Master of Science in Nursing (Healthcare Informatics)

About this Program

The Master of Science in Nursing (Healthcare Informatics) prepares students for advanced practice, education and management and research endeavors to address a change in health care landscape. Both full-time and part-time study options are available as well as online and classroom-based programs.

Competencies

1. Graduates will demonstrate competence in an advanced nursing informatics role
2. Graduates will be able to participate in scholarly endeavors to advance nursing informatics knowledge
3. Graduates will be able to provide leadership in professional nursing and inter-disciplinary healthcare informatics
4. Graduates will be able to integrates nursing science with analytical science to assess for patient outcomes, gaps in healthcare delivery, and advise in use of data management to improve healthcare outcomes for individuals, populations, or communities

Admissions Criteria

Applicants for the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree must meet the general requirements for graduate admissions (https://catalog.uta.edu/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/) 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).
- Two years of clinical experience as a Registered Nurse (RN). International students must have two years of clinical experience in a healthcare system in the United States (or equivalent).
- BSN from ACEN or CCNE Accredited Program (evaluated by the Associate Dean or designee).
- A C or better in undergraduate statistics.
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation certification.

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).
- GRE scores of at least 430 or 149 Verbal; 430 or 141 Quantitative; 3.5 Analytical Writing; and 430 Analytical.

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 Healthcare Informatics		
NURS 5388	STATISTICS FOR HEALTH CARE	3
NURS 5342	MANAGEMENT OF NURSING OPERATIONS	3
NURS-HI 5383	PRINCIPLES OF HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS	3
NURS 5341	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IN NURSING	3
NURS-HI 5384	HEALTHCARE DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYTICS	3
NURS-HI 5385	HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT	3
NURS-HI 5386	SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE INFORMATICS	3
NURS-HI 5687	INFORMATICS PRACTICUM	6
Total Hours		**36**

Program Completion

Students must complete the required 36 semester credit hours (SCHs) with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. The degree completion will be posted to the transcript at the time of the required 36 SCH. Time limit for completion of a degree program is 6 years.

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:

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