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Vision

The St. David's School of Nursing at Texas State University provides supportive and creative educational programs, which inspire those who teach and those who learn, based on mutual respect and a commitment to contribute to the health of individuals, families, populations, communities, and the environment worldwide.

Mission

Preparing the next generation of nurses to improve health care.

The St. David's School of Nursing at Texas State University educates and prepares graduates, using innovative teaching strategies and state-of-the-art technology. Graduates provide ethical, safe, and effective, patient-centered care, contribute to present and emerging research, and lead change in health management practices and health care systems. Graduates demonstrate competence in clinical judgement and diagnostics, collaborate as members and leaders of interprofessional healthcare teams, utilize and evaluate scientifically-based interventions, and serve in educational roles benefiting the future nursing workforce. As caring professional nurses with advanced role preparation, graduates manage illness; promote, maintain, and restore health; plan, implement and evaluate evidence-based health care quality improvement, and provide care for diverse individuals, families, populations, and global communities across the lifespan.

The St. David's School of Nursing offers specialized graduate programs in leadership and administration, family nurse practitioner, and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner advanced nursing roles. The graduate program options are offered online with preceptor-led experiences. Online Master's programs offer immersive learning experiences facilitated by graduate faculty for students to engage in a variety of virtual simulations, learn from expert guest lecturers in the field, and interact one-on-one with preceptors and faculty. Our programs offer students flexibility and support to further their nursing education while still working as a Registered Nurse or an advanced practice nurse.

Academic Progression

Students enrolled in the graduate nursing programs are required to earn a grade of at least 80% (B or higher) in all courses in the nursing curriculum. To graduate with a Master of Science in Nursing degree or Post Masters Graduate Certificate, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in their graduate nursing coursework.

Graduate nursing courses are offered in a semi-lock-step sequence. Students may enroll in courses each semester on a full-time or part-time basis, based on the appropriate degree plan for the chosen program option. Multiple courses will be offered for each program option in the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Progress in the program may be delayed if the student fails (C or lower) or drops/withdraws from a course. A student may repeat a nursing course only one time. Following a second nursing course failure or withdrawal from a nursing course beyond

the census date (12th class day), a student will be dismissed from the graduate nursing program, but not Texas State University.

Graduation

To graduate with a Master of Science in Nursing, a student must successfully complete all graduate nursing courses and requirements and maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA in the graduate nursing program.

Immunization and Basic Life Support

It is the policy of the College of Health Professions that each student must provide a Health Certificate and Immunization Form completed and signed by a licensed healthcare provider (MD, DO, PA or NP). Students must stay current on immunizations and any other required vaccinations as well as Basic Life Support for Healthcare Professionals and other admission requirements. Graduate students who fail to keep their clinical requirements (immunizations, CPR, etc.) up to date will not be permitted to participate in clinical practicum experiences, resulting in possible inability to meet course requirements and failure in the course.

Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen

Graduate nursing students must successfully pass a criminal background check and submit a clean drug screen, consistent with the requirements for our clinical partners, prior to admission. A valid social security number is required by the St. David's School of Nursing's clinical partners for the background check administered through a third-party vendor. All graduate nursing students are subject to random or for cause drug screens throughout the program.

Students will be required to notify the Graduate Program Director and Director of the School of Nursing of any type of arrest, conviction or change in physical or mental health status during their time in the nursing program. The seriousness of the infraction or condition will determine subsequent actions taken to remain in compliance with clinical affiliation agreements. Failure to notify will be considered an Honor Code and Nursing Ethics violation.

Nursing (M.S.N.)

- Major in Family Nurse Practitioner (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/st-davids-nursing/family-nurse-practitioner-msn/>)
- Major in Leadership and Administration in Nursing (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/st-davids-nursing/leadershipandadminnursing-msn/>)
- Major in Leadership and Administration in Nursing (RN to B.S.N. to M.S.N. Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/st-davids-nursing/leadershipandadminnursing-rn-bsn-msn/>)
- Major in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/st-davids-nursing/psychiatricmentalhealth-msn/>)

Certificates

- Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/st-davids-nursing/pysch-mental-health-cert/>)