College of Nursing

A baccalaureate nursing program (BSN) was established in El Paso in 1970 under the administration of The University of Texas System College of Nursing. In 1976, the College of Nursing became an integral part of The University of Texas at El Paso and was organized as a College of Nursing. The Health Science and Medical Technology Programs were transferred to the College in 1979 and, shortly thereafter, the name was changed to the College of Nursing and Allied Health. In 1999, the College of Nursing became an integral part of the once-again renamed College of Health Sciences and the College of Nursing. On September 1, 2006, the College of Nursing again became its own independent unit and is now known as The University of Texas at El Paso College of Nursing.

The College of Nursing is located on the main UTEP campus at 1851 Wiggins Road, across from the University Library, and is housed in a large, modern building which includes classrooms, laboratories, faculty offices, and lounges for both students and faculty.

The College of Nursing provides an undergraduate nursing program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (various options) as well as graduate programs culminating in the Master of Science in Nursing and/or Doctorate in Nursing Practice.

The undergraduate nursing program at the University of Texas at El Paso is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the State of Texas Board of Nursing (TBON).

The curriculum provides an innovative, integrated and conceptual model for teaching and learning wherein critical thinking and decision-making are emphasized. It is grounded in the sciences and is focused on addressing nursing and health care across the life span.

The degree plan consists of approximately two years of lower-division course work followed by two or more years of upper-division nursing courses taken at the College of Nursing. The entire program is possible to complete in eight full-term semesters. The curriculum culminates in preceptored clinical practicums that include learning and practice with experienced professional nurses in acute care facilities and community health care settings.

Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded the degree and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (N-CLEX RN).

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.

Objectives of the Undergraduate Nursing Program

1. Provide professional nursing care to individuals, families, groups, and communities in various developmental stages and from different sociocultural backgrounds.
2. Use critical thinking and apply theories, principles, and concepts in making clinical judgments about the health care needs of individuals, families, and communities.
3. Intervene to minimize or alleviate stressors: to reinforce positive adaptive behavior; to promote, maintain, and restore health; and to care for the ill, disabled, and terminally ill.
4. Collaborate with other professionals, agency personnel, and consumers in planning, implementing, and evaluating health care.
5. Practice nursing within the framework of legal, ethical, moral, and professional standards.

6. Use research findings in the care of clients/patients.
7. Provide leadership within the nursing profession and in health affairs.
8. Develop a lifetime commitment to intellectual inquiry, self-directed learning, and professional growth.
9. Use undergraduate education as a basis for graduate study.

Admission and Advising

Students are required to maintain the following GPAs and TEAS scores for the nursing courses:

1. Overall GPA of at least 3.0
2. Pre-Professional GPA of at least 3.20
3. Passing TEAS scores of at least 68% Composite, 65% reading and 55% science

Students seeking admission to the University as freshmen or transfers should consult the Undergraduate Admission section in this Catalog. Transfer students are required to have at least a 3.0 overall GPA from at least one of their previous transfer institutions. Students transferring from other nursing programs must submit a written statement from the dean or department chair of their previous program stating that the student is eligible to return to that program. This statement should be submitted via mail to the College of Nursing Office at Student Affairs at nursing@utep.edu

Clinical and Compliance Requirements

Students registered in the professional nursing courses must meet all clinical compliance requirements. Please refer to Clinical Compliance (https://www.utep.edu/chs/compliance/) for specific requirements. *Failure to comply with clinical clearance requirements will result in students having holds placed on registration or being dropped from courses.*

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Programs

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/school-of-nursing/nursing-bs/)
- RN-to-BSN Option (http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/school-of-nursing/rn-bsn-option/)

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