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PM CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

NESA students may also choose to enroll in TUSM's Certificate of Advanced Studies in Pain Topics (C-PREP) program. Five credits of coursework are required (three core courses and two electives).

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For additional information on the C-PREP program, visit: tufts.edu/med/prep/certificateprogram.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum is structured so that students in the CAS-PM track can complete all requirements during the three years they are enrolled at NESA. However, students may choose to take an additional year to complete their TUSM coursework if desired. NESA students must complete all basic science requirements plus the fall and spring terms in their first year before beginning their coursework at TUSM. Under special circumstances, it may be possible for selected students who have fulfilled their basic science requirements to begin work at TUSM before completing their spring term at NESA.

Students enrolled in other NESA programs - Japanese Acupuncture Studies (JAS), Chinese Herbal Medicine (CHM), or Dual track (JAS & CHM) may also enroll in the MS-PREP program. For these programs, the required number of NESA credits will be higher than the CAS-PM track but the TUSM credit requirement will remain at nine. For these programs, students may take up to five years to complete their studies at TUSM.

MS-PREP COURSES

- Introduction to Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Neuroanatomy, Neurochemistry & Pharmacology
- Introduction to Clinical Pain Problems
- Ethical and Sociocultural Aspects of Pain
- Palliative Care and End of Life Issues
- Public Policy, Legislative and Forensic Issues
- Psychological Evaluation and Treatment of Pain
- Medical Acupuncture
- Capstone Project
- 1 elective credit