



NURSING PROGRAMS

BSN | MSN | DNP



THE UNIVERSITY
OF **TAMPA**

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ACCREDITATION

UT's BSN and MSN programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Visit www.ccneaccreditation.org for more information. The Department of Nursing holds membership in the Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs in the National League for Nursing and in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

The University of Tampa is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees.



WORLD CLASS. CAREER READY.

Nursing is one of today's fastest-growing fields, with the Bureau of Labor Statistics reporting a 31 percent increase in new positions by 2024. The University of Tampa's Department of Nursing is committed to helping meet this demand through its esteemed undergraduate and graduate nursing programs.

Nursing students benefit from hands-on training in state-of-the-art clinical facilities, housed in UT's Graduate and Health Studies Building, as well as real-world clinicals at nearby hospitals and health care facilities. A high priority is placed on the mentoring role of faculty, who are recognized internationally for their expertise and contributions. Through collaborative relationships with experts in numerous health disciplines, they provide students with access to a valuable professional network to aid in their career development.

BENEFITS AND FEATURES

- 100 percent pass rate on the NCLEX-RN on the first try, 2013-2016
- Convenient course schedule for working nurses pursuing MSN
- Online DNP program ideal for working clinicians seeking leadership roles
- UT named the top nursing program in Florida by RegisteredNursing.org
- High-tech simulation lab for outstanding hands-on training
- Affiliations with more than 120 Tampa Bay area health care facilities
- Mentoring provided by expert faculty with extensive professional connections

UT NURSING DEGREES

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)



Our Spartan nurses exemplify the perfect balance of the science and art of nursing. Students are educated in an environment with exemplary academic resources, a new, state-of-the-art simulation laboratory and clinical practice sites at the best health care facilities in the Tampa Bay area. Upon graduation, students have the knowledge and skills to practice nursing anywhere in the U.S. and around the world."

Carol Botwinski, Ed.D., APRN
Director/Chair and Associate Professor
of Nursing



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

UT's B.S. in Nursing is the only private, four-year residential program of its kind on the west coast of Florida. It provides students with comprehensive theoretical knowledge and in-depth, hands-on experience, preparing them to respond to diverse health care needs through nursing practice and supervisory roles. BSN graduates are well-equipped to pass the national licensing exam required to become a registered nurse.

The program's in-depth curriculum emphasizes clinical experience, critical thinking and leadership. The department offers a variety of nursing courses and cutting-edge learning laboratories where skills are taught and practiced. BSN students complete nearly 1,000 clinical hours before graduation.

Classes are taught by full-time faculty who are active practitioners in the same field in which they teach. They help students research their interests and goals, with an appreciation for individual differences. Small classes promote active learning, and a low student-faculty ratio demonstrates the department's strong commitment to personal development. The department also offers unique travel courses each year to countries such as Nicaragua and Honduras, where students gain real-life experience in community health nursing.

NCLEX PASSAGE RATE

In 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, UT nursing students received an impressive 100 percent pass rate on the NCLEX on the first try. UT is one of the few Florida schools to achieve this distinction. The 2016 national average of passage for first-time exam takers was 85.7 percent. In Florida, the rate was approximately 76.4 percent.

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I was drawn to UT's nursing program because of its high NCLEX passage rate. The professors here are attentive to students' needs and are committed to helping us become the best nurses possible. My goal is to work as a travel trauma nurse.”

