

UNT (collective response from UNT faculty):

1) department's curriculum and the specific skills that are built into that curriculum

I. 5 core classes –

- Thought and Praxis I
- Thought and Praxis II
- Ethnographic and Qualitative Methods
- Quantitative Methods
- Pre-practicum (professional development class) - combination of a class that shows students the wide variety of applied anthropology opportunities, but also prepares them for their practicum.

II. 5 electives –

- 2 must be within anthropology
- 2 must be outside anthropology
- 1 is either within or outside anthropology

If getting MS degree, 1 elective outside of anthropology must be a “skills” class

III. 2 practicum classes –

- Practicum I – doing the practicum
- Practicum II – writing up the practicum

Skills education and training built into the curriculum:

Thought skills:

- how to apply theory to solve social problems (or to their area of interest – medical, business, education)
- understanding and applying ethnographic authority (that what they have done is valid and important)
- understanding and applying a genealogy of theoretical ideas
- critical thinking skills
- taking a holistic perspective
- how to think about and resolve ethical issues

Methodological skills:

- ethnographic methods
- participant observation
- interviewing skills – individual and focus groups
- sampling
- coding
- Atlas.ti
- SPSS
- qualitative and quantitative data analysis
- teamwork
- presentation of findings
- client report writing

Professional skills:

- **practicum**
 - making them find their own practicum site
 - approaching clients and selling themselves,
 - project design
 - writing the practicum proposal
 - doing the practicum

- **membership in a community of practice**
 - what are the professional organizations
 - how to attend conferences
 - how to network
 - awareness of debates in anthropology and developing positions on those debates
 - linking their work to what's going on in the discipline

- **career development skills**
 - doing informational interview
 - how to do a job interview
 - how to negotiate pay
 - client development for consulting
 - writing a project summary
 - marketing their skills
 - entrepreneurship and teamwork
 - meeting deadlines
 - knowing how to access information

Other general skills:

- increasing confidence
- working on several applied projects in teams (learning through doing)
- writing skills
- oral presentation skills
- articulating their thoughts
- stick-to-it-tiveness

2) skills that are important for our graduates that they aren't necessarily getting from the program in a formal setting

- more on participatory action research
- more on evaluation
- grant writing
- building webpages
- more on how to market themselves to potential employers

3) skills that the faculty encourage students to obtain outside of anthropology

General:

- grant writing course
- program planning and evaluation
- organization and political landscape of NGOs
- learning the perspective of other disciplines
- feminist courses

Specific to their area of interest:

- medical: epidemiology, public health program evaluation
- business: design, marketing, management, technology
- environmental: GIS, remote sensing, rapid rural appraisal, community mapping
- education: knowledge of education system, curriculum