

School of Nursing
Masters of Science in Nursing- Program Information

MSN at Tarleton State University

The Department of Post Licensure Nursing in the School of Nursing at Tarleton State University offers two options for advancing the nursing career. The MSN option in Nursing Education or Nursing Administration are taught online through the Tarleton State University learning management system. Each option has select practicums towards the end of the program. TSU nursing students are challenged to strive for excellence and professionalism in their areas of focus.

MSN Program Highlights:

- Online coursework with two practicums towards the end of the program
- Start dates at the beginning of each fall, spring, and summer (3 start dates per year)
- Classes are every 8 weeks
- Complete in as little as 12 months
- Capstone or Thesis completion option

MSN in Nursing Administration Program Outcomes:

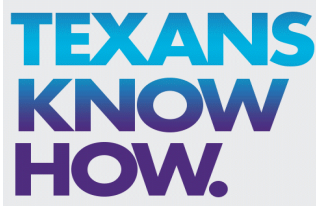
At the end of the program, the graduate nurse will be able to:

1. Integrate findings and theories from nursing science and related disciplines to lead the continued improvement of nursing care across diverse settings.
2. Provide flexible leadership and inter/intra professional collaboration in a complex and ever changing healthcare delivery system to safely achieve quality patient-centered care.
3. Ethically conduct and/or use research which contributes to the development of nursing science.
4. Analyze current and emerging information and health technologies to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision making to improve patient care outcomes.
5. Advocate for policies to promote health, shape healthcare delivery, defend social justice, and advance the profession of nursing.
6. Synthesize population health concepts to affect appropriate health interventions, to prevent disease, reduce risks, and promote health and wellness in diverse populations.

MSN in Nursing Education Program Outcomes:

At the end of the program, the graduate nurse will be able to:

1. Integrate findings and theories from nursing science and related disciplines to lead the continued improvement of nursing care across diverse settings.
2. Provide flexible leadership and inter/intra professional collaboration in complex and ever changing healthcare and educational systems to safely achieve quality education outcomes.
3. Ethically conduct and/or use research which contributes to the development of nursing science.
4. Effectively use technology, tools, assessment instruments, and other resources to improve educational outcomes.
5. Advocate for policies to promote health, shape healthcare delivery, defend social justice, and advance the profession of nursing.



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- Synthesize population health concepts to affect appropriate health interventions, to prevent disease, reduce risks, and promote health and wellness in diverse populations.

Admission Requirements:

- Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from an accredited program of nursing, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing [ACEN] or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education [CCNE] program of nursing.
- Hold a current unencumbered license as a registered nurse in the United States and be eligible for unencumbered licensure in Texas. Proof of unencumbered current license required.
- Basic statistics course with grade of “C” or better.
- Resume
- College of Graduate Studies admission requirements. Admission requirements are found at <http://catalog.tarleton.edu/grad/>.

Admission Process:

- The application process begins by applying online (through Apply Texas) to the College of Graduate Studies at Tarleton State University at https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX
- Apply to College of Graduate Studies at <https://www.tarleton.edu/graduate/index.html>.
- Email resume to APPLYNURSING@tarleton.edu.

About Tarleton State University:

Tarleton State University, a member of The Texas A&M University System, provides a student focused, value-driven educational experience marked by academic innovation and exemplary service, and dedicated to transforming students into tomorrow’s professional leaders. With campuses in Stephenville, Fort Worth, Waco, Midlothian, and online, Tarleton engages with its communities to provide real-world learning experiences to engage societal need while maintaining its core values of integrity, leadership, tradition, civility, and excellence and service.

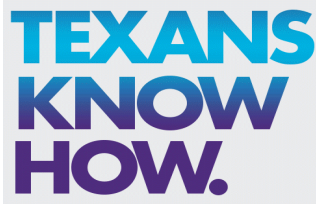
The nursing master’s degree program at Tarleton State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

MSN – Core Courses

Core Courses- Courses Offered Every 8 Weeks	Credit Hours
NURS 5303 Advanced Nursing Role Development	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 5300 Nursing Theory	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 5398 Nursing Research	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 5306 Nursing Informatics	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
	Total: 12 hours

MSN in Nursing Administration- Courses Full Time- Completion Approximately 12 Months

Courses- Two Courses Taken At One Time- Courses Offered Every 8 Weeks	Credit Hours
NURS 5310 Leadership Development	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 5322 Healthcare Change and Communication	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 5301 Organizational Behavior and Human Resources	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)



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NURS 5320 Healthcare Finance	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 5324 Outcomes and Evaluation in Healthcare	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 5328 Administrator Role I	3- (1.5 Classroom/1.5 Lab)
NURS 5329 Administrator Role II	3- (1.5 Classroom/1.5 Lab)
NURS 5373 Nursing Administration Capstone ^	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 5388 Thesis ^^	
Total: 24 hours Program Total: 36 hours	

^ May be substituted for NURS 5388 ^^ May be substituted for NURS 5373 ^ Must be taken the last 8 weeks

MSN in Nursing Education- Courses Full Time-Completion Approximately 12 Months

Courses- Two Courses Taken At One Time - Courses Offered Every 8 Weeks	Credit Hours
NURS 5312 Advanced Health Assessment	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 5314 Advanced Pharmacology and Pathophysiology	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 5330 Instructional Methods and Strategies for Adult Learners	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 5332 Curriculum Development	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 5334 Outcomes and Evaluation in Education	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 5338 Clinical Focus Role	3- (1.5 Classroom/1.5 Lab)
NURS 5339 Educator Role	3- (1.5 Classroom/1.5 Lab)
NURS 5383 Nursing Education Capstone ^	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 5388 Thesis ^^	
Total: 24 hours Program Total: 36 hours	

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MSN in Nursing, Education and Administration focus, can be completed part-time. One course at a time enrollment is considered part time and can be completed in approximately 24 months.

For more program information, contact APPLYNURSING@tarleton.edu.