

## TWU College of Nursing Master of Science Program Admission Requirements

All applicants must meet the general requirements for admission to the [Graduate School](#). In addition to these general requirements, the College of Nursing requires the following for unconditional admission to the master's program.

### Requirements for Unconditional Admission

1. A current license to practice professional nursing in the USA
2. A basic statistics course
3. A baccalaureate degree with an upper division major in nursing from a program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting body.
4. Scores for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT)
5. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (B average) in the last 60 hours of coursework toward the undergraduate nursing degree and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all prior graduate coursework.

Applicants who do not meet these criteria but have a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the last 60 hours of course work toward the undergraduate nursing degree may be considered for provisional admission on an individual basis. Factors that will be considered in the admission decision are: GRE scores, MAT score, GPA on any prior graduate course work, scholarly activities, professional leadership, and work history.

### Additional Requirements

1. Prior to enrollment in the first clinical nursing course, the student must have completed the equivalent of one year of full-time clinical experience as a registered nurse.
2. Prior to enrollment in any clinical nursing course, each student must show proof of:
  - o Professional liability insurance provided through TWU student liability group policy
  - o Current licensure to practice professional nursing in Texas
  - o Current immunization as required by Texas law
3. Students may be required to meet clinical agency requirements such as drug testing and criminal background screening.

### Locations

- **Clinical Nurse Specialists:** Dallas and Houston
- **Nurse Practitioners:** Denton, Dallas, and Houston
- **Nursing Education:** Denton, Dallas, and Houston
- **Nursing/Health Systems Management:** Houston

### Deadlines

Master's program applicants must submit their program application, all transcripts, and GRE or MAT scores to the Office of Admissions by one of the following dates:

Semester for Admission	Submit application no later than
Fall	May 1
Spring	September 15

## Clinical Nurse Specialist

The Clinical Nurse Specialist is considered to be an expert in a nursing care specialty which provides direct nursing care, develops nursing techniques and quality control methods, and serves as a clinical consultant, researcher, educator, and administrator.

### Advanced Practice Program Core Requirements

A total of 40 to 43 credit hours are required for completion of the clinical nurse specialist tracks. **The following courses must be completed by all clinical nurse specialist students:**

Core Requirements	credit hours
N5013: Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Practice	3
N5023: Research in Nursing	3
N5644: Advanced Assessment	4
B5333: Advanced Pathophysiology	3
N5643: Pharmacotherapeutics	3
N5003: Health Promotion	3
N5002: Advanced Nursing Practice Role	2
N5001: Role Seminar	
Professional Project or Thesis:	3/6
--N5963: Professional Project (3 hours)	
--N5983: Thesis I (3 hours)	
--N5993: Thesis II (3 hours)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26/29 hrs.</b>

In addition, clinical nurse specialist students complete 19 credit hours of clinical courses in their specialty area.

### Adult Health CNS

available: Houston Center

Adult Health Clinical Specialist students focus on promoting the health of adults through theory and research-based interventions. Protocols for treatment decisions, referrals and follow-up are used in the management of commonly encountered health deviations in the adult population.

Clinical Courses	credit hours
N5525: Adult Health Nursing I	5
N5305: Adult Health Nursing II	5
N5315: Adult Health Nursing III	5
N5684: CNS Preceptorship	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>

## Child Health CNS

available: Dallas Center

Child Health Clinical Specialist students focus on the common acute and chronic illnesses experienced by children and adolescents. Physiological, behavioral and family theories are used in all phases of clinical maintenance of these clients.

CNS Clinical Courses	credit hours
N5325: Child Health Nursing I	5
N5305: Child Health Nursing II	5
N5315: Child Health Nursing III	5
N5684: CNS Preceptorship	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>

## Women's Health CNS

available: Dallas Center

Women's Health Clinical Specialist students examine the health care needs of adult and adolescent females. Treatment modalities, pharmacologic interventions and referral criteria are used in the management of the reproductive and nonreproductive needs of the client.

Clinical Courses	credit hours
N5425: Women's Health Nursing I	5
N5305: Women's Health Nursing II	5
N5315: Women's Health Nursing III	5
N5684: CNS Preceptorship	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>