College of Nursing

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About the College of Nursing

The College of Nursing is committed to addressing the critical nursing shortage across Texas by producing exceptionally prepared nurses and advanced nursing research. We are devoted to creating and implementing the most effective educational experience with cutting-edge classroom technologies and simulated experiences that include standardized patients and virtual clinical learning activities.

As leaders, our graduates are taught to question traditional methods and continually seek the best practices based on relevant clinical research. Through community service and leadership opportunities, the TAMHSC-College of Nursing fosters a sense of social responsibility and global citizenship. Likewise, we are developing research innovations to enhance the education and preparation of nurses, improving the delivery of patient care across an eclectic array of populations, and translating research evidence into practice.

The Degree of Master of Science in Nursing

Admission to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program requires the student to have graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from an institution of higher education that is both accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency and either NLNAC or CCNE. The student must have an active, unencumbered Registered Nurse license to practice in the state of Texas (or show active licensure by the end of the first semester). The College does not require an entrance exam for admission to the MSN program.

The College of Nursing offers two (2) tracks leading to the MSN: Nursing Education and Family Nurse Practitioner. The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Education is a professional degree program which prepares the graduate to apply principles of education in the role of educator in various patient care settings and in institutions of higher education. The graduate develops expertise in the teaching of nursing students, patients, consumers and other individuals.

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Family Nurse Practitioner program of study prepares students as advanced practice nurses for community-oriented primary care. Upon completion, graduates are eligible to sit for national certification examinations and to apply for approval to practice as FNPs in Texas. Students will be expect to travel to campus for clinical or class activities approximately once per semester. Students will be responsible for obtaining their own preceptors.

Masters

- Master of Science in Nursing in Family Nurse Practitioner
- Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Education