St. David's School of Nursing

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Vision
The St. David's School of Nursing at Texas State University will provide supportive and creative educational programs, which inspire those who teach and those who learn, based on mutual respect and a commitment to contribute to the health of individuals, families, populations, communities, and the environment worldwide.

Mission
St. David's School of Nursing educates and prepares graduates, using innovative teaching strategies and state-of-the-art technology. Graduates provide ethical, safe, and effective patient-centered care and contribute to present and emerging research and health management practices. Graduates demonstrate competence in clinical judgment, collaborate as members of the interprofessional healthcare team, and utilize scientifically-based interventions. As caring professional nurses, graduates manage illness; promote, maintain, and restore health; and provide end-of-life care for diverse individuals, families, populations, and communities across the lifespan.

The Graduate College offers two master's level nursing programs, a Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner (M.S.N.-F.N.P) and a Master of Science in Nursing Leadership and Administration (M.S.N.-L.A.N.). Courses at the M.S.N. level are delivered hybrid, with didactic hours taught online and oversight of clinical hours by preceptors/mentors at the clinical site. Face-to-face time is required for the purposes of assessment and reinforcement of concepts over the course of program. Graduates of both programs are prepared to pursue clinical excellence and certifications by the specialty certifying bodies. The M.S.N.-F.N.P. graduate are eligible for licensure as an Advance Practice Nurse upon graduation and passing of the certification exam for the F.N.P. through one of the two credentialing bodies i.e., the American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) or the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). The M.S.N.-L.A.N. graduates may apply for certification as Nurse Executive through the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) or ANCC. The graduate program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Academic Progression
Students enrolled in an M.S.N. program are required to maintain a grade of at least a "B" (3.0 GPA) in all courses in the nursing curriculum. M.S.N. courses are offered only once each academic year; therefore, progress in the program may be delayed if the student fails a course. A student may repeat a nursing course only once. Following the second nursing course failure or withdrawing from nursing courses, the student is dismissed from the graduate nursing program.

Graduation
To graduate with a Master of Science in Nursing, a student must successfully complete all nursing courses with a "B" or better. Graduating students must have attained a 3.0 or higher Texas State University GPA.

Immunization and Basic Life Support
It is a policy of the College of Health Professions that each student complete a Health Certificate and Immunization Test Form. These forms must be signed by a physician or licensed healthcare provider. Students must stay current on immunizations. Basic Life Support for Healthcare Professionals is also to be completed and remain current.

Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen
M.S.N. students will undergo a criminal background check as well as a drug screen prior to admission. A valid social security number is required by the St. David's School of Nursing's clinical partners for the background check administered through a third-party vendor. All graduate nursing students are subject to random or for cause screens.

Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)
- Major in Family Nurse Practitioner (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/st-davids-nursing/family-nurse-practitioner-msn)
- Major in Leadership and Administration in Nursing (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/st-davids-nursing/leadershipandadminnursing-msn)
- Major in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/st-davids-nursing/psychiatricmentalhealth-msn)