can be applied towards enrollment in the MS-PREP program.

**Current students and recent graduates of Occupational Therapy programs are eligible to enter a specific track within C-PREP; email or phone for details.*

FINANCIAL AID

The priority consideration date is the end of February for students entering in the fall semester and the beginning of November for students entering in the spring semester.

Applicants must submit:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Tufts School of Medicine Application for Financial Aid
- Signed copies of Federal Tax Returns

Susan Krupnick, C-PREP '10



James Krasnow, C-PREP '08



**Improving the world of pain....
one student at a time.**

The employability of graduates is enviable. Meet two alums.

Susan Krupnick
MSN, PMHCNS-BC, ANP, C-PREP

"I was impressed with the innovative nature of the programs and the diversity of students. I have developed a more comprehensive assessment in my own practice and also in my psychiatric consultation liaison practice in an acute care hospital.

I would encourage any nurse who is considering further education to identify their own knowledge gaps in the area of pain assessment and then consider the PREP programs. This is truly a student-focused program and my practice has already been enhanced."

James Krasnow
BS, RPh, C-PREP

"Professionally, receiving my certificate was like going from a Volkswagen to a Maserati. As a pharmacist, I had dealt with pain in my profession from a basic level but I was propelled to a far higher level learning which revealed that different societies and classes of people require different skill sets in order to treat the pain.

Having gained the knowledge I needed, I now service three hospices and run the pain program for a 600- patient visiting nurse group and do a talk radio show bi-monthly on pain.

If the health field is what you are thinking about, and if you are in it now, working on the reduction of pain to me is as meaningful as trying to find the cure for the worst disease."