I have never regretted my decision to become a nurse. Using scholarly inquiry to advance the theoretical foundation of nursing practice. The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing degree at The University of Texas (UT) Health Science Center San Antonio opens up numerous new career paths and offers a variety of entry points for those new to or currently working in the nursing field. Bachelor’s and Master’s prepared nurses who are excited by new ideas, research, and education are ideal candidates for this doctoral program.

The program was designed to create nurse scientists and scholars who are committed to researching and expanding knowledge within various professional, academic, and clinical arenas. The academic curriculum focuses on the philosophy of science, theory, meta-theory, quantitative and qualitative research methods, and statistics. Doctoral study culminates in an original research project that is reported and defended in a dissertation.

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When you are ready to advance to the highest level of nursing scholarship, The UT Health Science Center San Antonio is an outstanding place to receive the education and experience you need to advance your research career.
SPECIALIZATION, PROGRAM OF STUDY:
Nursing Science

LENGTH: 3-6 YEARS

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
To be considered for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD) Program the following factors are required:
- Bachelors in Nursing and/or Masters in Nursing from a nationally accredited school of nursing (NLNAC, CCNE)
- Licensure as a Registered Nurse in Texas or Compact License
- Grade Point Average of "B" (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required
- Official transcript(s) from each post-secondary institution attended are required, regardless of whether or not a degree was earned.
- Statistics course
- Three letters of professional reference attesting to the applicant’s qualifications for doctoral education in nursing.
- Current resume or curriculum vitae
- Statement of Goals and Interests – submitted directly to the School of Nursing.
- Graduate Record Examination General (aptitude) test (verbal and quantitative sections) taken within the last 5 years.
- Interview
- Applicants who have completed college-level coursework outside of the United States must have all international coursework evaluated, which can be completed by sending transcripts to a foreign credential evaluation service.
- **International applicants – English proficiency test**
  International applicants must have one official copy of a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) score. TOEFL and IELTS scores are to be no more than two years old.
  A minimum TOEFL score of 550 is required on paper examination; 250 on computer-based examination; or 68 on the internet based examination. A minimum IELTS score of 6.5 is required.
  - TOEFL school code: 3383

ONCE CONDITIONAL ADMISSION IS GRANTED, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED:
- Current CPR Certification (American Heart Association)
- Current Immunizations (see the School of Nursing website under "newly admitted students" for details on immunizations http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/index.asp)
- Current health insurance
- Pass criminal background check

APPLICATION AND DEADLINES
All applicants must submit through NursingCAS, the application, transcripts, references, and payment.
- **Admission Deadlines:**
  - Fall entry only: February 1st

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships:
- General Scholarships
- Applications are distributed to applicants and enrolled students.

Loans:
- Apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/.
- Federal/State grants are available for qualified applicants.
  Submit your FAFSA early to be eligible.

Tuition and Fees:
- http://studentservices.uthscsa.edu/cs_tuitionfees.aspx

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