The College of Nursing is committed to addressing the critical nursing shortage across Texas through exceptional educational programs in nursing. Our students are provided with cutting-edge classroom technologies and simulated experiences, which 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 College of Nursing fosters a sense of social responsibility and global citizenship.

History

After receiving approval in 2008 from the Texas Board of Nursing, the College of Nursing located in Bryan-College Station, Texas, was created. Initially, 44 students were admitted expected to assist upon graduation with the severe nursing shortage across Texas. With a nursing workforce shortage and a large population that is aging and ready to retire, it is vital to the state of Texas to help increase the number of baccalaureate-prepared registered nurses. The college is committed to addressing this need. The faculty and staff believe that highly skilled nurses, working in collaboration with other health professionals, through research and service can enable individuals, families and groups to achieve a maximum state of well-being.

Administrative Officers

Dean - Sharon Wilkerson, Ph.D., R.N., C.N.E., A.N.E.F.
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Associate Dean for Student Affairs - Kathryn McCallum, M.S.N., R.N.
Associate Dean for Finance and Administration - Shirley Davidson, M.B.A.
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College of Nursing Programs

Program: Baccalaureate degree in nursing
Length: 12 to 22 months

General Admissions Requirements: Prerequisite coursework varies by program
Application Deadline:Varies depending on program of study
Start Term:Varies depending on program of study
Specialization, Program of Study: BSN Traditional Track, BSN Second Degree Track, RN to BSN Track
Degree: BSN.

Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing

The College of Nursing offers three tracks that lead to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Upon obtaining the BSN degree, the prelicensure graduates will apply to take the registered nurse (RN) licensure examination.

Accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is an autonomous accrediting agency, contributing to the improvement of the public’s health. A specialized/professional accrediting agency, CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs and of post-baccalaureate nurse residency programs. The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education gave a full ten year accreditation to the College of Nursing in 2014 for the B.S.N. program. For more information on accreditation, go to www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation (http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation).

Good Academic Standing

Good academic standing is defined as having a minimum grade point average of a 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale), maintaining a minimum grade of C in all courses, and non-probationary status. Students must be in good academic standing in order to progress in the program. Grades of D, F, or U are not acceptable in nursing courses. Students who receive a grade of D, F or U in any course in any given semester will be automatically placed on probation and notified in writing of probation status. The student will remain on probation until the course is repeated with a C or better. The course can only be taken through the Texas A&M College of Nursing. Students who earn a grade of D or F upon repetition of a nursing course or have two nursing course failures are ineligible to continue enrollment in the College.

Students must complete the program to which they enrolled in three (3) consecutive years or six (6) long semesters. Exceptions for extenuating circumstances (i.e. serious illness, pregnancy, etc.) will be considered. In addition to obtaining grades of C or above in all nursing courses, students must demonstrate their ability to deliver safe care to patients at all times. Failure to provide safe patient care may result in immediate withdrawal from the course and, potentially, dismissal from the College of Nursing.

Academic Dismissal

Students will not be permitted to continue in the nursing program or apply for readmission if they:

1. receive a grade of D or F in more than one course,
2. receive any combination of grades of D or F on two attempts of the same course, or
3. receive notice of dismissal from the program by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs or the Associate Dean for Student Affairs for failure to adhere to College of Nursing policy.

**Nursing Professional Code of Ethics**

Students in nursing and other health professions curricula are held to standards of conduct that both differ from and exceed those usually expected of university students. Each student enrolled in the College of Nursing is expected to uphold the professional code of ethics established for and by the nursing profession. The nurse recognizes that his/her first obligation is to the patient’s welfare.

Any situation that threatens patient safety, exhibits a lack of moral character, demonstrates a lack of professionalism or good judgment, and/or proves harmful to the hospital or college environment is a violation of College/Hospital policy and may result in immediate termination from the program.

**Compliance Requirements for Clinical Courses**

Students must provide documentation confirming completion of compliance requirements prior to participating in clinical nursing courses. Information on requirements is provided upon admission and during New Student Orientation.

**Locations**

The College of Nursing educates students at two locations: Bryan/College Station and Round Rock, Texas. The Bryan/College Station campus opened in 2010 and serves as the headquarters of the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Nursing. The 200-acre campus is located along State Highway 47 approximately three miles west of the main campus of Texas A&M University. In 2009, the College of Nursing opened a new facility in Round Rock providing a state-of-the-art 134,000 square-foot structure with classrooms, a simulation center, library, study lounge, student services and faculty offices. Additionally, the College of Nursing has two advising locations, Lufkin and McAllen, Texas.

**Faculty**

Ancheta, Angelita O, Clinical Assistant Professor
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**Majors**

**College of Nursing**

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- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Second Degree BSN Track (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/nursing/second-degree-bsn)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Traditional BSN (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/nursing/bsn)

**Masters**

**College of Nursing**

- Master of Science in Nursing in Family Nurse Practitioner (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/nursing/msn-family-practitioner)
- Master of Science in Nursing in Forensic Nursing (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/nursing/msn-forensic-nursing)
- Master of Science in Nursing in Nursing Education (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/colleges-schools-interdisciplinary/nursing/msn)