



### Admission to the Program

Admission to the Texas State University School of Nursing is competitive and selective. For admission to the fall semester, the application period begins the previous October 1 and runs through the second Friday in January.

To apply for admission you must:

- Be admitted to Texas State University
- Complete an application form and pay the \$25 application fee
- Have a maximum of 18 remaining prerequisite credit hours (including no more than nine science credits) to complete in the spring and summer semesters
- Complete biology courses not more than five years prior to admission with limited repeats
- Take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS V), an assessment of academic preparedness covering reading, math, science, English and language usage
- Write and submit a persuasive essay
- Submit to a criminal background check run through the Board of Nursing
- Submit to drug testing through a vendor specified by the School of Nursing

Decisions about admission will be announced by mid-March. A total of 100 students will be selected to begin the program each academic year.

### Financial Aid and Scholarships

Texas State offers scholarships, grants, loans and work-study programs that are open to all majors. For more information, visit [www.finaid.txstate.edu](http://www.finaid.txstate.edu) or call 512.245.2315.

Texas State University-San Marcos is an equal opportunity educational institution. This information is available in alternate format upon request from the Office of Disability Services.

# Nursing



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### School of Nursing

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**F**ew careers are in more demand than nursing. More than a half-million new nursing jobs will be created in the United States in the next 10 years, with hundreds in Central Texas alone. In response to this growing need, Texas State has established a bachelor of science in nursing program in Round Rock. Balance academic and hands-on training as you complete the five-semester program, which begins your junior year, in a state-of-the-art facility designed to prepare you for this rewarding field.



### The Facility

Located in Round Rock, Texas, the almost 80,000-square-foot, three-story nursing building features realistic clinical laboratories, ranging from home care to critical care, using high-tech simulation manikins.

The building features Wi-Fi throughout the teaching, study and meeting spaces. Students are required to have laptop computers and PDAs or smart phones in order to be linked with the latest educational and health care applications in classroom and clinical settings.

### The Program

To earn a bachelor of science in nursing, you will complete 130 semester credit hours, including 63 hours of prerequisite course work taken prior to admission to the nursing program and 67 hours of nursing courses once admitted.

### Course Work

- Adult Health Nursing\*
- Age-Specific Health Assessment\*
- Age-Specific Nursing\*
- Childbearing Families/Pediatrics\*
- Community Health Nursing\*
- Health Care Systems
- Leadership and Management of Nursing Care
- Life Span Nursing\*
- Nursing Care in Complex Environments\*
- Nursing Profession I and II
- Pharmacology/Pathophysiology
- Psychiatric and Behavioral Health Nursing\*
- Research and Ethics

*\*Indicates companion clinical component.*

### Mission

The Texas State University School of Nursing educates and prepares graduates, using innovative teaching strategies and state-of-the-art technology, to function in professional nursing roles to promote, maintain and restore health and wellness and to prevent illness among diverse individuals and communities. Graduates demonstrate competence as critical thinkers who effectively collaborate as members of the inter-professional health care team and utilize scientifically based interventions. These future nurses will provide ethical, safe and effective patient-centered care and contribute to present and emerging research and health management practices.

### Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the nursing program, a graduate of the Texas State University School of Nursing will be able to:

- Facilitate safe, holistic and effective patient/family-centered care outcomes through use of evidence-based research and other science-based frameworks to promote and maintain health and prevent disease
- Demonstrate professional accountability and responsibility for nursing judgments and actions within an ethical and legal framework, utilizing the most current knowledge
- Demonstrate leadership in the provision and coordination of safe, cost-effective and high-quality nursing care
- Advocate for patients, families, communities and the nursing profession, applying values and utilizing an ethical framework, critical reasoning and cultural competence
- Utilize information and technology to communicate, manage knowledge, educate, mitigate error and support decision making
- Provide entry-level professional nursing care to clients across the lifespan in a variety of health care settings

### Our Values

In pursuing excellence in nursing education, we the faculty and staff of the School of Nursing are guided by shared values. We believe in:

- Educational opportunities that provide for intellectual and professional growth and that challenge students to excel in nursing
- A holistic approach to nursing education across the continuum of health and the lifespan
- Diversity and a spirit of inclusiveness with respect for the dignity and moral wholeness of every person, without conditions or limitations
- Cultivation of character and the modeling of honesty, integrity, caring, compassion, fairness, respect and ethical behavior
- Teaching and learning based on student involvement and free exchange of ideas and diverse perspectives
- Research, scholarship and creative activity as a source for evidence-based practice and generation of new knowledge as an expression of the human spirit
- Commitment to public service and advocacy as a resource for personal, educational, cultural and economic development in promotion of a healthy environment
- Caring, thoughtful reflection, collaboration, planning, and evaluation to meet diverse and changing healthcare needs, practices and resources
- Professional competency, systematic use of the nursing process, leadership, critical reasoning and lifelong learning leading to safe, quality patient care
- Interprofessional activity allowing for the advancement of science and positive patient outcomes