

## EDUCATION



**Karen Esquibel**, RN, MSN CA/CP, SANE (2002)  
Assistant Professor  
“I became a nurse educator because I truly found a love for teaching and appreciate the opportunity to educate undergraduate students seeking a career as a nurse.”

## ADMINISTRATION



**Levi Stone**, RN, MSN, BC CCVN. (2006)  
Divisional Director of Nursing  
“Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has a standing tradition in preparing nurses to lead a dynamic and diverse health care environment.”

## EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP



**Brenda Bagshaw**, RN, MSN.  
“Texas Tech’s RN-MSN online courses, with a focus as a nurse educator, fits perfectly with my busy schedule and my career objectives.”

## Graduate Program Master of Science Leadership Studies



Education



Administration



RN-MSN Educational Leadership

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN) LEADERSHIP STUDIES

The Master of Science in Nursing provides opportunities for nurses to acquire an increased depth of knowledge and specialization in a clinical and functional area. Students can select to complete an MSN with a clinical focus in Gerontics or Community Health and a functional area of Education or Administration.

Today’s increasingly complex healthcare environments require nurses to have advanced education to ensure delivery of health care that is safe, timely, equitable, efficient, effective, and patient-centered. The TTUHSC School of Nursing’s Graduate Program prepares nurses to become experts in their field of study and contribute to advancing our nation’s health care system through the following two MSN tracks:

- MSN – Nursing Administration
- MSN – Nursing Education

Students who complete the MSN degree in nursing administration have high-level nursing administration skills focused on implementing evidence-based leadership and management practices, using national quality criteria, and addressing the management challenges inherent in today’s healthcare organizations.

Students who complete the MSN degree in nursing education are able to develop, implement, and evaluate curriculum; use technology to strengthen the learning process; and incorporate evidence-based teaching strategies to influence the preparation of today’s nursing graduate.



EDUCATION

Graduates from the MSN Education track seek education positions in academic and practice settings and are prepared to sit for the Academic Nurse Educator Certificate Examination offered by the National League for Nursing (when full eligibility criteria are met).



ADMINISTRATION

Graduates from the MSN Administration track assume nursing leadership and management positions in a variety of health care environments including hospitals and health systems, ambulatory care settings, and community-based agencies.



RN-MSN  
EDUCATIONAL  
LEADERSHIP

The RN-MSN Education track is a collaborative program between the School of Nursing’s graduate and undergraduate programs and is designed for RNs who have an associate degree or diploma in nursing and wish to pursue a graduate degree focused on nursing education. These graduates seek education positions in academic and practice settings and are prepared to sit for the Academic Nurse Educator Certificate Examination offered by the National League for Nursing (when full eligibility criteria are met).

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### MSN Nursing Administration, MSN Nursing Education

- Valid RN License
- Baccalaureate nursing degree from a regionally accredited college or university with nursing program accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).
- Successful completion of an undergraduate research and statistics course
- Minimum 3.0 GPA or better (on a 4.0 scale) in upper division work
- BLS Certification
- Personal Goals Essay
- Letters of reference (3)
- Documentation of required immunizations
- International Students: appropriate documentation, i.e. TOEFL score

### Admission Requirements for the RN-MSN Track

- Graduate from an associate degree or diploma nursing program that is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC)
- Completion of all general education requirements for the BSN (55-58 credits)
- Cumulative GPA average of 3.0 or higher in basic nursing program and general education requirements
- Valid RN License
- BLS Certification
- Personal Goals Essay
- Letters of reference (3)
- International Students: appropriate documentation, i.e. TOEFL score

## Additional non-academic factors considered

Additional non-academic attributes are also considered in admission decisions. These non-academic attributes include but are not limited to:

- Extracurricular activities
- Work experience
- Diversity of experience, such as study abroad,
- Knowledge of other cultures, proficiency in other languages
- Permanent resident of TTUHSC service area county
- First generation college student
- English as a second language
- Socioeconomic status

All applicants will be reviewed in an individual and holistic manner. No single factor will determine a student's admission.

All applicants who receive offers of admission will be required to consent to a criminal background check. A history of criminal conduct or convictions may result in withdrawal of the admission offer. See "Criminal Background Checks" section of the School of Nursing Student Handbook for the School policy. The Health Sciences Center Policy, HSC PO 10.20, is located on the Web Site.

## TRANSFER CREDIT

The Department Chair for Leadership Studies will review the applicant's previous academic preparation and/or competency in required courses in order to award transfer credit. Any deficiencies will be met by enrollment in required courses.

Generally, credits earned at an accredited college or university are accepted for transfer credit provided course content is equivalent. A grade below B is not acceptable for transfer credit.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall – June 1st  
Spring – October 1st

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Although the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing is a part of the Texas Tech University System, legally it is a separate institution from Texas Tech University and therefore application for admission must be made directly to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

The School of Nursing application is an online process, apply at [www.ttuhs.edu/son](http://www.ttuhs.edu/son)



## MENTORING ADVANCED PRACTICE STUDENTS

Mentoring Advanced Practice Students (MAPS) is a mentoring program for graduate students. MAPS exists to meet the personal and educational needs of students by providing networking opportunities with mentors who possess qualities of leadership, service and professionalism. By providing educational assistance, guidance and support, the mentor increases the likelihood of student success. Participants in the program are encouraged to transition into the mentor role once they have completed at least one semester of graduate studies.

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The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of TTUHSC.

The School of Nursing Program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Contact the CCNE at One DuPont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036.

