

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (NURSING EDUCATION)

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/nursing/graduate-programs/nursing-education/>

Nurse educators combine clinical expertise and a passion for teaching into rich and rewarding careers. Nurse educators teach in the classroom and the practice setting, and are responsible for preparing and mentoring current and future generations of nurses. Nurse educators play a pivotal role in strengthening the nursing workforce, serving as role models, and providing the leadership needed to implement evidence-based practice. Nurse educators are responsible for designing, implementing, evaluating, and revising academic and continuing education for nurses. Nurse Educators specialize in various aspects of disorders and/or healthcare. Roles for nurse educators not only include a clinical faculty position in an educational setting, but also positions in clinical facilities such as clinical nurse educator, staff development officer, or continuing education specialist. Every student will develop an area of clinical specialty with advanced nursing practice knowledge supported by the nurse educator coursework.

Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/theccb-60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Work well with teams and complete project work.
2. Collect and analyze information, problem-solve, and make decisions.
3. Process information and apply theoretical insights to clinical situations.

Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

The academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

40 semester credit hours (SCH).

Code	Title	SCHs
Required Core Courses		
BIOL 5333	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS 5663	Pharmacology for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
NURS 5643	Advanced Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice	3

NURS 5073	Evidence-Based Practice for the Promotion of Quality Outcomes	3
NURS 5093	Theoretical Foundations and the Advanced Nursing Role	3
NURS 5133	Health Policy and Health Care Delivery for Advanced Nursing Practice	3

Nurse Education Courses		
NURS 5213	Educational Theory, Communication, and Learning Technologies	3
NURS 5063	Design, Management, and Evaluation of Curriculum in Nursing	3
NURS 5112	Current Trends in Nursing Education	2
NURS 5114	Measurement and Assessment in Nursing	4
NURS 5132	Nurse Educator Specialization	2
NURS 5142	Nurse Educator Specialization Practicum	2
NURS 5101	Nurse Educator Role Synthesis	1
NURS 5043	Nurse Educator Role Synthesis Practicum	3
NURS 5152	Scholarship of Nursing Education: Integration and Application	2

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Special Requirements

All tracks are approved for Distance Education.

1. A grade of B or higher must be achieved in all required courses. A student who has earned a grade of less than B (C, D, or F) in two required courses at the graduate level or who has earned a grade of less than B (C, D, or F) twice in the same graduate-level required course will be removed from the nursing program. A student who does not maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher will be dismissed from the nursing program. For the purpose of removal from the nursing program, a grade of less than B is counted as a grade of less than B even if the course has been successfully repeated.
2. Students admitted to the master's program provisionally, based on low GPA, must complete the first 12 semester credit hours of graduate courses with grades of B or better in each course; at least 9 semester credit hours must be in nursing courses. A provisionally admitted student will be dismissed from the program if a grade of C or lower is made in any course during the probationary period.
3. Graduate students have six years to complete the MSN program.

Time Limit

Semester credit hours older than six years, including transfer courses, cannot apply toward the master's degree or post-master's certificate completion.

Final Examination

Oral examination of the completed professional or clinical project (subject to change).