

Preview

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School of Nursing



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



- 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?



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