



PRAIRIE VIEW  
A&M UNIVERSITY

**COLLEGE OF  
NURSING**





# OUR **MISSION**

**The primary goal of the College of Nursing is to prepare students of diverse economic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds as beginning nurse generalists and advanced-practice nurses who have a foundation for continuing professional and personal growth.**

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# OUR **PHILOSOPHY**

**Nursing has a caring and holistic role in the promotion, protection, and restoration of health for culturally diverse individuals, families, aggregates, communities, and society.**



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**College of Nursing faculty have more than classroom experience — they are nursing scholars who have been practicing in the field of nursing and are armed with an approach to teaching that stems from a real-world, practical vantage point.**

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**Dr. Betty Adams**

Dean, The College of Nursing

# The College of Nursing

## EXPERIENCE:

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Located in the world-renowned Texas Medical Center, the **College of Nursing** offers students a unique opportunity to learn medical skills with state-of-the-art facilities and cutting-edge technology.

## LEARNING PLATFORMS

CLASSROOM INTERACTION

ONLINE

HYBRID

VIRTUAL TEACHING ROOMS

FACE-TO-FACE

PATIENT SCENARIO LABS

## STATE AND NATIONAL ACCREDITATIONS

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- The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
- Texas Board of Nursing (TX-BON)

# College of Nursing Undergraduate Programs

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

The BSN program is a four-and-a-half-year program that prepares individuals who can practice professional nursing in a variety of clinical settings and who are prepared to continue their education through graduate studies.

The upper-division clinical-studies component of the nursing program is based on prerequisite courses at the lower division, which may be completed at the main campus of Prairie View A&M University or transferred from another accredited college or university.

A student seeking to declare pre-nursing as a major must be admitted into the university as defined in the university catalog. Licensed nurses can continue their education to achieve the BSN degree through the distance education program.





# College of Nursing Graduate Programs

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The College of Nursing offers a Master of Science degree in Nursing and Post-Master's Certification in three programs:

- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Administration
- Nurse Education



## Master of Science (MSN) Family Nurse Practitioner

**The Family Nurse Practitioner degree** prepares advanced-practice nurses to provide primary health care to clients, families, and communities. Students take core and advanced courses covering theoretical foundations for nursing practice, health systems and models, advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology, nursing research, and advanced health assessment. Nurse-practitioner specialty courses emphasize the care of women and children, adults, and geriatric patients and their families. The total number of credit hours required is 53, which includes 780 hours of clinical practice. The curriculum consists of 15 semester hours of core content, 11 semester hours of advanced-practice core content, 21 semester hours of nurse-practitioner specialty content, and 6 semester hours of either thesis or non-thesis option. Clinical experiences occur in urban and rural settings.

This course of study prepares nurses to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Family Nurse Practitioner Certification Examination or the American Academy of Nurse Practitioner Certification Examination.

## Master of Science (MSN) Nurse Administration

**The Nurse Administration degree** prepares nurses to serve in a variety of leadership and managerial roles within the health care delivery system. The Nurse Administration curriculum consists of 15 semester hours of core content, 12 semester hours of nurse administration specialty content, 9 semester hours of electives in business or health informatics, or a combination, and 6 semester hours of either thesis or non-thesis option. Business courses provide the students the opportunity to learn business skills that further enhance their administrative backgrounds, where health informatics courses provide a background in the area of informatics.

The course of study prepares nurses to take the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Certification Examination in Nursing Administration, Advanced.





## Master of Science (MSN) Nurse Education

**The Nurse Education degree** prepares nurses to teach in a variety of settings including the teaching of patients and their families, nursing students, nursing staff, and health consumers. Through a five-course sequence, students gain necessary teaching knowledge and skills to prepare them to become nurse educators, a complex role that requires both pedagogical and clinical competency. The nurse education curriculum requires students to complete 15 semester hours of core content, 15 semester credit hours in Nurse Education specialty courses, 9 semester hours of clinical practice core courses, and 6 semester hours of either a thesis or non-thesis option. Two practicum courses are required: classroom and clinical instruction (120 contact hours each) for a total of 240 hours.

This course of study prepares nurses to take the National League for Nursing Certified Nurse Education Examination.

# Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree Program

**The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program** is a post-master's program for advanced-practice nurses certified in the family nurse-practitioner role. The post-master's entrance for the proposed PVAMU DNP program will build on the professional nurse's depth and scope of knowledge and information management to become increasingly adept in the application of evidence-based science to practice.

The DNP program positions the graduate in exhibiting transformational leadership to affect and generate health policy development, evidence-based practice careers, and evaluation in collaboration with interprofessional teams and partnerships.

The program of study is 39 credit hours that could be completed in 19 months (full-time enrollment option) and 28 months (part-time enrollment option).

Students complete 33 credits of required courses and 6 credits of free electives. The required courses represent didactic, a practice residency, and a capstone project. The program is presented in a hybrid online format with required face-to-face meetings and is offered at approved off-campus sites.



