

NURSING SCIENCE

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Nursing prepares students for careers as clinical nurse scientists and faculty. Admission into the program is only offered once a year, with an application deadline of February 1st for students to begin classes in Fall. Admission can occur at the Post-BSN or Post-MSN levels. The Ph.D. program is rooted in foundations of theory and research with the expectation of students to become teachers and disseminators of knowledge in the field of Nursing.

Ph.D. Admissions Requirements

Program Length: 3 – 6 Years

Admissions Requirements:

To be considered for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Program the following factors are required:

- Online application submitted via NursingCAS (<http://www.nursingcas.org>). View a video overview (<http://www.screenecast.com/t/TYbelPyAD>) on completing NursingCAS application.
- NursingCAS application fee
- Bachelors in Nursing and/or Masters in Nursing from a nationally accredited school of nursing (NLNAC, CCNE)
- Submit official transcript(s) from each post-secondary institution attended, even if no degree awarded, to NursingCAS. International transcripts must be evaluated by an accredited foreign credential service. *For more information regarding international applicant requirements, click here (<http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/intApplicants.asp>).
- Grade Point Average of "B" (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required
- Basic statistics course
- Official copy of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score, if international applicant. TOEFL and IELTS scores can be no more than two (2) years old. A minimum TOEFL score of 550 is required on the paper examination; minimum 250 on the computer-based examination; or, minimum 68 on the internet based examination. A minimum IELTS score of 6.5 for graduate admission is required. TOEFL school code: 3383
- Licensure as a Registered Nurse in Texas or Compact State. International applicants should contact the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies to determine licensure requirements.
- Current BLS for Healthcare Providers Certification through the American Heart Association.
- Current Required Immunizations (<http://shc.uthscsa.edu>)
- Proof of Current Health Insurance Coverage (<http://students.uthscsa.edu/studentlife/2013/03/health-insurance>)
- Clear Criminal Background Check
- Basic Computer Skills
- Three Professional References (Submit via NursingCAS Application)
- Official results from the GRE exam taken within the last 5 years should indicate strong verbal, quantitative and analytic potential.
- Professional Goal Statement/Essay (Submit via Supplemental Application, not via NursingCAS application)
- Current resume or curriculum vita
- School of Nursing application fee

- Interview and Admission Essay

Application Deadline: Deadline for fall entrance is April 1 (Ph.D. applications are accepted only once each year)

Start Term: Fall

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Ph.D. Degree Requirements and Graduation

Students may enter the Ph.D. program post baccalaureate degree in nursing or post master's degree in nursing.

Full-time and part-time study options are available. Part-time study for doctoral students is defined as six credit hours or two courses per semester.

Students complete 81 semester credit hours (which includes previous graduate course work) in three to six years.

All policies of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences <http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu> are applicable to this program of study.

Ph.D. Nursing Science Plan of Study BSN to Ph.D. Full Time

First Year

Fall Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURS 7325 Philosophy Of Nursing Science					3
NURS 6315 Informatics & Health Care Technologies					3
NURS 7316 Statistical Analysis For Nursing Science					3
Total Credit Hours:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0

First Year							Second Year					
Spring Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH		Spring Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURS 7310	Development, Analysis And Evaluation In Nursing				3		NURS 7380	Nursing: Synthesis And Application Of Clinical Research				3
NURS 5339	Leadership and Health Policy for Quality and Safety				3		<hr/>					
NURS 7322	Healthcare Policy Analysis and Advocacy				3		Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
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Total Credit Hours:												
First Year							Second Year					
Summer Session	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH		Summer Session	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURS 6380	Fundamentals of Epidemiology				3		NURS 7380	Qualitative Inquiry For Clinical Nursing Research				3
NURS 5356	Financial and Economic Evidence In Health Care				3		NURS 7374	Nursing-Content & Practice: Quantitative Research Methodology 1				3
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Total Credit Hours:												
Second Year							Third Year					
Fall Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH		Fall Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURS 7105	Role Of The Clinical Nurse Scientist				1		NURS 7375	Regression Models For Nursing Science				3
NURS 7226	Ethics Of Nursing Science				2		NURS 6075	Supervised Teaching				1
NURS 7315	Applications of Research In Nursing				3		<hr/>					
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Total Credit Hours:												
Second Year							Third Year					
Spring Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH		Spring Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURS 7380	Qualitative Methods 2: Application In Nursing Science				3		NURS 7375	Nursing: Quantitative Research Methods 2				3

