

REGISTERED NURSE TO MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (RN - M.S.)

An accelerated program is offered for highly motivated and experienced associate degree or diploma prepared RNs whose career goals would be enhanced through graduate study. Students complete the requirements for a baccalaureate degree while concurrently completing some of the requirements for a master's degree. After completing baccalaureate program requirements, students complete the remaining requirements for the master's degree.

Applicants must have a B average in all prerequisite courses, including basic nursing courses, and must meet all requirements for admission to the master's program, with the exception of having completed a baccalaureate degree in nursing. Program information is available from the M.S. or RN-B.S. coordinator at each campus.

Admission Requirements

All applicants to this program are subject to policies of the College of Nursing Master's Program and Graduate School at Texas Woman's University. The requirements for admission to the RN to M.S. Program are:

1. Current license to practice professional nursing in the USA, unencumbered
2. A basic statistics course (included in the required prerequisite coursework).
3. Completion of all prerequisites prior to the first class day.
4. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (B average) in the last 60 semester credit hours of course work toward the bachelor's degree and a minimum GPA of 3.0 (B average) in all prior graduate coursework.
5. A minimum grade of C in anatomy and physiology and microbiology.
6. A minimum B average in all required nursing courses for the associate degree or the diploma in nursing.

Advanced Placement (Nursing courses which may be challenged)

All students in the RN to M.S. Program are eligible to challenge specified undergraduate nursing courses. Advanced placement through the challenge examination process offers the registered nurse the opportunity to challenge courses for which she/he has gained knowledge through continuing education, life experiences, or academic course work.

Progression Requirements

To progress in the nursing program, a student must receive a minimum grade of B in each required course in both the baccalaureate and master's courses and must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. A student may repeat only one course in which a grade of less than B is earned. A student who has earned a grade of less than B in two nursing courses or who has earned a grade of less than B twice in the same required course will be removed from the RN-M.S. program. If a course must be repeated, the student cannot continue to take master's level courses until the course with a grade below B has been successfully repeated; however, a student may continue to take undergraduate

courses or choose to continue as an RN to B.S. student. Students who choose to continue as an RN to B.S. student could, upon successful completion of the baccalaureate program, reapply to the master's program.