

## College of Nursing

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### PROGRAM HISTORY

The College of Nursing offers a Master's of Science Degree in Nursing with a family nurse practitioner (FNP) specialty offering. The role of the advanced nurse practitioner in delivering primary health care to diverse clients residing in urban and/or rural communities is emphasized. The program is designed to be completed in five (5) semesters of full time study. A part-time study option is available. The total number of credits required is 53, which includes 780 hours of clinical practice. The curriculum consists of 12 semester hours of core content, 15 semester hours of advanced practice core content and 17 semester hours of family nurse practitioner specialty content. Clinical experiences occur in urban and rural settings.

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 are eligible to take a national certification.

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Master of Science Degree in Nursing will prepare the advanced practice nurse to:

1. Formulate health promotion and disease prevention strategies that empower clients to attain and maintain health and healthy lifestyles.
2. Interpret research findings to implement evidence based nursing outcomes.
3. Appraise nursing and non-nursing theories to use in advancing nursing practice.
4. Integrate ethical decision-making theories into professional practice.
5. Develop an appreciation for human diversity in all clients and health care environments.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of the policy making process as it influences self, the profession and health care system.
7. Apply knowledge and skills that are essential for advanced nursing practice in a variety of settings and the emerging health care system.
8. Incorporate professional values, accountability and responsibility into advanced nursing practice.

### **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 completed.
4. Current licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Texas or application for licensure in progress.
5. Minimum Grade Point Average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale in upper division nursing courses.
6. Official report of scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
7. Two years experience as a Professional Registered Nurse.
8. A letter of reference from each of the following: a former professor of nursing, an immediate supervisor in the most recent health care employment setting, and a registered nurse peer in the work place.

### **RETENTION AND PROGRESSION**

Policies relating to retention and progression 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 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 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 DEGREE IN NURSING PROGRAM**

**Application for Graduation**

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

1. filed a degree plan with the graduate school;
2. successfully completed the semester credit hours of required course work with an average of “B” or above;
3. completed the required practicum 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.....12 SCH**

- NURS 5013 Theoretical Foundation of Nursing
- NURS 5003 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.....17 SCH**

- NURS 5215 Primary Health Care for the Childbearing/Childrearing Family
- NURS 5245 Primary Health Care for the Adult and Elderly
- NURS 5257 Management of Complex Health Problems

**\*Electives.....3 SCH**

- Select from:
- NURS 5743 Writing for Publication
  - NURS 5753 HIV/AIDS Issues and Challenges
  - NURS 5983 Special Topics
  - 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.