

Master of Science in Nursing (Nursing Education)

About this Program

The MSN in Nursing Education prepares students who want to seek careers in nursing education either in academic or healthcare settings.

Competencies

1. Upon completion, students will be able to facilitate learning by implementing a variety of teaching strategies as appropriate to learner needs and fostering learner development and socialization.
2. Upon completion, students will demonstrate expertise in teaching and evaluating learners, developing nursing programs, courses, and curricula and positively impact the future of the nursing profession.
3. Upon completion, students will be able to use research and theoretical principles in the development, implementation, and evaluation of nursing education.
4. Upon completion, students will be able to develop collaborative relationships with education and healthcare professionals to focus on economic, psychosocial, cultural and environmental factors that impact the quality of nursing education.

Admissions Criteria

Applicants for the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree must meet the general [requirements for graduate admissions](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/) (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/>) as well as the requirements detailed below.

All graduate nursing students must have an unencumbered Registered Nursing License as designated by the Board of Nursing (BON) for clinical courses. It is imperative that any student whose license becomes encumbered by the BON must immediately notify their department chair. The complete policy regarding encumbered RN license is available on the [Department of Graduate Nursing website](https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/conhi/academics/grad-nursing/) (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/conhi/academics/grad-nursing/>) under **Clinical Requirements**.

UNCONDITIONAL ADMISSION

For unconditional admission to the MSN, applicants must have:

- A GPA of 3.0 or higher on the last 60 hours of courses in the bachelor's degree program (as calculated by UTA Admissions).
- BSN from ACEN or CCNE Accredited Program (evaluated by the Associate Dean or designee).

PROBATIONARY ADMISSION

When admitted on probation, a student must maintain a 3.0 GPA in the first two semesters of enrollment in the graduate program. Probationary students are admitted for part-time study only.

If a person does not meet probationary admission requirements, he or she may request review by a Committee of the Graduate Nursing Faculty. The Committee may request completion of coursework and/or additional information to support the individual's petition for admission.

UTA offers probationary admission to the MSN for applicants who have:

- A GPA between 2.8 and 2.99 on the last 60 hours of courses in the bachelor's degree program (as calculated by UTA Admissions).

PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

An applicant unable to supply all required documentation prior to the admission deadline but who otherwise appears to meet admission requirements may be granted provisional admission.

DEFERRED STATUS

Deferred decision is granted when a file is incomplete or when a denial decision is not appropriate.

DENIAL OF ADMISSION

An applicant will be denied admission if they have less than satisfactory performance on a majority of admission criteria listed in the MSN Admission Table.

ADMISSION POLICY FOR INDIVIDUALS INELIGIBLE TO CONTINUE GRADUATE STUDY

Applicants who are on academic probation or who are ineligible to continue graduate study at another university are ineligible for admission. However, applicants may submit a petition to be reviewed by a Committee of the Graduate Nursing Faculty.

The committee will make a decision regarding admission based on the following:

- GPA on the last 60 hours of BSN, graduate GPA, GRE scores (if applicable), and English language score (if applicable);
- Official transcripts from BSN and all universities attended following completion of BSN;
- A narrative statement from the potential student providing a rationale for their ineligibility in the previous graduate program;
- A letter of reference from a graduate faculty in the previous program; and
- A plan for successful study at UT Arlington.

The admission committee reserves the right to ask for additional materials as needed. The committee will make its recommendation regarding admission to the Associate Dean or their designee of the Graduate Nursing Programs.

Curriculum

A degree plan is developed for the student upon admission to the MSN Program. Students are required to have any changes in degree plan approved by a Graduate Academic Advisor prior to registration.

MSN Core Courses

NURS 5327	EXPLORATION OF SCIENCE AND THEORIES FOR NURSING	3
NURS 5366	PRINCIPLES OF RESEARCH IN NURSING	3
NURS 5367	EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE	3

Specialization in Nursing Education

NURS 5150	ADVANCED CARE OF A CLIENT POPULATION	1
NURS 5300	ADVANCED ASSESSMENT, PATHOPHYSIOLOGY, AND PHARMACOLOGY FOR NURSE EDUCATORS	3
NURS 5302	CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT IN NURSING EDUCATION	3
NURS 5308	NURSING INFORMATICS	3
NURS 5310	TEACHING AND LEARNING THEORIES AND STRATEGIES IN NURSING EDUCATION	3
NURS 5312	ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION STRATEGIES IN NURSING EDUCATION	3
NURS 5360	SIMULATION APPLICATION IN NURSING	3
NURS 5362	TEACHING PRACTICUM	3

Functional Role

NURS 5329	ROLE OF THE NURSE EDUCATOR	3
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Total Hours		34
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Advising Resources

Graduate nursing students will be assigned a degree plan once admitted to the program. They are encouraged to make phone, in-person, or virtual appointments as needed to discuss their academic progression.

Location:

554 Pickard Hall

Email:

msnadvising@uta.edu

Phone:

817-272-2776

Web:

[Graduate Nursing Advising Information \(https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/conhi/student-resources/advising-grad-nursing/\)](https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/conhi/student-resources/advising-grad-nursing/)