SON Website/Social Media

- www.mtsu.edu/nursing
- Instagram “MTSUschoolofnursing”

**Contains all admission and progression requirements**
Mission

• The mission of the School of Nursing is to provide excellence in nursing education by preparing individuals to meet the dynamic and complex health care needs of society.

• Through robust academic programs, the School of Nursing demonstrates its commitment to the art and science of nursing.
History

• Associates Degree program 1966-1990
  – Total of 799 graduates

• Four-year BSN program enrolled first students in Fall 1988.
  – The first class of 23 students graduated in May, 1990
  – More than 2500 alums
Academic Programs

• Traditional four-year baccalaureate nursing program resulting in BSN degree
• Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN degree) with concentrations in:
  – Family Practice (FNP) and
  – Psychiatric-Mental Health (PMHNP)
Accreditation

• The School of Nursing BSN and MSN programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

• Approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing.
NCLEX Score

- 98% for 2017 (Above state/national average)
- 93% for 2018 (Above state/national average)
- 91% for 2019 (Above national average)
- 94% for 2020 (Above state/national average)
- 92% for 2021 (Above state/national average)
- 96% for 2022 (Above state/national average)
- 96% for 2023 (Above state/national average)
Nursing Student Engagement

- ~400 UG students in 100 healthcare facilities in middle TN for EXL/Service learning
- Seniors volunteer at Nashville Rescue Mission
- Seniors work with Salvation Army for food drive distribution
- Seniors volunteered 200+ hrs at the COVID Crisis Command Ctr for TN DOH
- Seniors worked with VA Hospital to provide “socialization” bags to ease isolation of patients
Nursing Student Engagement

• Seniors worked at local COVID test site assisting with health histories/testing
• Seniors provided snack bags, hand sanitizers, masks, and water to members of the local homeless population
• Multiple student levels engaged in flu vaccine administration (700+) in collaboration with Health Services
• COVID vaccine clinic
Student Nurses’ Association

• Top team for Relay for Life donations - $1,582 raised
• Rutherford Heart Ball volunteers
• Heart Walk
• Raider-thon
• Special Kids Race
• Cold Patrol sock drive
• several donations to MTSU Food Pantry
• Flu shots for St. Thomas
• MTSU on-campus blood drives
Scholarships

• ~$75,000 awarded in scholarships
Admission to Nursing

- Admission to MTSU does NOT guarantee admission to Nursing
- Make application as a first sem Sophomore
- MTSU students
- Transfer students
Specific Nursing Requirements

• Cum college GPA of at least 3.0/4.0
• ≥75 on each component of the HESI entrance exam:
  – Math
  – Biology
  – Chemistry
  – Anatomy & Physiology

• Earn a grade of ‘C’ or better in all gen ed courses
• Earn a grade of ‘B’ or better in (one repeat permitted):
  – BIOL 2010 (A/P I)
  – BIOL 2020 (A/P II)
  – BIOL 2100 (Microbiology for Nursing)
Ready for Upper-Division?

• All candidates must apply to Nursing one semester prior to plan to begin Nursing courses (online interactive form)
• All pre-requisites/gen eds must be completed before upper-division courses begin
Deadlines

- February 1 at midnight for Fall semester
- October 1 at midnight for Spring semester
- Completed application submitted electronically by the deadline
Honors College

• Nursing students can graduate with Honors
• Difficult but possible
  – Working makes this more challenging
  – Having a family makes this more challenging
  – Nothing to do with intelligence
NHC CNA Program

• Opportunity to see what Nursing is about
• Online education opportunity provided by NHC
Career Opportunities

- Grads currently recruited by:
  - Mayo Clinic
  - Cleveland Clinic
  - Vanderbilt
  - St. Thomas
  - HCA
  - Children’s Hospital of Atlanta
  - MaineHealth
  - West TN Healthcare
Looking for Financial Aid?

• Many hospitals/other HC facilities pay tuition or provide scholarship monies
  – Ascension
  – HCA/TriStar
• Check our website
Questions?