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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

### **Preparing the next generation of nurses to improve health care.**

The St. David's School of Nursing at Texas State University 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 competences in clinical judgement, collaborate as members and leaders of interprofessional healthcare teams, 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 global communities across the lifespan.

The St. David's School of Nursing offers specialized graduate programs in leadership and administration, family nurse practitioner, and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner advanced nursing roles. The grad programs are offered online with scheduled on-campus intensive and preceptor-led experiences within the state of Texas. On-campus intensives (OCIs) are immersive learning experiences facilitated by graduate faculty for students to engage in a variety of simulations. learn from expert guest lecturers in the field, and interact one-on-one with faculty. OCI's are a hallmark of our program during which students enjoy peer-to-peer engagement, faculty support, active learning and networking. Our programs offer students flexibility and support to further their nursing education while still working as a Registered Nurse.

## Academic Progression

Students enrolled in the graduate nursing programs are required to earn a grade of at least 80% (B or higher) in all courses in the nursing curriculum. To graduate with a Master of Science in Nursing degree or Post Masters Graduate Certificate, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in their graduate nursing coursework.

Graduate nursing courses are offered in a lock-step sequence. Students must be enrolled in all scheduled nursing courses each semester based on the appropriate degree plan for the program track admitted to. Each course will be offered only once each academic year; therefore, progress in the program will be delayed if the student fails (C or lower) or drops/withdraws from a course. A student may repeat a nursing course only one time. Following a second nursing course failure or withdrawal from a nursing course beyond the census date (12th class day), a student will be dismissed from the nursing program, but not Texas State University.

## Graduation

To graduate with a Master of Science in Nursing, a student must successfully complete all graduate nursing courses and requirements and maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA in the graduate nursing program.

## Immunization and Basic Life Support

It is the policy of the College of Health Professions that each student must provide a Health Certificate and Immunization Form completed and signed by a licensed healthcare provider (MD, DO, PA or NP). Students must stay current on immunizations and any other required vaccinations as well as Basic Life Support for Healthcare Professionals and other admission requirements. Graduate students who fail to keep their clinical requirements (immunizations, CPR, etc.) up to date will not be permitted to attend class, on campus intensives, or clinical, resulting in a student unable to meet course requirements and failure of the course.

## Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen

Graduate nursing students must successfully pass a criminal background check and submit a clean drug screen, consistent with the requirements for our clinical partners, 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 drug screens throughout the program.

Students will be required to notify the Director of the School of Nursing of any type of arrest, conviction or change in physical or mental health status during their time in the nursing program. The seriousness of the infraction or condition will determine the actions the director will need to implement with respect to our clinical affiliation agreements. Our clinical partners require this oversight by the SON director. Failure to notify will be considered an Honor Code and Nursing Ethics violation.

## 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 Leadership and Administration in Nursing (RN to B.S.N. to M.S.N. Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/st-davids-nursing/leadershipandadminnursing-rn-bsn-msn/>)
- Major in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/st-davids-nursing/psychiatricmentalhealth-msn/>)

## Certificates

- Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/st-davids-nursing/psych-mental-health-cert/>)