NURE 509 Special Topics In Nursing						3
Total Credit Hours:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		9.0

Third Year

Summer Session	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURS 737 Mixed Methods For Clinical Nurse Scientists					3
NURS 738 Structural Equation Models For Nursing Science					3
Total Credit Hours:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURE 731 Applications of Research In Nursing					3
Total Credit Hours:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0

Fourth Year

Spring Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURE 709 Dissertation Proposal Process					1-6
Total Credit Hours:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0-6.0

Fourth Year

Summer Session	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURE 709 Dissertation Proposal Process					1-6
Total Credit Hours:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0-6.0

Fifth Year

Fall Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURS 709 Dissertation					6
Total Credit Hours:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0

Fifth Year

Spring Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURS 709 Dissertation					6
Total Credit Hours:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0

* Part time plan of study varies for the BSN to Ph.D., please contact department

§ 6 hours of Cognate courses must be completed prior to or during the same term as Qualifying Exams

Post-MSN to Ph.D. Full Time

First Year

Fall Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURS 731 Statistical Analysis For Nursing Science					3
NURS 732 Philosophy Of Nursing Science					3
NURS 710 Role Of The Clinical Nurse Scientist					1
NURE 721 Applications Of Research In Nursing					2
Total Credit Hours:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0

First Year

Spring Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURS 731 Theory Development, Analysis And Evaluation In Nursing					3

NURS 738	Nursing: Synthesis And Application Of Clinical Research					3
Total Credit Hours:		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0

First Year

Summer Session	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH	
NURS 738	Qualitative Inquiry For Clinical Nursing Research				3	
NURS 737	Nursing-Content & Practice: Quantitative Research Methodology 1				3	
Total Credit Hours:		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0

Second Year

Fall Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH	
NURS 722	Ethics Of Nursing Science				2	
NURS 737	Regression Models For Nursing Science				3	
NURS 607	Supervised Teaching				1	
Total Credit Hours:		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0

Second Year

Spring Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURS 738	Qualitative Methods 2: Application In Nursing Science				3

NURS 737	Nursing: Quantitative Research Methods 2					3
Total Credit Hours:		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0

Second Year

Summer Session	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH	
NURS 737	Mixed Methods For Clinical Nurse Scientists				3	
NURS 738	Structural Equation Models For Nursing Science				3	
Total Credit Hours:		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0

Third Year

Fall Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH	
NURS 737	Applications of Research In Nursing				3	
Total Credit Hours:		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0

Third Year

Spring Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH	
NURS 709	Dissertation Proposal Process				1-6	
Total Credit Hours:		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0-6.0

Third Year

Summer Session	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH	
NURS 709	Dissertation Proposal Process				1-6	
Total Credit Hours:		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0-6.0

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURS 709Dissertation					1-9
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0-9.0
Credit Hours:					

Fourth Year

Spring Semester	Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
NURS 709Dissertation					1-9
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0-9.0
Credit Hours:					

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Ph.D. Program Outcomes

At the completion of the doctoral program the student will:

1. Generate and extend knowledge through intellectual inquiry and creative scholarship.
2. Examine policies, trends and resources that influence the generation of knowledge and its use in health care.
3. Communicate knowledge to communities of interest to advance health care in culturally diverse, global societies.
4. Infuse a nursing perspective into interdisciplinary research and scholarly endeavors.
5. Engage individuals, communities, and global societies to promote health through interdisciplinary collaboration.

The Ph.D. in nursing program is offered by the Health Science Center School of Nursing (SON). The Ph.D. degree is awarded by the Health Science Center Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Ph.D. Program Policies**General Information**

Information about academic progression, policies, or procedures, as well as curriculum information, may be obtained from the Office for Academic Affairs.

Current Licensure as a Registered Nurse

Each graduate nursing student is required to maintain current licensure in good standing as a registered nurse in Texas, or a Compact State with multistate privileges, throughout the graduate program. Students must provide a copy of the license verification to the Office for Academic Affairs. Failure to maintain a current license in good standing or to produce proof of current licensure in good standing is grounds for dismissal from the program. International students in the Ph.D. program should contact the Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies regarding applicable licensure requirements.

Advisement

Each student enrolled in the graduate program is assigned an advisor in the Office for Academic Affairs.

Independent Study

Guidelines for design and approval of Independent Studies are available from the Office for Academic Affairs. COGS must approve

the Independent Study before the student may register for the course. Courses for summer and fall must be approved in the spring; courses for spring must be approved during the fall semester.

