

Department Mission

St. David's School of Nursing's mission is to educate and prepare graduates to provide ethical, safe and effective patient-centered care and to contribute to present and emerging research and health management practices. Graduates are equipped with the knowledge and skills to promote wellness, manage illness, maintain and restore health and provide end-of-life care for diverse populations. Eastern medicine and reflective practices such as mindfulness, meditation techniques and nutrition as medicine, as well as science-based complementary therapies and cognitive/behavioral interventions, influence their practice. Graduates serve at the vanguard of leadership management and organizational development and influence wellness-focused healthcare reform.



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What separates Texas State University from other programs is the insistence that a student's practice is elevated to the highest standards. Having received such a high-quality education and extensive didactic readiness, I am confident that I possess the tools necessary to excel as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

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Students learn and practice the theory and techniques of integrative healthcare.



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Why choose Texas State?

Nursing faculty utilize best practices in online education delivery of evidence-based, challenging courses. Students remain in their home community, experiencing professional and personal growth in delivery of integrative primary care. An evidence-based research project is collaboratively designed by students and faculty with presentations at local and state research forums.

The curricular structure ensures that students are immersed in a myriad of clinical experiences from the beginning of the program. Graduates are in demand from this rigorous and life-transforming program.

Course Work

Courses are delivered in a hybrid format with didactic work delivered online* and clinical experiences found in home communities. Face-to-face weekend intensives, where students hone their skills with the faculty and get to know their fellow family nurse practitioner (FNP) students, are required twice per semester. Almost one quarter of the curriculum takes place in the students' home community where students work and learn one-on-one with preceptors.

**Due to variation in the laws of states and regulations of state boards of nursing, the ability to offer admission to non-Texas residents may be limited.*

Faculty

School of Nursing faculty are respected for their expertise in practice, service and clinical and educational research. Established research programs in clinical practice and education, including the use of technology in stroke care management and simulation, are ongoing.

Faculty are frequent presenters at local, national and international conferences and published in journals such as *Clinical Nursing Research*, *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, *World Views on Evidence-based Nursing*, *Journal of Nursing Education and Practice*, *Journal of Professional Nursing* and *Nurse Educator*.



Career Options

Graduates pursue careers in a wide variety of clinical settings as a family nurse practitioner and may choose to continue with doctoral study. Graduates are qualified to sit for one of the following national certification examinations:

- » American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Certification Exam (FNP)
- » American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) Certification Exam (FNP)

Certification is a requirement for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN).

Important Deadlines*

Admissions

Fall: January 15

Spring: No admission

Summer: No admission

Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships

For scholarship, fellowship or assistantship information, review our web page: gradcollege.txstate.edu/funding

How to Apply

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