

College of Nursing

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PURPOSE AND GOALS

The Master of Science Degree in Nursing will prepare a cadre of advanced practice nurses to:

- Practice in a variety of settings and in a changing health care environment.
- Establish a foundation for continuing personal, professional, and educational endeavors.
- Contribute to the body of nursing knowledge by developing, evaluating, and applying research, which impacts the health of populations of diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Provide service to the community, to promote and maintain the health of populations with diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.

- Participate in activities that promote the image of nursing and contribute to the advancement of the nursing profession.

The Master of Science Degree in Nursing program is organized to meet and/or exceed the requirements of regulatory agencies such as the following: the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Board of Nurse Examiners of Texas, the National League for Nursing, the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty, and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Graduates of the program will obtain national certification and meet requirements for authorization from the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners to practice as an Advanced Practice Nurse.

Program	Degree Offered
<i>Family Nurse Practitioner</i>	M.S.N.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

General policies relating to admission to the graduate study, advanced placement, progression, grievance and graduation can be found in the appropriate catalog sections. Also, students must meet the following requirements for admission to graduate study in the Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing:

1. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
2. Basic statistics course completed.
3. Basic course in health assessment taken within the last 10 years.
4. Current licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Texas or application for licensure in progress.
5. Minimum undergraduate Grade Point Average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
6. Minimum score of 40 on the Miller Analogy Test (MAT) or 450 on the verbal section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
7. Two years experience as a Professional Registered Nurse.
8. Evidence of current personal liability insurance: \$1,000,000 minimum.
9. Three letters of reference: (a) one from an immediate supervisor in a most recent health care employment setting; (b) one from a faculty member in the BSN or graduate program; and, (c) one from a Registered Nurse Peer in the work setting.
10. Evidence of writing skills (A score on the GRE writing assessment to be submitted for evaluation).
11. Complete College of Nursing Graduate Program application and a personal interview.
12. Meet Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing health requirements.
13. Meet University and Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (COGNFNS) admission requirements (International students).

ADVANCED STANDING ADMISSION

Students who have completed at least a Master of Science in Nursing degree from a nationally accredited program will be evaluated for admission on an individual basis.

RETENTION, PROGRESSION OR ATTRITION

Policies relating to retention, progression, or attrition are congruent with the general regulations for graduate study and for national certifying organizations:

1. Grading System for Graduate Students

A = 90-100

B = 81-89

C = 75-80

D = 65-74

F = below 65
 I = Incomplete
 W = Withdrew officially

2. In order to show satisfactory progress toward an advanced degree, a student must maintain an average grade of “B”. A student who, in any two consecutive semesters or summer terms, has a cumulative grade point average below 3.00 is subject to academic dismissal upon recommendation of the Dean of the College of Nursing to the Dean of the Graduate School.
3. A grade of “B” must be obtained in Advanced Practice core courses (Advanced Pathophysiology, Advanced Pharmacology, Advanced Health Assessment) prior to progressing in the specialty practice courses.
4. Courses with grades of a “C” or below may be repeated only once.
5. A graduate student can receive a grade of “I” (incomplete) in a course with the privilege of finishing the work before the end of one calendar year from the close of the term in which the grade was earned. This regulation does not apply to thesis and research credit courses but does apply to terminal project credit courses. A fee, payable to the registrar, is required for the change of grades.
6. An “IP,” in progress, is assigned to thesis and projects provided the student remains enrolled and makes satisfactory progress as certified by the committee chair, dean and director/coordinator of the graduate program. The time allotted for removal of the “IP” shall be the same as the maximum time for completion of a degree or certificate.
7. A student must complete requirements for the degree within six consecutive years after the first date of enrollment for graduate study.
8. A student who chooses to withdraw from the College of Nursing Graduate Program for any reason prior to the completion of a semester or summer term after having registered for classes is required to comply with the official withdrawal procedure as defined in the catalog section, “Withdrawal from a Course and from the University.”

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

A student who encounters problems arising from course matriculations, advancement to candidacy, degree requirements or general regulations should discuss them first with the advisor. If a student wishes to appeal a decision, the student should first present the grievance to the Dean who may refer the matter to an appeals panel for investigation and a recommended course of action. Appeals that move beyond the Dean, College of Nursing, should be referred to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs who may refer the matter to the Director, Office of Graduate Programs.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM

To obtain the Master of Science Degree in Nursing from Prairie View A&M University, the student must have:

1. successfully completed the semester credit hours of required course work with an average of “B” or above;
2. filed a degree plan with the graduate school;
3. completed the required field work or clinical experiences with grades of “B” or better; and,
4. met all the general requirements for graduation as outlined in the Graduate Catalog.

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Core Courses	11 SCH
NURS 5013 Theoretical Foundation of Nursing	
NURS 5022 Transcultural Family Health Care in Rural and Urban Settings	
NURS 5133 Clinical Research	
NURS 5713 Health Policy	
Advanced Practice Core Courses	15 SCH
NURS 5023 Advanced Pharmacology	

NURS 5033 Advanced Pathophysiology
NURS 5042 Role Theory and Ethics in Advanced Practice Nursing
NURS 5214 Advanced Health Assessment with Practicum/Lab
NURS 5763 Financial Management in Advanced Nursing Practice

Nurse Practitioner Specialty Core Courses 18 SCH

NURS 5215 Primary Health Care for the Childbearing/Childrearing Family
NURS 5245 Primary Health Care for the Adult and Elderly
NURS 5253 Urban/Rural Primary Health Care
NURS 5255 Advanced Clinical Practicum

***Electives 3 SCH**

Select from:

NURS 5723 Family Violence: Impact on Health Care System
NURS 5733 Women and Depression
NURS 5743 Writing for Publication
NURS 5753 HIV/AIDS Issues and Challenges
NURS 5993 Independent Study

Non-Thesis Option 6 SCH

NURS 5743 Writing for Publication
One Elective Course

Thesis Option 6 SCH

NURS 5803 Thesis: Proposal Writing
NURS 5903 Thesis

Total Degree Requirements 53 SCH

* Selected 5000 level or above courses from other programs may be accepted as electives with petition to and approval from the Program Director.