Minimum admission requirements for the graduate program are established by the faculty of the School of Nursing. The number of graduate students admitted each semester is determined by availability of appropriate qualified faculty and/or clinical resources. Applicants are reviewed on an individual basis using a holistic admissions 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. Official scores for the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) taken within five years preceding application for Nurse Anesthesia applicants only
   • Nurse Anesthesia applicants: GRE only is accepted. The track prefers and strongly recommends a score of 500 or greater on each of the Verbal and Quantitative sections and a minimum score of 3.5 on the written section. For the Revised GRE the recommended score is: 153 Verbal; 144 Quantitative; with the written section remaining at 3.5
4. 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 an accredited program
  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
• A completed Organic Chemistry I or Biochemistry course within the last
  six (6) years if Nurse Anesthesia applicant
5. Three (3) satisfactory academic/professional references (individual
  references should be provided on an applicant letter of reference form)
6. 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
7. A course-by-course evaluation of international credentials by Educational
   Credential Evaluators (ECE) for individuals with degrees from outside the
   U.S.
8. A professional curriculum vitae or resume
9. Documentation on application (via resume or vitae) of minimum work
   experience for chosen clinical concentration
10. 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.
3. Nurse Anesthesia applicants: A combined Graduate Record Examination
   score below the recommended score for full admission.

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. Student failing to meet this requirement may not be allowed to
progress.

C. Provisional Admission Status

Provisional admission may be granted for the following reasons:

1. Applicant has not submitted official copies of documents such as
   transcripts, TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score (if
   applicable), and/or unencumbered, current Texas licensure without
The student is required to meet the requirements of provisional admission during the first term of enrollment.

D. **Non-Degree Post-Baccalaureate Admission Status**

The non-degree admission category is available for UTHealth School of Nursing BSN alumni who wish to take courses without seeking a degree. The post-baccalaureate student may apply for full admission to the next entering class at any point during enrollment as a non-degree seeking student. Non-degree seeking students may only enroll, subject to available space, in a maximum of 11 hours from the list of courses below:

- N5501 or N5501W Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing (2 hrs.) – required for Leadership/Administration track only
- N6102W Preparation of Scholarship Skills for Advanced Nursing Practice (1 hr.) – required for Leadership/Administration track only
- N5506 Statistics in Nursing (2 hrs.) – required for all tracks
- N5529W Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nursing (3 hrs.) – not required for MSN Nurse Anesthesia or Leadership/Administration tracks
- N6151 or N6151W Advanced Pathophysiology (3 hrs.) – not required for MSN Nurse Anesthesia and Leadership/Administration tracks
- N6101 or N6101W Clinical and Epidemiologic Research for Advanced Nursing Practice (3 hrs.) – required for all tracks
- N6103W Informatics and Healthcare Technologies (3 hrs.) – not required for Nursing Education or MSN Nurse Anesthesia tracks

Completing courses as a non-degree seeking student does not guarantee admission into the MSN program or other specific track. The student must apply and meet all requirements, including the recommended minimum GPA.

Non-degree students are not eligible for financial aid.

E. **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. **Admissions Procedure:** Once admitted and prior to enrollment, the student must submit:

A. **Eligibility for or evidence of unencumbered, current Texas licensure without stipulations to practice as a registered nurse**
B. Documentation of current BCLS; students in the Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner or Nurse Anesthesia tracks must submit documentation of both BCLS and ACLS (plus PALS for Nurse Anesthesia)

C. Evidence of required immunizations

D. Completed criminal background check

E. Completed drug screen

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