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 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.

Values
In pursuing excellence in nursing education, we the faculty and staff of the St. David’s School of Nursing are guided by shared values. We believe in:

• educational opportunities which provide for intellectual and professional growth and that challenge students to excel in nursing,
• a holistic approach to nursing education across the continuum of health and the lifespan,
• diversity and a spirit of inclusiveness with respect for the dignity and moral wholeness of every person without conditions or limitations,
• cultivation of character and civility through the modeling of honesty, integrity, caring, compassion, fairness, respect, and ethical behavior,
• teaching and learning based on student involvement and free exchange of ideas and diverse perspectives,
• research, scholarship, and creative activity as a source for evidence-based practice and generation of new knowledge as an expression of the human spirit,
• commitment to public service and advocacy as a resource for personal, educational, cultural, and economic development in promotion of a healthy environment,
• caring, thoughtful reflection, collaboration, planning, and evaluation to meet diverse and changing healthcare needs, practices, and resources,
• professional competency, systematic use of the nursing process, leadership, critical reasoning, and lifelong learning leading to safe, quality patient care, and
• interprofessional activity allowing for the advancement of science and positive patient outcomes.

Goals
We, the faculty, are committed to:

• equip graduates to adapt to rapid changes in healthcare delivery and practice,
• provide educational programs to prepare registered nurses at the M.S.N. and/or the doctor of nursing practice (D.N.P.) or Ph.D. levels,
• develop an overall plan for faculty scholarship,
• pursue funding to promote diversity in the admission and graduation of students,
• provide faculty access to professional development,
• assess, identify, and develop a plan to address community needs,
• develop educational partnerships with community organizations and other community entities in order to obtain input for the development of academic and service delivery programs to enhance community health knowledge,
• become a continuing nursing education (CNE) provider through the Texas Nurses Association (TNA), and
• collaborate with University Advancement and Development to support a sustainable plan for nursing programs.

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)