

BOLDLY GO



WELCOME

On behalf of the Texas Woman's University Institute of Health Sciences Houston, thank you for your interest in our academic programs. At TWU Houston, you are not just a statistic; you are welcomed as a member of our family. We are committed to your success and will work to help you reach your academic and professional goals. While at TWU Houston, you will:

- Experience personalized learning with our small teacher to student ratio.
- Embrace your culture while learning about others.
- Enjoy a sense of community as you meet with other international students.

We look forward to helping you achieve your ambitions as you embark on this new and challenging journey!

YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR MISSION

Education is an important investment in your future. When you choose TWU, you are selecting a learning experience that uniquely positions you to work with the best and brightest to pursue not only your dreams, but also to elevate your career. From experienced faculty to unparalleled support services, we provide a healthy environment where you can actively engage in the learning process and explore your potential. You'll enjoy:

- A small campus packed with exclusive learning opportunities.
- Developing genuine relationships with peers.
- Celebrating your successes.
- One-on-one faculty advising and peer-to-peer mentoring.



TEXAS WOMAN'S
UNIVERSITY

DIVERSITY

**RANKED NO. 5 among
U.S. universities for diversity.**

ACADEMICS

**100% PASS RATE on the
credentialing examination for
registered dietitian nutritionists.**

**Occupational Therapy PhD
program is one of three
offered in the U.S.**

**TWU offers the ONLY PHD
PROGRAM IN PHYSICAL
THERAPY IN TEXAS, and its DPT
program was cited on the list of
"Best Value Doctor of Physical
Therapy Programs for 2019-2020."**

EMPLOYMENT

**TWU's DPT students have
EMPLOYMENT RATES OF 100%
within the first 12 months
of graduation.**

GLOBAL MINDSET

**Underscoring the international
mindset of TWU, the Center for
Global Nursing has created
long-term relationships all over
the world since 2001 to advance
nursing education and promote
global health.**



ACADEMICS

At TWU Houston, we equip you with the tools you need for success in your career.

MAJORS AVAILABLE TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT THE HOUSTON SITE

- Masters in Healthcare Administration - Business Analytics
- Masters in Healthcare Administration - Global Health
- *Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) [last two years only]
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
- PhD in Nursing Science
- DNP to PhD Bridge
- MS in Nutrition
- Dietetic Internship Master's Program
- PhD in Nutrition
- Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)
- Doctor of Occupational Therapy (Post-Professional)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Occupational Therapy (PhD)
- Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Physical Therapy (PhD)

**NOTE: This is the only undergraduate offering at the TWU Houston site.*



KAISHI LI, Country of Origin: China



AN INVESTMENT YOU CAN AFFORD

College is expensive, but at TWU, we strive to provide an experience rich in educational rewards that still leaves money in the bank for you to enjoy other things.

COST BREAKDOWN UNDERGRADUATE

(minimum of 12 credits hours Fall and Spring)

- \$18,859 for tuition and fees
- \$11,538 for cost of living
- \$5,590 for books and health insurance

GRADUATE *(minimum of 9 credit hours Fall and Spring)*

- \$15,693 for tuition and fees
- \$11,538 for cost of living
- \$5,590 for books and health insurance

FINANCIAL AID

We help our students as much as we can and provide financial aid in the form of scholarships and graduate assistantships. You may apply for scholarships along with your financial aid or for scholarships only.

(Private loans are possible for international students, but require a co-signer who is an American citizen.)

SCHOLARSHIPS

You can apply for scholarships at twu.edu/financial/types-of-aid/scholarships/ after you receive a TWU ID number and create your Pioneer Portal Account. Access the scholarship system at twu.academicworks.com and follow the link at the top right of the page to sign in.

One application will allow students to apply for multiple scholarships. The system matches students with available offerings. Some scholarships may require additional materials. You are encouraged to apply for scholarships prior to being accepted to TWU.

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

- Graduate Assistants who work 20 hours/week qualify for in-state tuition.
- Any student that receives a \$1,000 scholarship from TWU qualifies for in-state tuition.
- Several companies facilitate private loans for international students majoring in health care.

