

Facilities Planning MS

TYLER SCHOOL OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Learn more about the Master of Science in Facilities Planning.

About the Program

The Master of Science in Facilities Planning is designed for those with an academic background in facilities management at the undergraduate level or those with experience through practice who want to pursue an advanced degree that focuses on further specialization in their profession. The MS in Facilities Planning utilizes a workshop- and seminar-based curriculum. Group work that is part of the degree program takes place in the Facilities Management Lab in Tyler's Architecture Building, a shared group work environment for all facilities management students.

Students undertaking this degree program:

- add to their general knowledge base and/or develop a specialized knowledge base within the facilities management profession;
- develop knowledge, appreciation and a working relationship with other professionals to understand the management of facilities from the user's needs;
- increase their collaborative practice skills to be better prepared for the complex working environment in the facilities management industry; and
- learn to better articulate facility management needs.

Tyler School of Art and Architecture is committed to an interdisciplinary approach toward improving planning, design, construction, operation and management of appropriate facilities as a way forward in education and research. As much as possible in the classroom, students work in interdisciplinary teams to address problems of facilities, replicating, to some extent, the work environment in which they will engage. A concentration in Health Facilities, which is a collaborative effort between Tyler and the College of Public Health, is available to students who want to pursue health facilities management.

Time Limit for Degree Completion: 5 years

Campus Location: Main

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: The degree program can be completed on a full- or part-time basis.

Areas of Specialization: Students may choose a concentration in Health Facilities, which is a collaborative effort between Tyler and the College of Public Health.

Job Prospects: The post-professional Master of Science in Facilities Planning offers working facilities management professionals and those seeking advancement in the field the opportunity to build on their professional skills and toolsets to elevate their competency.

Non-Matriculated Student Policy: Non-matriculated students must contact the Department of Architecture and Environmental Design for information. A maximum of 9 graduate credits can be taken at Temple University prior to applying to the program.

Financing Opportunities: The Department of Architecture and Environmental Design has a limited number of scholarships for graduate students. Students should also check the Tyler School of Art and Architecture and Student Financial Services websites for financial aid opportunities. Students should complete a FAFSA application to determine eligibility for student financial aid, work study employment within the Department of Architecture and Environmental Design, or other eligible on-campus jobs.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline:

Fall: January 6

Spring: November 1

Applications are reviewed as they are received after the deadline. Applicants must meet the January 6 priority deadline to be considered for financial assistance. After January 6, applications may be considered on a rolling basis.

Students are normally admitted in the Fall term. In the instance when students are admitted in the Spring, they may have limited course offerings in the first term because course sequencing begins in the Fall. See the Tyler School of Art and Architecture website for the most up-to-date application information.

APPLY ONLINE to this graduate program.

Letters of Reference:

Number Required: 3

From Whom: Letters of recommendation should be obtained from college/university faculty members and/or professionals in the field who are familiar with the applicant's academic and professional competence. The letters should be submitted with the application at <https://apply.temple.edu/Tyler/>, along with the statement of goals and resume.

Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: A baccalaureate degree is required. Applicants are expected to hold a degree in built environment professions, healthcare management or related fields. Candidates who studied in other disciplines as an undergraduate but who have gained knowledge of facilities or healthcare management as working professionals are also considered for admission. Official transcripts from all universities/colleges attended, whether or not a degree was awarded, must be sent to Tyler School of Art and Architecture, Graduate Admissions Office, 2001 N. 13th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122-6016.

Statement of Goals: In approximately 500 to 1,000 words, share your interest in Temple's program, educational and research goals, future career goals, and academic and research achievements.

Standardized Test Scores:

GRE optional. If you wish to submit scores as a supplemental item, your official scores should be sent directly from the Educational Testing Agency. Temple's institutional code is 2906.

For international applicants, the minimum scores for a standardized test of English are:

- TOEFL iBT: 79
- IELTS Academic: 6.5
- PTE Academic: 53
- Duolingo: 110

Applicants who completed an undergraduate degree in the United States or other English-speaking country are waived of the English-language testing requirements. Please contact Tyler Admissions to learn more.

