School of Nursing

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Introduction

The School 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 with an Acute Care focus, Family, Pediatrics Acute Care and Pediatrics Primary Care), and Nursing Systems Management. The MSN nursing degree programs are accredited and qualify students for national certification in their specialty. Certificate Programs include a Nurse Educator Certificate, a Nursing Systems Management Certificate, and a Post-Master’s Nurse Practitioner Certificate with concentration in Family, Pediatrics Acute Care, Pediatrics Primary Care or Adult/Gerontology with an Acute Care focus.

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.

The vision of the School of Nursing (SON) is to be the leader in nursing practice, education and research in the global health care environment.

The mission of the School of Nursing is to

• Prepare professional nurses at bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral levels to meet complex human needs in a competitive global market
• Provide an environment where students, faculty and researchers investigate and meet global healthcare needs.
• Inspire lifelong learning and utilization of advanced technologies
• Improve healthcare and quality of life in our diverse local communities
• Prepare graduates to make significant contributions to nursing, local communities, and world

Through excellence, innovation, and diversity, the SON graduate program curriculum prepares professional nurses for advanced leadership in enhanced practice, clinical scholarship, and role expansion. Enhancement of practice occurs through augmentation, refinement, and application of knowledge and theory. Supervised evidence-based projects enhance students’ inquiry and research skills. Role expansion occurs through advanced practice in the clinical, educational, management and leadership arenas; functions to improve health care delivery, access, and quality; and, increases professional responsibilities to society.

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 School of Nursing. Applicants for specific majors are evaluated based on academic history, experience, letter of intent, and interview (if required).

Students are admitted into the Nursing Education and Nursing Systems Management programs on a rolling basis three times a year. Because of the competitive nature and limited available clinical placements, students are admitted into the Nurse Practitioner Program/Concentrations twice a year. Contact gradnursing@utep.edu for specific information regarding deadlines and requirements.

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 direct patient care in the clinical rotation can also be physically demanding and may involve assisting patients in transfer, ambulation and activities of daily living. Students with disabilities may contact the UTEP Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 915.747.5148 or by email at cass@utep.edu or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106.

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- M.S.N. Nursing Systems Management (http://catalog.utep.edu/grad/school-of-nursing/msn-nursing-systems-management)
Doctor of Nursing Practice

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

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