

Master of Science in Nursing



THE UNIVERSITY
OF TAMPA

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- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Adult/Gerontology Nurse Practitioner

UT's Department of Nursing prepares advanced practice nurses for roles as primary care providers. Opportunities in a variety of settings strategically position nurse practitioners to enhance access to excellent health care for all. The program's nursing paradigm emphasizes the importance of holistic assessment, cultural congruency and consumer inclusion and collaboration in health care planning and delivery. The department also offers an online Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

A Degree in High Demand

Nursing is one of today's fastest-growing fields. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports a 45 percent increase in new positions for advanced practice registered nurses by 2029. As the nation's health care system undergoes a period of rapid change, nurse practitioners will be in increasing demand as primary care providers and clinical leaders.

The University of Tampa's Department of Nursing is committed to helping meet this demand through its esteemed graduate nursing program. Designed for students who possess current licensure as registered nurses in the state of Florida, the MSN program offers two concentrations: family nurse practitioner and adult/gerontology nurse practitioner. The in-depth curriculum emphasizes clinical experience, critical thinking and leadership.

Small classes promote active learning. Students benefit from individualized attention from faculty and close interactions with their peers. A high priority is placed on the mentoring role of faculty, who are recognized internationally for their expertise and contributions. They enjoy collaborative relationships with experts in numerous health disciplines, providing MSN students and alumni with access to a valuable professional network.

Experienced preceptors assist students in fine-tuning essential skills for clinical practice. Preceptors are actively engaged in community practice settings and provide real-world lessons and advice about the scope of practice available to graduates. Students are prepared for a variety of primary care and clinical management roles as nurse practitioners.

Ranked a #1 Nursing Program

UT is ranked a #1 nursing program in Florida and the United States by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, based on NCLEX Program Reports for 2019. In seven of the last eight years, UT nursing students received an impressive 100 percent pass rate on the NCLEX-RN on the first try. UT is one of the few Florida schools to achieve this distinction.

Clinical Affiliations

UT's Department of Nursing maintains formal affiliations with more than 200 Tampa Bay area health care facilities, providing students with expanded educational experiences and broad clinical exposure.

FACULTY highlights



Susan Berg, DNP, APRN
interim program director/associate professor

Interim program director Susan Berg is a family nurse practitioner with expertise in ear, nose and throat disorders, clinical procedures, health care disparities and clinical research. Courses she teaches include Advanced Health Assessment Lab, Clinical Pharmacology and Practicum in Adult Primary Care.



Romuald Delacroix, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
assistant professor

Romuald Delacroix is a primary care family nurse practitioner who has worked in various clinical settings including family primary care practice, urgent care, addiction medicine and jail. His areas of research include second victim phenomena, medical errors, addiction medicine and care of incarcerated patients.

Admission Guidelines

Students can be admitted as full degree seeking status or pre-MSN status.

Full degree seeking admission

- Bachelor's degree in nursing
- Current Florida RN license
- 3.0 GPA
- Applicants must meet one of the following requirements:
 - Earn a minimum total score of 300 or higher on the GRE and 4.0 on the analytical writing section OR
 - Complete NUR 600 Scholarly and Professional Communication in Nursing (can be taken as part of the program if admitted)

- Required courses completed with a "B" or better:
 - General statistics course
 - NUR 415 Nursing Leadership and Management
 - NUR 432 Introduction to Nursing Research

Pre-MSN admission

- Bachelor's degree in an area other than nursing
- Current Florida RN license
- 3.0 GPA
- Applicants must meet one of the following requirements:
 - Earn a minimum total score of 300 or higher on the GRE and 4.0 on the analytical writing section OR
 - Complete NUR 600 Scholarly and Professional Communication in Nursing (can be taken as part of the program if admitted)
- Five prerequisite courses are required prior to starting the graduate-level curriculum. Students may complete these at another university with director permission. Required courses (completed with a "B" for better):
 - General statistics course
 - NUR 322 Contemporary Issues in Health Care

- NUR 415 Nursing Leadership and Management
- NUR 422 Principles in Community Health
- NUR 432 Introduction to Nursing Research

Post-master's admission

A student with a previously earned MSN may apply for admission to the post-master's program to complete requirements for the adult/gerontology nurse practitioner or family nurse practitioner concentrations. Courses taken more than seven years prior to admission will not be applied toward the post-master's certificate.

Application requirements

- Application form and fee
- Copy of current Florida RN license
- Official transcripts from each university or college attended
- Two professional or academic references
- Professional résumé
- Personal statement
- A minimum of one year direct patient care experience within the past five years
- International applicants must submit scores for the TOEFL or IELTS if English is not their native language

Required upon admission

- Proof of current Florida RN licensure
- Proof of liability insurance coverage at the advanced practice level
- Proof of current BLS certification
- A physical exam and proof of current immunizations
- Results of T.B. skin test or chest X-ray
- Official background check

Transfer credit policy

A maximum of 9 graduate-level credit hours may be taken at other regionally accredited institutions. No credits taken more than seven years prior to application will be accepted.