Dissertation

The Graduate School Instructions for Preparation and Submission of Thesis, Dissertations, and Dissertation Abstracts and forms for advisor approval are available from the GSBS website. Doctoral students should obtain a copy of the Guidelines that provide information about the dissertation process.

Teaching Assistants

Opportunities are available for graduate nursing students enrolled part-time to work as teaching assistants in the School of Nursing. Interested applicants should contact the Office of Faculty Affairs and Diversity in the School of Nursing for additional information.

Transfer of Credit

Academic work for the Master of Science in Nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practice are usually completed within the Health Science Center. However, students may, with the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS), transfer from another accredited institution a maximum of six semester credit hours (9 quarter hours) of graduate credit applicable to their course of study leading toward the Master of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice or Ph.D. in Nursing degrees.

Additional graduate courses may be transferred from other accredited institutions upon the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS), with the number not to exceed an additional six semester credit hours. Approval of courses beyond the six semester hours or courses to be accepted in lieu of required, clinical major or minor courses must be submitted to COGS. The student may obtain additional information about materials that must be submitted with the petition from the Office for Academic Affairs. Approval of any course for transfer, prior to registration for the course, is strongly recommended. Ph.D. students must consult with their advisor prior to registering for cognate courses taken outside the School of Nursing.

Approval of transfer credit requires that the student be enrolled in the graduate program. The student must complete a Request for Transfer of Credit form and submit it to the Office for Academic Affairs with an official course description from the Catalog and must make certain that an official transcript, sent directly from the college or university attended, is in her/his file or request that a transcript be sent as soon as the course is completed. All courses must have been completed not more than five years before the degree is awarded. Courses in which a grade of C or less has been earned will not be accepted for transfer.

Honors

A graduate nursing student whose grade point average is 4.0 is awarded her/his degree with High Honors.

Grades and Grade Point Average

The standing of students in their work is expressed by five grades: **A** (above average graduate work), **B** (average graduate work), **C** (below average graduate work), **D** (failing graduate work), and **F** (failing graduate work). **D** and **F** grades are not acceptable for graduate credit. Students may also register in certain courses on a pass/fail basis, in which case the grade is recorded as either Pass (**P**) or Fail (**F**) and no letter grade is assigned.

Other symbols used in reporting the standing of students in their classes are: **WP**=withdrawal from course passing; **WF**=withdrawal from course failing; **I**=incomplete; **IP**=in progress (for selected courses); **S**=satisfactory; **U**=unsatisfactory; **AU** records an audited course.

Courses in which a student receives a **D** or **F** will not be counted toward the total number of courses and/or hours required for a graduate degree in the School of Nursing or the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. However, all grades (**A** to **F**) are included in the computation of the grade point average. In computing the grade point average, the following scale of points per semester credit hour is used:

A = 4 points (90-100)

B = 3 points (80-89)

C = 2 points (70-79)

D = 1 point (60-69)

F = 0 points (Below 60)

Progression in the Graduate Program

To continue in the PhD program, a student must:

- absolve any contingencies related to admission to the program within the time period stated in the letter of admission, or within the first semester if not stated;
- maintain satisfactory progress (**B** average in first 9 hours) if conditionally admitted;
- receive no more than one **C** in any course;
- maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of **B** (3.0) for all courses taken while enrolled in the graduate program.

Should a student fail to meet the criteria for continuance in the program, her/his progress will be reviewed by the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) which may:

- impose conditions as requirements for continuation in the program, or
- terminate the student's enrollment in the program, with the consent of the Dean of the School of Nursing or the Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (<http://gsbs.uthscsa.edu>).

Scholastic Probation

A student whose cumulative grade point average or nursing grade point average falls below 3.0 will be placed on probation and warned that continuation in the graduate program is in jeopardy.

The probation period shall extend no longer than two consecutive semesters of enrollment. No more than one probationary period shall be permitted. NURE (elective) courses may not be taken during the probationary period, and the student may not drop any course after the first class day.

To be removed from probation, the student must achieve a 3.0 cumulative grade point average by the completion of the probationary period. Failure to accomplish the required average will result in the student's dismissal from the program.

The progress of students on probation will be reviewed by the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) each semester. A student on probation will not be admitted to candidacy nor awarded a degree. Satisfactory progress toward the degree is required throughout the student's

enrollment. The Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) may terminate a student's enrollment at any time if the student does not meet the criteria for continuance in the program.