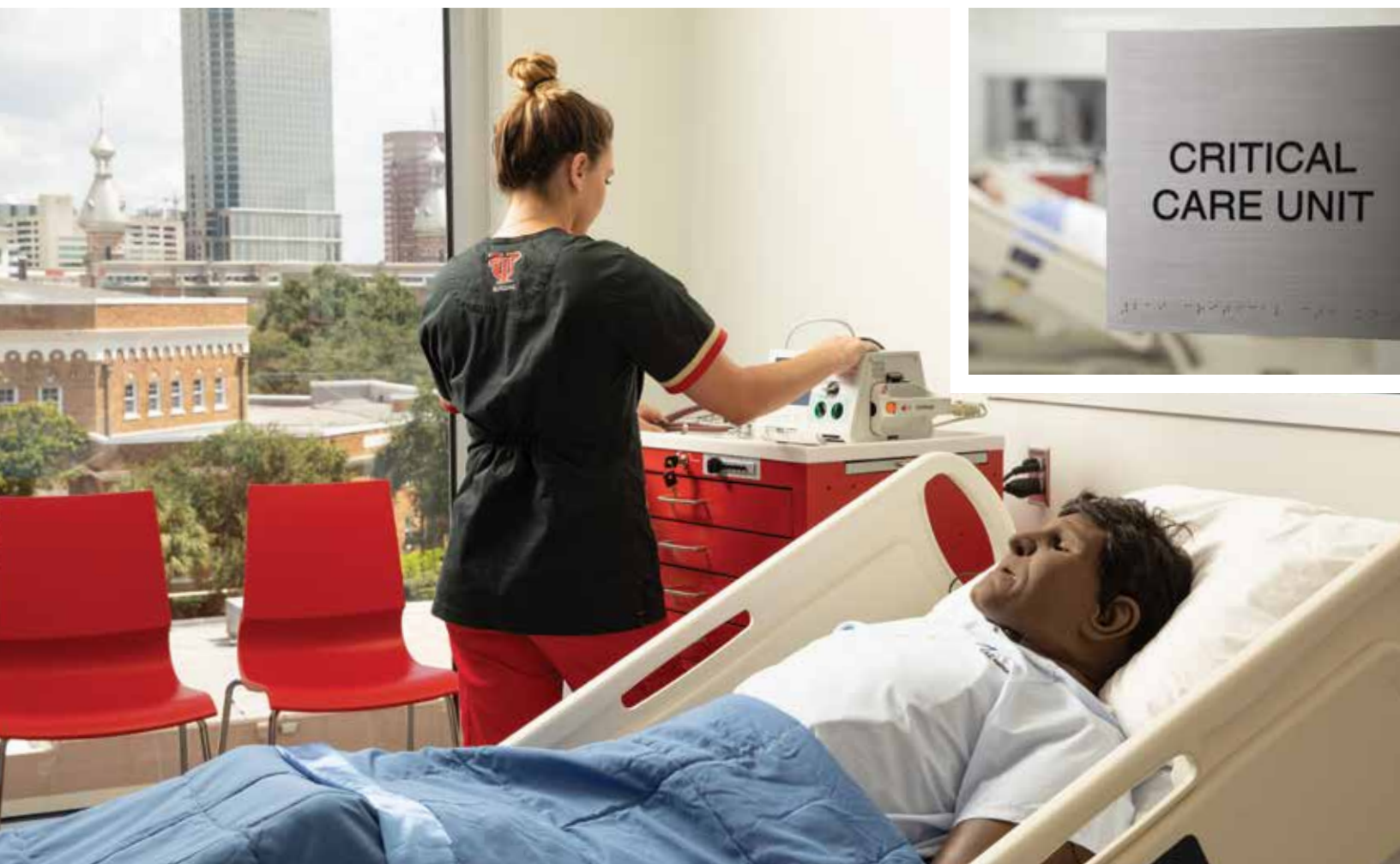
Jessica Connelly, BSN student

SAMPLE COURSES

- Professional Skills in Nursing
- Health Assessment
- Pharmacology
- Clinical Nutrition
- Nursing Care of Adults and Older Adults
- Nursing Care of the Developing Family
- Nursing Care of Children
- Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan
- Principles of Community Health
- Leadership and Management

BSN





MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

As the nation's health care system undergoes continuing changes, advanced practice nurses will be in increasing demand as primary care providers and clinical leaders. UT's M.S. in Nursing program prepares nurse practitioners for these important roles through an in-depth curriculum emphasizing clinical experience, critical thinking and leadership.

Designed for students who possess current RN licensure in the state of Florida, the program offers two areas of concentration:

- Adult/gerontology nurse practitioner
- Family nurse practitioner



Each concentration includes multiple practicums, each requiring a minimum of 224 hours of supervised education practice. 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.

POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE

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.



SAMPLE COURSES

- Advanced Health Assessment
- Clinical Pharmacology
- Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- Advanced Pathophysiology
- Clinical Management of Adults
- Clinical Management of Infants, Children and Adolescents
- Clinical Management of Women
- Clinical Management of Older Adults

MSN





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◀ *I chose UT because of its great reputation and close proximity from my home and my work at Tampa General Hospital. Students benefit from one-on-one attention and an open-door policy with the program director and faculty members. After graduation, I plan to continue my education while working as a nurse practitioner and serving my community.”*

Adeel Farooqi, MSN student

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE



UT's Doctor of Nursing Practice program is designed for advanced practice registered nurses living in Florida. This convenient, online program consists of 30 credit hours spread over six semesters.

