

**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

Nurse Practitioner

Family nurse practitioners are advanced practice nurses who function as primary care providers to clients of any age, focusing on common health care problems. These skilled health care providers use expert clinical judgment and decision-making in the performance of comprehensive health assessments, differential diagnoses and prescribing of pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic interventions in the direct treatment of health problems. Nurse practitioners work in collaborative practices with primary care physicians to deliver culturally sensitive care to clients.

Nurse Practitioner Core Requirements

The nurse practitioner tracks require 46 to 49 credit hours. The following courses must be completed by all nurse practitioner students:

Core Requirements	credit hours
N5013: Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Practice	3
N5023: Research in Nursing	3
N5644: Advanced Assessment/Differential Diagnosis	4
B5333: Advanced Pathophysiology	3
N5663: Pharmacotherapeutics for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
N5003: Health Promotion and Primary Prevention	3
N5002: Advanced Practice Nursing Role	2
N5001: Advanced Practice Nursing Seminar	1
Professional Project/Thesis:	3/6
--N5963: Pro Project (3 hours)	
--N5983: Thesis I (3 hours)	
--N5993: Thesis II (3 hours)	
TOTAL	26/29 hrs.

In addition, nurse practitioner candidates complete 21 credit hours of clinical courses in their specialty area.

Adult Nurse Practitioners (ANP)

available: Dallas Center and Houston Center

Adult nurse practitioner 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.

ANP Clinical Courses	credit hours
N5525: Adult Health Nursing I	5
N5505: Adult Health Nursing II	5
N5515: Adult Health Nursing III	5
TOTAL	15

Preceptorship Courses	credit hours
can be completed in 1 or 2 semesters	
N5683: Preceptorship I	3
N5693: Preceptorship II	3
TOTAL	6

Students are encouraged to frequent the web site of the [American Academy of Nurse Practitioners](#).

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

available: Denton Campus, Dallas Center, and Houston Center

Family nurse practitioner students synthesize concepts from theory-based, family-centered nursing practice for the management of culturally diverse and medically underserved families across the life span. Focus is placed on health promotion and health maintenance primary health care settings.

FNP Clinical Courses	credit hours
N5625: Family Health Nursing I	5
N5605: Family Health Nursing II	5
N5615: Family Health Nursing III	5
TOTAL	15

Preceptorship Courses	credit hours
can be completed in 1 or 2 semesters	
N5683: Preceptorship I	3
N5693: Preceptorship II	3
TOTAL	6

Students are encouraged to frequent the web site of the [American Academy of Nurse Practitioners](#).

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP)

available: Dallas Center

Pediatric nurse practitioner 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.

PNP Clinical Courses	credit hours
N5325: Child Health Nursing I	5
N5305: Child Health Nursing II	5
N5315: Child Health Nursing III	5
TOTAL	15

Preceptorship Courses	credit hours
can be completed in 1 or 2 semesters	
N5683: Preceptorship I	3
N5693: Preceptorship II	3
TOTAL	6

Students are encouraged to frequent the web site of the **Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB)** and the **American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)**.

Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP)

available: Dallas Center

Women's health nurse practitioner 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 non-reproductive needs of clients.

WHNP Clinical Courses:	credit hours
N5425: Women's Health Nursing I	5
N5405: Women's Health Nursing II	5
N5415: Women's Health Nursing III	5
	15

Preceptorship Courses	credit hours
can be completed in 1 or 2 semesters	
N5683: Preceptorship I	3
N5693: Preceptorship II	3
	6

Students are encouraged to frequent the web site of the **National Certification Corporation (NCC)**.