Probation Policy and Procedure

1. Definition: Probation is the status of the student whose progression in the program may be delayed, interrupted or conditional due to the criteria listed below.
2. Criteria for Probation in the Nursing Program includes any one of the following:
 - a. Earning a grade of "C" in a graduate course
 - b. Earning a grade in a graduate course that drops the GPA below 3.0
 - c. Failure to meet any of the School of Nursing Policies related to academic or professional conduct
 - d. Failure to meet the terms of professional integrity standards defined in the current University Catalog, the Texas State Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act (http://www.bon.texas.gov/laws_and_rules_nursing_practice_act.asp), the Texas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations (http://www.bon.texas.gov/laws_and_rules_rules_and_regulations.asp) and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics (<http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards/CodeofEthicsforNurses>).
3. Probation Procedure
 - a. Initial Review of Recommendation for Probation
 - i The faculty member of record for each course will notify, in writing, a student who meets the criteria set forth in provision 2 and refer the student to the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies within 2 business days of the occurrence of the criteria set forth in provision 2.
 - ii The student may present his/her case to the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, if requested in writing, within 3 business days of notification of the probation recommendation. If the student wishes to bring a person outside of the School of Nursing to the meeting, he/she must indicate this in the request to the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies. If the person attending the meeting with the student is an attorney, the meeting will be held with the University attorney present.
 - b. If the review results in validation of the criteria set forth in provision 2, the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies will recommend in writing one or more of the following actions to the Dean of the School of Nursing:
 - i Earning a Grade of C or a grade that drops the GPA below 3.0
 1. A written "Probation Letter of Expectation" that determines the length and conditions of the probation period which may include, but are not limited, any one of the following:
 - Referral of the student to resources and support services for academic success
 - Referral of the student to the faculty to devise a written plan for academic success.
 - Referral of the student to the Associate Dean for Admissions and Student Services for non-academic support
 - ii Failure to meet School of Nursing Policies or failure to meet the terms of professional integrity standards defined in the current University Catalog, the Texas State Board of

Nursing Nurse Practice Act (http://www.bon.texas.gov/laws_and_rules_nursing_practice_act.asp), the Texas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations (http://www.bon.texas.gov/laws_and_rules_rules_and_regulations.asp) and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics (<http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards/CodeofEthicsforNurses>)

1. The Associate Dean for Graduate Studies will present a recommendation for the "Probation Letter of Expectation" that determines the length and conditions of the probation to the Committee on Graduate Studies.
2. The Committee on Graduate Studies will act on the recommendation for the "Probation Letter of Expectation".
3. The final decision for probation and the terms of the probation will be made by the Committee on Graduate Studies and will be delivered to the student in writing by certified letter to the student's address of record and copied to the Dean of the School of Nursing.
4. When indicated, the incident will be reported to the local law enforcement agency and/or other appropriate agencies, institutions, and/or regulatory bodies by the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies.
5. If the review of the recommendation for probation results in a recommendation for dismissal, the policy and procedure for dismissal will supersede the policy and procedure for probation.

- a. The faculty member of record for each course will notify, in writing, a student who meets the criteria set forth in provision 2 and refer the student to the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies within 2 business days of the occurrence of the criteria set forth in provision 2.
- b. When a student meets criteria in provision 2 above, he or she will be dismissed from his or her program. The student will receive notification of dismissal via a certified letter from the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies also sent to the Dean of the School of Nursing, the student's file in the Graduate Office and to the Registrar for the student's permanent record. The Associate Dean for Graduate Studies has full authority to proceed autonomously according to policy, but may choose to seek input from the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS).

A student who is dismissed from his or her program is not eligible to register for additional courses. If the student has already registered for subsequent courses, the student will be required to unenroll.

4. Student Appeal of Dismissal

- a. In the event of extenuating circumstances, a student may choose to appeal dismissal from his or her program. All appeals are presented to and reviewed by the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS).

A request for appeal of dismissal and presentation to COGS must be sent by the student in writing to the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies within 3 business days of receiving the certified letter of dismissal. The student must indicate in the request if he or she wishes to bring a person outside of the School of Nursing to the meeting. If the person attending the meeting with the student is an attorney, the meeting will be held with the University attorney present. The student may also request to bring other appropriate faculty to the meeting with COGS. The Committee on Graduate Studies may request University employees or supervising clinical agency personnel attend the appeal or meet with them prior to deliberating. A review of the student's records may also be conducted.