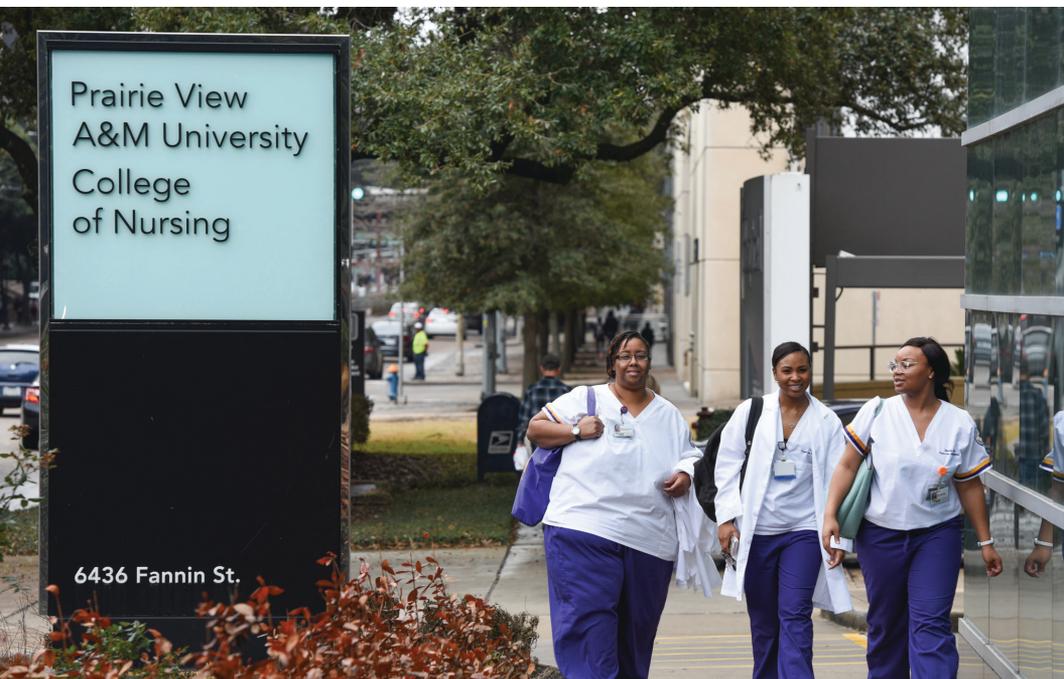
# College of Nursing Special Programs

## Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN-BSN) program

Licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) who seek admission to the LVN-BSN Program must meet the same lower-division requisites and degree requirements as general nursing students. Applicants are evaluated on an individual basis and must complete the upper-division clinical studies within five years of the initial admission date.

## Registered Nurse (RN-BSN) program

Registered Nurses who hold an Associate Degree in Nursing or a diploma in Nursing may acquire a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in 12 months. Applicants must complete 63 credit hours of general studies and liberal arts courses of which many of the course credits were earned in preparation for the RN.



# College of Nursing Organizations

**Membership in student organizations can be an especially enriching aspect of the collegiate experience. Working with others to achieve common goals and programs and developing one's individual potential are important benefits of participating in out-of-class activities. The College of Nursing has the following student organizations:**

## **National Student Nurses Association (NSNA)**

Membership is opened to pre-nursing (lower division) and nursing majors (upper division). The Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing Chapter of the Texas Nursing Students Association is comprised of students from schools of nursing in the State of Texas and affords opportunities to meet other student nurses, promote inter school affairs, promote interest and awareness of professional nursing organizations, and prepare for participation in these organizations. The chapter is a member of the Texas State Nursing Student's Association and the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA)

For information on NSNA and how to become a member, go to the website at <http://www.nsna.org>.

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## **Chi Eta Phi Sorority**

Students, based on selected criteria, are invited to join Zeta Chi Beta Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority during the second semester. The principal goal of the sorority is to promote scholarship, leadership, and the delivery of health care through participation in civic, community, and health-related activities.



## **Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society**

Eta Delta is the chartered Prairie View A&M University chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing. The honor society recognizes superior achievement, leadership, innovation, and professional students. Qualified students are invited to join upon completion of 50% of clinical nursing program.

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## **American Red Cross Student Nurses' Volunteer Committee**

Membership is open to all students enrolled in clinical studies. This committee serves as an extension of the Houston Chapter of the American Red Cross; provides volunteer nursing and health service to the College of Nursing, university, and community-at-large; provides an auxiliary source of training for student nurses; and promotes professional development and commitment to community service.

## American Association of Men in Nursing (AAMN)

Membership is open to men at the Prairie View A & M University College of Nursing enrolled in the upper division. The focus of the association is to expose the membership to activities to enhance their professional growth and development career in nursing.

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## The Prairie View International Student Nurses Organization (PVISNO)

This is a College of Nursing Organization of international students; however PVISNO is open to all enrolled students, and is governed by its members through officers elected by students. Members are encouraged to be active members of Prairie View Student Nursing Association. Faculty serves as advisors.

Prairie View International Student Nurses Organization (PVISNO) promotes participation in social activities and cultural diversity through group sponsored events. The group also participates in mentoring of students who need help in different academic areas.



# Admissions and Financial Aid

## FRESHMAN ADMISSION

- ▶ Completed ApplyTexas application at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)
  - ▶ Nonrefundable \$40 application fee
  - ▶ Official high school transcript. Distinguished, Recommended or Foundation with Endorsement High School Program, or GED certificate with a Minimum GPA: 2.80 on a 4.0 scale
  - ▶ Official SAT/ACT Test Score: Minimum scores: 710 SAT (Critical Reading and Math) or 800 SAT (Total Score) or 15 ACT
  - ▶ The following STAAR scores are required: English I/Reading and Writing, English II, Biology, Algebra I, and United States History
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## TRANSFER ADMISSION

- ▶ Completed ApplyTexas application [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)
  - ▶ Nonrefundable \$40 application fee
  - ▶ Official transcripts from all institutions attended
  - ▶ Transferring less than 15 semester credit hours will require the student to satisfy regular freshman admissions requirements
  - ▶ Required 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale
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## SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND LOANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Scholarships are available for incoming students as well as current students. All scholarships are renewable by maintaining a certain GPA, course load, and/or active enrollment status.

*(Other requirements may apply)*

# University Contact Information

## Office of Admissions

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