HOUSING

Visit the Houston Student Life web page at twu.edu/student-life-houston for a list of apartments close to the Texas Medical Center. As you decide where to live, remember to consider how you will get to and from TMC (see our parking and transportation section). If you are looking to make connections for housing and roommates, see:

- Student Life Houston (keeps a list).
- University of Texas Facebook (UT Housing of Houston).
- University of Houston Facebook Group.
- Houston Bridges International - A Home Away from Home houstonbridges.com/connect-with-us.

TIP: Call individual apartment complexes and ask them about special rates for students, particularly prior to Fall classes!

STUDENT LIFE

TWU Houston offers amenities and services that help you stay healthy - physically, emotionally and spiritually, including:

- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS).
- Yoga classes, massages, relaxation and guided meditation.
- Career consultation for creating resumes, building interviewing skills and identifying potential employers.
- Prayer Room equipped with prayer rugs.
- Food Pantry with non-perishable items that can be taken as needed.
- Fitness Center accessible with student ID.
- Used lab coats and scrubs available for borrowing.
- Gently used clothing for women.
- Recycled children's clothing for ages 0-13.
- Lactation space for new moms.
- Legal Services offer free consultation and referral information.

Student Life is located on the second floor, suite 2300. Deborah Unruh is responsible for the Student Life operations and serves as the international student advisor at the TWU Houston site. Please feel free to contact her at dunruh@twu.edu and 713-794-2157.



5:1
DOCTORAL
STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

13:1
MASTER'S
STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

18:1
UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO

49% of all new undergrads are transfers



80% OF TWU STUDENTS
who complete a graduate degree
ARE WORKING WITHIN ONE YEAR
following graduation



SANA KUDCHIWALA, *Country of Origin: India*
ZAINAB OLALERE, *Country of Origin: Nigeria*

GETTING INVOLVED

Your college experience is one that moves beyond the classroom and your academic pursuits. At TWU, you can build personal and professional relationships. Since we are located in the largest medical center in the world, you can expect to make professional connections with others in your respective field of study.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Together with your peers, you can engage with and give back to your community. Many of these opportunities are organized within your specific academic unit.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS: These registered organizations tend to be academic specific in nature and strive to connect students with other professionals in their field of study.

ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT: With the Houston site being small, there are a limited number of jobs available as student assistants and graduate assistants. Please contact Student Life for updates. After you create your Pioneer Portal account, on-campus positions can be viewed on TWU Connect/Handshake careerconnections.twu.edu/resources/twu-connect-handshake.

CAMPUS EVENTS: Each semester, a variety of programs and activities are hosted by Student Life as well as Student Government to encourage growth and development, including our International Festival held the first Monday in February, and our International Student Poster Campaign, on display throughout the building.

TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER (TMC)

TMC is the largest medical center and the eighth largest business district in the country. Located in South Central Houston, TMC houses over 60 institutions, hospitals and universities, including TWU Houston. It is home to the largest oncology hospital and provides you with opportunities to connect personally and professionally with industry leaders. Without exception, members of the faculty in each academic department have forged relationships with various health care professionals in many of the medical institutions. For more information about TMC's history, visit tmc.edu/about-tmc/history.

PARKING

Individuals with a personal vehicle can drive into TMC for classes and appointments; however, parking is costly, and employees and students are encouraged to park on the periphery, allowing patients and their families to park in the garages closest to the hospitals.

Depending on how often your classes meet on campus, contract parking may meet your needs. If your trips to campus are infrequent, and the time spent here is minimal, it may make more sense to just "Pay-As-You-Go," with the cost being determined by hourly rates for the time your vehicle is parked. Fannin South Park & Ride is one example of using your personal vehicle with public transportation, allowing you to park outside the

610 Loop for a low flat fee, then ride the METRO Light Rail into the TMC. Using the METRO Q Card makes this the most affordable option.