With a focus on real-world relevancy, the program prepares DNP students to design, implement and evaluate evidence-based disease management care and to coordinate acute and chronic illness care for individuals and populations. The program's online format, with only three required visits to campus, allows students to continue their full-time careers in their clinical practice. UT nursing faculty are respected researchers and practitioners, and are committed to students' educational mastery and career advancement.

Doctorate-prepared nurses are increasingly in demand. UT's DNP graduates gain:

- Advanced health policy and management skills
- Expert clinical practice skills
- Improved leadership capacity
- New tools in evidence-based disease management
- Preparation for academic careers

SAMPLE COURSES

- Clinical Epidemiology
- Health Policy and Advocacy
- Health Care Leadership and Management
- Genomics
- Health Care Informatics and Information Systems
- Research Translation

DNP



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The Doctor of Nursing Practice is for nurse practitioners interested in elevating their career to the highest level. DNP practitioners translate the latest research into action by improving clinical outcomes and providing the highest quality of care to those they serve.”

Susan Berg, DNP, APRN
DNP Program Director and Associate Professor
of Nursing



ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

The University of Tampa is a medium-sized, private university offering more than 200 areas of study and 17 graduate programs. Located on a beautiful riverfront campus in downtown Tampa, UT is the school of choice for approximately 9,300 students from all 50 states and 132 countries.

The University is ranked by The Princeton Review as a “Best College.” *U.S. News & World Report* rates it among the top universities in the South and also names its graduate nursing program among the “Best Health Schools.”

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

In addition to the 260-plus student organizations at UT, nursing students have access to several professional and honorary organizations.

The **Student Nurses Association (SNA)** participates in planning activities for the department and organizes community activities for students to provide services to underserved populations.

Members also have opportunities to participate in events and conventions sponsored by the Florida Nursing Students Association.

The **Delta Beta Chapter-at-Large of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing** was founded in 1980 at the University of South Florida and rechartered in 2000 to include UT. Delta Beta sponsors an annual research program, opportunities for scholarships and research grants and promotes scholarly work in the community.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

View current tuition and fees at www.ut.edu/tuition. A variety of financial aid is available, including scholarships, loans and grants. To speak with a financial aid counselor, contact UT’s Financial Aid Office at (813) 253-6219 or finaid@ut.edu, or visit www.ut.edu/financialaid.

VISIT CAMPUS

UT hosts information sessions throughout the year on campus and virtually. Prospective students are encouraged to take a tour of campus and the nursing department facilities, and to talk with an admissions counselor and faculty members.

Visit www.ut.edu/visit to schedule an appointment, or contact the Office of Admissions at (813) 253-6211 or admissions@ut.edu.



STATE-OF-THE-ART NURSING FACILITIES

The Department of Nursing is housed on two floors of UT's Graduate and Health Studies Building, opened in fall 2018. The department's simulation laboratory, featuring more than a dozen realistic medical manikins, allows nursing skills to be taught and practiced in a safe, risk-free environment. Students gain valuable practice in acute hospital and long-term care settings, with medical supplies and equipment similar to those used in real health care facilities. In addition, there are two ICU simulation labs that include authentic emergency equipment. Six patient examination rooms — similar to those in a primary care office — allow both MSN and BSN students to practice their health assessment and physical exam skills.



NURSING DEPARTMENT FACILITIES

- Large patient care center with more than a dozen medical manikins
- Two ICU simulation labs with control rooms and debriefing rooms
- Six health assessment clinical spaces
- Maternal-child patient care area with two birthing simulators
- Secure storage rooms for medication, supplies and equipment
- Student lounge
- Study spaces
- Classrooms
- Conference room





120+

UT's Department of Nursing maintains formal affiliations with more than 120 Tampa Bay area health care facilities, providing students with expanded educational experiences and broad clinical exposure.





The University of Tampa's 110-acre historic riverfront campus features \$600 million in new buildings and facilities, including a state-of-the-art Graduate and Health Studies Building, home to the Department of Nursing. Take a virtual tour at www.ut.edu/utvirtualtour.

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The University of Tampa admits students of both sexes and all races, regardless of their age, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation and/or any handicap. This policy of nondiscrimination extends in letter and spirit to all areas of a student's experience at the University.