The Associate Dean for Graduate Studies will notify the student, in writing via email, that his or her case will be presented to the Committee on Graduate Studies. The written communication will include the date and time of the presentation. Student presentations are limited to a maximum of 15 minutes.

b. After the student presentation is concluded, and any additional information deemed appropriate to the situation is obtained, the Committee on Graduate Studies will review all information related to the criteria set forth in provision 2 for adherence to process and outcome actions. The faculty voting members of the Committee on Graduate Studies, in closed deliberation with the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies can recommend one or more of the following actions:

- i. Uphold the decision to dismiss the student from the School of Nursing Graduate Program

Dismissal Policy and Procedure

1. Definition: Dismissal is the removal of a student from the School of Nursing Graduate Program. A student who is dismissed from the graduate program may not continue in the graduate nursing program and is not eligible for readmission.
2. Criteria for Dismissal from the Graduate Nursing Program includes any one of the following:
 - a. Earning a grade of "D", "F", "Fail" or "U" in any required graduate course
 - b. Earning a grade of "C" in 6 or more credit hours of required graduate coursework regardless of cumulative GPA or in two graduate courses regardless of the number of credit hours and cumulative GPA
 - c. Failure to meet the conditions of the School of Nursing "Probation Letter of Expectation"
 - d. Failure to meet the terms of professional integrity and ethical standards defined in the current University Catalog, the Texas State Board of Nursing Nurse Practice Act (http://www.bon.texas.gov/laws_and_rules_nursing_practice_act.asp), the Texas State Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations (http://www.bon.texas.gov/laws_and_rules_rules_and_regulations.asp) and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics (<http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards/CodeofEthicsforNurses>). When indicated, the incident will be reported to the local law enforcement agency and/or other appropriate agencies, institutions, and/or regulatory bodies.
 - e. Failure to notify the school of non-matriculation for two consecutive semesters (excluding summers).

3. Dismissal Procedure

- ii. Amend the dismissal decision to probation in the Graduate Nursing Program per explicit terms and expectations deemed appropriate by COGS and the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies
- iii. Reconsideration of dismissal due to adherence concerns with process; including next steps

- c. A written recommendation from the Chairperson of the Committee on Graduate Studies will be made to the Dean of the School of Nursing.
- d. The final decision will be made by the Dean and will be delivered to the student in writing by certified letter to the student's address of record. A student who receives probation in the Graduate Nursing Program is not eligible to re-enroll in courses the semester immediately following the semester in which the student originally met criteria for dismissal. A student who is dismissed from the School of Nursing may not continue in the Graduate Nursing Program and is not eligible for readmission.

Individuals who have not registered in three consecutive terms, excluding summers, must apply for readmission unless they were previously granted official permission for leave of absence.

Those seeking readmission are subject to all requirements, procedures, and acceptance considerations outlined in this Catalog.

Petition

Students may petition the Committee on Graduate Studies (COGS) for the consideration of relevant issues influencing program progression and/or completion. Students who wish to petition COGS should consult with the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, and then complete the Student Petition Form that is available from the Office for Academic Affairs. Decisions regarding the petition will be communicated in writing to the students.

Petitions for reconsideration of the decision of COGS are reviewed by the Dean of the School of Nursing (<http://nursing.uthscsa.edu>). **The Dean's decisions are final.**

Repetition of a Course

Credit for courses in which a **D** or **F** is received may not be repeated and is grounds for dismissal as indicated in the dismissal policy.

The Semester Credit Hour

The unit of measure for credit purposes is the semester credit hour. One semester credit hour is given for each one clock hour of class or one clock hour of seminar for didactic courses. Four clock hours per one semester credit hour of laboratory/practicum/computer lab experience per week, per semester is given in the Nurse Practitioner majors, Nursing Education major, Administrative Management and Clinical Nurse Leader majors and all tracks in the DNP Program. For selected sessions and summer sessions during which the class, seminar, and practicum hours are concentrated, equivalent clock hours are provided.

Dissertation Course Report

The dissertation course may be reported as In Progress (**IP**) until the work is completed. The dissertation course is not counted in the grade point average.

Examinations

Individuals who have previously been enrolled in graduate nursing courses should complete an Application for Readmission. Transcripts from any colleges or universities attended since the time of the previous enrollment in the graduate programs must be submitted. Applicants may be requested to provide recent professional references. Proof of current licensure as a registered nurse in Texas is also required.