TRANSPORTATION

WITHIN THE CITY:

- METRO Bus, Light Rail and Park & Ride ridemetro.org (NOTE: Visit twu.edu/houston/dps to learn how to get a Metro Q Card, which gives enrolled students a 50% discount off the regular fare.)
- TMC shuttle service tmc.edu/parking/shuttle-services
- Uber
- Lyft

OUT OF HOUSTON:

- Mega Bus us.megabus.com
- Greyhound Bus greyhound.com

HOUSTON, TEXAS: A VIBRANT, COSMOPOLITAN COMMUNITY

Popularly called H-town, Houston is a dynamic mix of international appeal and southern hospitality. It is a city brimming with culture, education, history, technology and opportunities. Explore the metropolis rich in art, diversity, energy and personality, while enjoying exquisite cuisine from all over the world.



KILIAN SALGADO PASANTES, *Country of Origin: Spain*
KEVIN GOMEZ, *Country of Origin: Trinidad and Tobago*



Being a part of the TWU Houston campus as an international student has been a journey that has facilitated my cultural adjustment, social integration, retention and success.

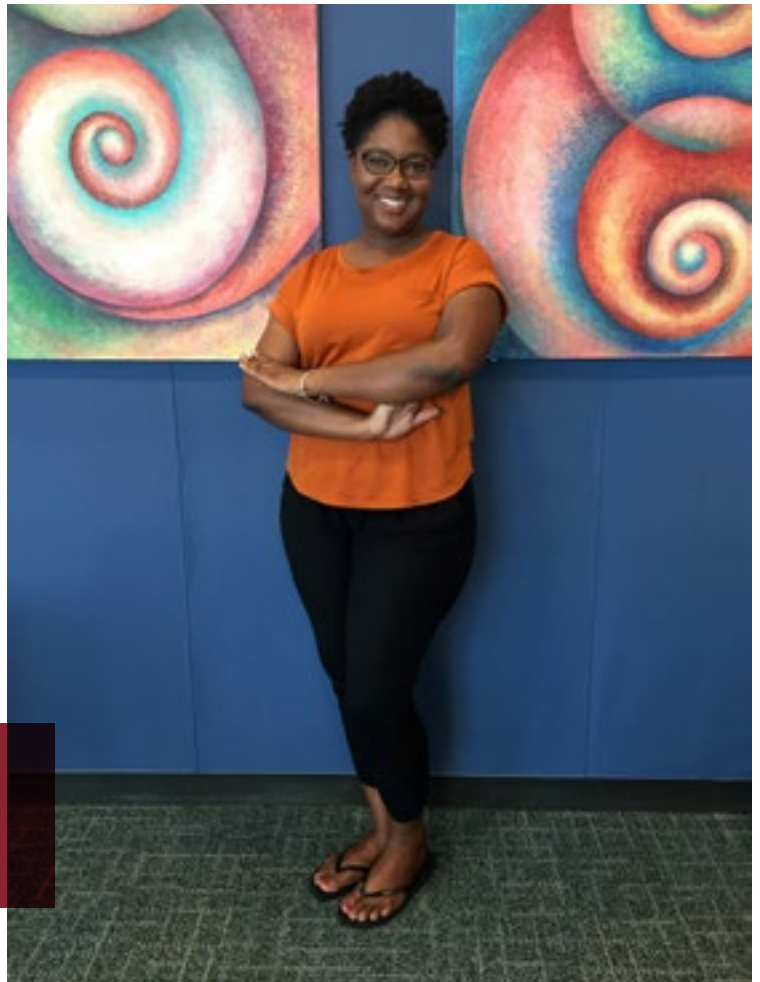
The TWU Houston faculty has always been dedicated to helping students gain the experience needed to apply classroom discoveries as we meet real-world challenges. This has certainly helped me in preparation for exciting career paths that fuel my ambition.

PHORUM DESAI

*Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration
Country of Origin: India*

Schooling [in Houston] allows you to contribute meaningfully to the community by working with the city's underserved populations whilst enhancing your interpersonal skills professionally.

I appreciate the professors' dedication to the success of their students. They listen to your concerns and seek out avenues to improve the students' learning experience and to help them develop necessary skills that would be useful on fieldwork and in our future practice.



CEZANNE CLARKE

*Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy
Country of Origin: Jamaica*