With an increasingly complex health care system, rapid advances in technology, and continued 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 UT Health Science Center San Antonio.

**Advanced training to expand your career.**

Associate degree/or diploma RNs interested in advancing their career as a health care provider, or administrator can do so with a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). The MSN curriculum builds upon the professional nurse’s strengths and experiences to expand professional knowledge and practice skills, which provide potential career changing opportunities.

The School of Nursing offers a direct pathway from an associate degree/diploma to the MSN degree. Students enrolled in the Alternate Entry ADN to MSN Program participate in transitional courses, which facilitate movement through Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) competencies en route to the MSN without requiring repetition of content from previous programs.

This direct pathway is facilitated by distinguished faculty members who are responsible for teaching, research, and clinical activities at the School of Nursing and who are nationally recognized for their excellence in teaching, research, and service.

**ALTERNATE ENTRY STUDENTS HAVE 6 DIFFERENT MAJORS TO CHOOSE FROM**

- Clinical Nurse Leader
- Administrative Management
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

**DYNAMIC TEACHING AND LEARNING FORMAT**

Students complete 21 rather than 30 BSN credits and are required to complete a minimum of 40 semester credit hours to receive the MSN. The MSN curriculum is offered in a hybrid format, which includes seat, and online teaching and learning time. This supports best teaching practices and allows for flexibility to manage current careers and other life demands.

**REASONS TO ENROLL IN THE ADN TO MSN PROGRAM**

- Nationally Recognized Faculty
- Hybrid Curriculum
- Affordable Tuition
- Scholarship & Grant Opportunities
- Professional Growth

**Why you should pursue your advanced degree at The UT Health Science Center San Antonio.**

The UT Health Science Center San Antonio offers a top-rated MSN program which boasts exceptional faculty and considerable resources of a major academic health center, enabling you to enjoy leadership training, clinical and community experience, as well as opportunities for interdisciplinary research not afforded by many other nursing programs. Exceptional faculty, cutting edge technology, extramural grants, and other types of financial aid are just a few of the many resources available to students. The information technology, library holdings, clinical laboratories’ equipment, and space for academic and practice initiatives at The University of Texas Health Science Center are among the best in the country.

When you are ready to pursue an advanced degree in nursing, The UT Health Science Center San Antonio will provide you with the education and experience you need to advance your career.
ADMISSION CRITERIA
Admission to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is based on a holistic review of applicants. Consideration of multiple criteria is used to determine admission.

FACTORS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN CONSIDERATION OF APPLICANTS ARE:

- Completion of 60 hours of required pre-requisite courses (listed below)
- Submitted web application (http://nursing.uthscsa.edu)
- Associate’s Degree or Diploma in Nursing
- Current licensure as a Registered Nurse in Texas (or a compact state)
- Ability to obtain professional liability insurance coverage
- Current CPR certification
- Current immunizations (see website for requirements)
- Current health insurance
- Basic computer skills
- Clear criminal background check
- Professional goal statement / essay
- Cumulative grade point average of “B” (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher
- TOEFL is required from applicants who completed all courses at international institutions (non-English instructions). TOEFL scores can be no more than two (2) years old. Scores requirement: minimum score of 550 required on paper examination; 250 on computer-based examination; or 68 on the internet based examination.
- Three (3) professional references who can evaluate applicant’s qualifications for masters education in nursing
- Application fee
- Official transcripts submitted from each post-secondary institution attended. All international transcripts must be evaluated by an accredited foreign credentialing service

REQUIRED PRE-REQUISITE COURSES OR EQUIVALENTS:

English (6 Hours) ENGL 1301 & 1302
College Algebra or higher (3 Hours) MATH 1314
Math Statistics (3 Hours) MATH 1442
Anatomy & Physiology (8 Hours) BIO 2401 & BIO 2402
Microbiology (4 Hours) BIO 2420 or 2421
Chemistry (6 Hours) CHEM 1406 & 1407
Nutrition (3 Hours) BIO 1322
Humanities (3 Hours) Philosophy, Literature or cultural studies
Psychology (3 Hours) PSY 2301
Growth & Development (3 Hours) PSY 2314
Sociology (3 Hours) SOC 1301
U.S. History (6 Hours) HIST 1301 & HIST 1302
U.S. and Texas Government (6 Hours) GOVT 2301 & 2302
Visual & Performing Arts Credit (3 Hours) Courses with prefixes ARTS, DANC, MUAP, MUEN, MUSI, DRAM, or equivalent

All prerequisite courses must be completed before or by the application deadline