With an increasingly complex health care system, rapid advances in technology, and growth in scientific knowledge, there is a growing need for nurses with specialized knowledge, advanced practice expertise, and strong leadership skills. If you are considering higher education that will help you meet these challenges, few degrees will give you more options and greater opportunities than a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from The University of Texas (UT) Health Science Center San Antonio.

Advanced training to expand your career.
The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree is the next logical step for Registered Nurses and BSN prepared nurses who wish to advance their career. With an MSN degree from The UT Health Science Center San Antonio, you can focus your advanced specialized skills in Direct Care – serving the health care needs of groups and individuals. Or, you can apply your preparation in countless Indirect Care areas, such as administration and management. Your MSN degree will also serve as an excellent stepping stone if you wish to pursue further advanced education in Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs.

The MSN degree offers different tracks for study.
- **ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT**
  Focusses on administrative leadership and management of the business of nursing within the integrated health care system. Responsibilities include supporting clinical practice, administration, education, research, and the expansion of nursing knowledge at the organizational and community level. No specific work experience or professional statement is required.

- **EDUCATION**
  Focusses on the leadership, management, and human competencies required to influence and direct dynamic, rapidly evolving, integrated education and health systems. Upon completion of the program, the graduate will earn an MSN with a major in nursing education, and will become a competent nurse educator who can function effectively in academic settings, provide staff development instruction, and serve as a patient educator. Practicums are based in evidence and best business practices; support care delivery, administration, education, research, and information dissemination; and are framed by advocacy for safe, quality defined outcomes and the nursing profession. A minimum of two (2) years in the last four (4) years of nursing practice experience.

- **CLINICAL NURSE LEADER (CNL)**
  The Clinical Nurse Leader is an advanced generalist who serves as a direct care provider accountable for the care outcomes of a clinical population or a specified group of patients in a health care system. The CNL provides for lateral integration of care to ensure quality care outcomes.

- **ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER**
  You will acquire advanced knowledge and clinical skills enabling you to provide quality comprehensive care to the adult population from late adolescent to the older adult, across the continuum of care settings. Extensive coursework and practicum will focus on the full spectrum of the young adult-older adult care and provide the opportunity to focus on the differing and unique developmental, life-stage needs.

- **FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER (FNP)**
  A Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) is a registered professional nurse with advanced education and clinical training to provide health care to individuals across the lifespan and their families. The FNP is an expert health care provider who practices under the rules and regulations of the State's Nurse Practice Act.

- **PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER (PMHNP)**
  You will acquire advanced knowledge and clinical skills enabling you to provide quality comprehensive care to clients across the lifespan. Extensive course work and practicum will prepare you to focus on the range of mental health care needs of individuals and families.

- **PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER (PNP)**
  You will acquire advanced knowledge and clinical skills enabling you to provide quality comprehensive care to children, from infancy to adolescence. Extensive course work and practicum will prepare you to perform complete physical exams, take health histories, diagnose and treat common minor illnesses and injuries while providing health education.
SPECIALIZATION, PROGRAM OF STUDY:
Administrative Management, Clinical Nurse Leader, Nurse Practitioner (Family Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology Acute Nurse Practitioner).

LENGTH: 2-3 YEARS

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
To be considered for admission to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Program the following factors are required:
• Bachelor's in Nursing
• 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
• Application Fee
• Submit official transcript(s) from each post-secondary institution attended, even if no degree awarded, to NursingCAS
• Statistics course
• Three Professional References (Submit via NursingCAS application)
• Current resume or curriculum vitae
• For MSN in Education program only: Has at least one (1) year in the last two (2) years of nursing practice.
• Statement of Goals and Interests – submitted directly to the School of Nursing
• International transcripts must be evaluated by an accredited foreign credential service
• International applicants – English proficiency test
  International applicants must have an 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: Deadline for fall entrance is February 1.

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/

Grants:
- 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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