College of Nursing

The College of Nursing offers a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) and various certificate programs. Students enrolling in the Master of Science in Nursing degree program can elect majors in Nursing Education, Nurse Practitioner (concentrations in Adult Gerontology Acute Care, Family, Pediatrics Acute Care and Pediatrics Primary Care, and Psychiatric Mental Health Across the Lifespan), and Nursing Administration and Management. The MSN nursing degree programs are accredited and qualify students for national certification in their specialty. Certificate Programs include a Nurse Educator Certificate, Nursing Administration and Management Certificate, and a Post Graduate APRN certificate: the Post-Master's Certificate with concentrations in Acute Geriatrics, Family Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Nurse Acute Care, Pediatric Nurse Primary Care.

The Graduate Program (MSN) in Nursing has national accreditation through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) (http://www.aacn.nche.edu/CCNE/reports/accprog.asp), the agency that accredits the majority of baccalaureate and higher nursing degree programs. Students completing the Graduate Program in Nursing earn a degree leading to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) as an administrator, an educator, or a nurse practitioner.

Vision

The UTEP College of Nursing will prepare nursing leaders by providing student-centered nursing programs with academic rigor, integrating evidence-based knowledge in nursing education and clinical practice, and expanding nursing knowledge through healthcare research locally and binationally.

Mission

The mission of the College of Nursing at the University of Texas at El Paso is to prepare baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral-level nurses to meet the diverse and complex needs of a competitive healthcare environment. We inspire evidence -based lifelong learning and utilization of advanced technologies by providing a progressive research environment where students, faculty and researcher investigate our community's healthcare needs by implementing accountability, human dignity, and ethics. We seek to improve healthcare and quality of life in our diverse, multicultural, underserved local communities by empowering nursing graduates to become transformative leaders in the dynamic healthcare environment.

Guiding Principles

- Access
- Excellence
- Impact
- Diversity

Our Values

CON Values: The core values of our college are accountability, civic engagement, collaboration, diversity, ethics, human dignity, inclusion, and innovation.

Admission Requirements

Prior to admission, applications and official transcripts are submitted online to the Graduate School for evaluation. Final decisions regarding admission are made by the Dean of the Graduate School upon the recommendation of the appropriate Program Director in the College of Nursing. Applicants for specific majors are evaluated based on academic history, experience, letter of intent, and interview (if required).

Students are admitted into all MSN programs twice a year (Fall and Spring). Students are admitted into the DNP program annually into the fall.

ADA Statement for Nursing Profession

Nursing is a physically and mentally challenging profession. Nurses are required to think critically and quickly in order to respond to patient care needs. Providing patient care in the clinical setting is physically and mentally demanding. If you have a disability and need class accommodations, contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 915-747-5148, or visit their office located in the UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website (https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/cass/). *CASS' Staff are the only individuals who can validate and if need be, authorize accommodations for students with disabilities.*

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Programs

Master of Science in Nursing

- M.S.N. Nursing Education (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/school-of-nursing/msn-nursing-education/)
- M.S.N. Nurse Practitioner (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/school-of-nursing/msn-nurse-practitioner/)
  - Concentration in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care
  - Concentration on Family Nurse Practitioner
  - Concentration in Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
  - Concentration on Pediatric Nurse Acute Care
  - Concentration on Pediatric Nurse Primary Care
  - Concentration on Psychiatric Mental Health
- M.S.N. Nursing Administration and Management (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/school-of-nursing/msn-nursing-administration-management/)

Doctor of Nursing Practice

- Doctor of Nursing Practice (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/school-of-nursing/doctor-of-nursing-practice/)

Doctor of Philosophy

- Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/college-of-health-sciences/health-sciences-deans-office/interdisciplinary-health-sciences-phd/)

Certificate

- Post-Master's Nurse Practitioner Certificate (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/school-of-nursing/post-masters-nursing-certificate/)
  - Concentration in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care
  - Concentration on Family Nurse Practitioner
  - Concentration on Pediatric Nurse Acute Care
  - Concentration on Pediatric Nurse Primary Care
  - Concentration on Psychiatric Mental Health
- (https://catalog.utep.edu/grad/school-of-nursing/nursing-education-post-graduate-certificate/)P (https://catalog.utep.edu/grad/school-of-nursing/nursing-administration-management-post-graduate-certificate/)ost-Graduate Certificate in Nursing Administration and Management (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/school-of-nursing/nursing-administration-management-post-graduate-certificate/)
- Post-Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education (https://catalog.utep.edu/grad/school-of-nursing/nursing-education-post-graduate-certificate/)
- Post-Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/school-of-nursing/post-graduate-psychiatric-mental-health-certificate/)

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