Portfolio: All applicants must submit work samples of their most important and representative academic and/or professional work. Work samples can include analytical assessments, research reports, and/or other planning, design, creative and written work. Work samples from applicants who have been in a professional setting for a period of six years or more can include student work, but the applicant should instead emphasize work done in a professional setting and clearly articulate the applicant's role in the project. Papers, research or other materials (preferably dealing with the built environment) are invited as evidence of scholarly, academic or creative work. As much as possible, work samples should best represent the applicant's knowledge, aptitudes, interests, creative ability and experience relative to the program. As a guideline, the applicant should include approximately 20 images or other items.

Work samples are to be uploaded at <https://temple.slideroom.com>, as instructed on the website. SlideRoom requires an additional fee for this service. Original work, slides, CD-ROMs, catalogs, photographs, books and/or binders are not acceptable substitutes for the SlideRoom portfolio and will not be reviewed or returned.

Resume: Current resume required.

Transfer Credit: The Architecture Admissions Committee recommends the awarding of graduate transfer credits on a case-by-case basis as applications are reviewed. The maximum number of graduate transfer credits a student may receive is 9.

Program Requirements

General Program Requirements:

Number of Credits Required to Earn the Degree: 30, whether or not the concentration is pursued

Required Courses:

MS with No Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Facilities Workshop Course		
Select one from the following:		3
ARCH 5013	Facilities for Health Workshop 1	
ARCH 5015	Facilities for the Arts Workshop 1	
ARCH 5017	Facilities Workshop 1	
Advanced Facilities Workshop Course		
Select one from the following:		3

ARCH 5014	Facilities for Health Workshop 2	
ARCH 5016	Facilities for the Arts Workshop 2	
ARCH 5018	Facilities Workshop 2	
Practice and Management Course		
Select one from the following:		3
ARCH 5096	Health Facilities Practice and Management	
ARCH 8000	Spec Top Sem in Practice	
ARCH 8096	Professional Practice	
Planning and Programming Course		
Select one from the following:		3
ARCH 5033	Project Planning and Programming	
ARCH 5131	Form and Function in Health and Environments	
Current Topics Courses		
Select three from the following: ¹		3
ARCH 5132	Current Topics in Health Facilities Planning and Design	
ARCH 5133	Current Topics in Healthy Communities and Design	
ARCH 5134	Current Topics in Resilience and Design	
ARCH 5135	Current Topics in Energy and Performance	
ARCH 5136	Current Topics in Fabrication and Making	
ARCH 5137	Current Topics in Visualization	
ARCH 5138	Current Topics in Materials and Design	
Architecture Electives ²		6
Additional Electives ²		9
Total Credit Hours		30

¹ Multiple sections with different speakers are offered throughout the year. Course numbers may be taken more than once.

² Electives are selected in consultation with an advisor.

OR MS with Optional Concentration in Health Facilities

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses		
ARCH 5013	Facilities for Health Workshop 1	3
ARCH 5014	Facilities for Health Workshop 2	3
ARCH 5096	Health Facilities Practice and Management	3
ARCH 5131	Form and Function in Health and Environments	3
HIM 5112	Health Information Systems: Design and Decision Making	3
SBS 5001	Fundamentals of Public Health	3
Architecture Current Topics Courses		
Select three from the following: ¹		3
ARCH 5132	Current Topics in Health Facilities Planning and Design	
ARCH 5133	Current Topics in Healthy Communities and Design	
ARCH 5134	Current Topics in Resilience and Design	
ARCH 5135	Current Topics in Energy and Performance	
ARCH 5136	Current Topics in Fabrication and Making	
ARCH 5137	Current Topics in Visualization	
ARCH 5138	Current Topics in Materials and Design	
College of Public Health Courses		
Select three from the following: ²		9
HIM 5101	Fundamentals of Health Informatics	
HIM 5111	Technology for Healthcare Financial Management	
HIM 5128	Health Data: Standards and Interoperability	

HPM 5014	Leadership and Management in Non-Profit Organizations
HPM 5122	Healthcare Quality and Safety
Total Credit Hours	

30

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² Courses are selected in consultation with an advisor.

Culminating Event: Successful completion of coursework earns the student the MS degree in Facilities Planning.

Contacts

Program Web Address:

<https://www.temple.edu/academics/degree-programs/facilities-planning-ms-ta-arfp-ms>

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215-777-9090

Mailing Address for Official Transcripts:

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Submission Address for Portfolio:

<https://temple.slideroom.com/>

Submission Address for All Other Application Materials:

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