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Policy Title: MSN/Post-Master's Student Admission

Minimum admission requirements for the graduate program are established by the faculty of the Cizik School of Nursing. Applicants are reviewed on an individual basis using a holistic admission process.

- I. Criteria for Admission: Criteria have been established against which each applicant is evaluated. The ultimate purpose is to predict potential to succeed at the graduate level. Categories of admission are determined by how an applicant meets criteria for: (A) Full Admission Status; (B) Conditional Admission Status; (C) Provisional Admission Status; and (D) Non-degree Admission Status

A. Full Admission Status

1. A completed electronic application for admission
2. A \$60.00 non-refundable application fee due at the time of application submission
3. One official copy of the transcript from each institution attended. If the applicant has attended any school within The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) it is not necessary to request a transcript. Electronic submission is preferred. Transcript(s) should show:
 - A Baccalaureate degree in nursing earned from a program accredited by a national accrediting organization. Applicants must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 hours of the BSN program.
 - A Master's degree in nursing from an accredited school if Post-Master's applicant
 - A completed basic statistics course with a grade of C or higher
4. Three (3) satisfactory academic/professional references (individual references should be provided on an applicant letter of reference form).
5. One official copy of TOEFL score if international applicant. TOEFL scores can be no more than two (2) years old and a minimum score of 550 is required on the paper exam, a minimum score of 213 on the computer-based exam, or a minimum score of 86 on the internet-based exam.

6. A course-by-course evaluation of international credentials by Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) for individuals with degrees from outside the United States.
7. A professional curriculum vitae or resume
8. Documentation on application (via resume or vitae) of minimum work experience for chosen clinical concentration
9. Interview, if applicable

B. Conditional Admission Status

Conditional admission may be granted for one or more of the following limitations:

1. A Bachelor of Science degree from a nursing school which is not accredited by a national accrediting organization.
2. A grade point average below 3.0 on a 4.0 point system for the last 60 hours of the BSN Program.

A student admitted conditionally will convert to full admission status upon successful completion of the first nine (9) semester hours with a grade of “B” or better. A student failing to meet this requirement may not be allowed to progress.

C. Provisional Admission Status

Provisional admission may be granted for the following reason:

Applicant does not have an unencumbered, current Texas license or enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC) license without stipulations to practice as a registered nurse (RN).

The student is required to submit evidence of an unencumbered, current Texas RN license during the first term of enrollment. The student may not enroll in a clinical course without the required current licensure.

D. Non-Degree Post-Master’s Admission Status

Information regarding requirements for the post-Master’s certificate program may be found in MSN Policy G5000. Non-degree post-Master’s students are not eligible for financial aid.

II. Admission Procedure: Once admitted and prior to enrollment, the student must submit:

- A. Evidence of unencumbered, current Texas license or eNLC license without stipulations to practice as an RN or of application for Texas RN license or.
- B. Documentations of current BCLS; students in the Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner track must submit documentation of both BCLS and ACLS

- C. Evidence of required immunizations
- D. Completed criminal background check
- E. Complete drug screen

Eligible international applicants and students should contact the Office of International Affairs for further information: <https://www.uth.edu/international-affairs/>