

The University of Texas at Austin, School of Nursing
Graduate Student Affairs Office

Application Information for Graduate Programs in Nursing

Applying to graduate study at UT-Austin involves submitting separate application materials to the Graduate and International Admissions Center (GIAC) and to the School of Nursing Graduate Student Affairs Office. All materials are due to each location by December 1. Applications that are incomplete or not received by December 1 will not be considered for admission.

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ALL PROGRAMS: DECEMBER 1

Graduate and International Admissions Center

GIAC, P.O. Box 7608, Austin, TX 78712-7608

www.utexas.edu/student/giac

- Online application for admission (www.applytexas.org)
- Application fee (\$50.00 for US applicants, \$75.00 for International applicants)
- Official copies of transcripts from each four-year college or university attended (GIAC does not need community college transcripts.)
- Official report of GRE scores (UT-Austin GRE Code: 6882)
- Official report of TOEFL scores (International applicants only)

It is the applicant's responsibility to confirm with GIAC that they have received all materials listed above. You may check the status of documents received by GIAC online at www.utdirect.utexas.edu/nr/appstat.html.

School of Nursing Graduate Student Affairs Office

School of Nursing, Graduate Student Affairs Office, 1700 Red River, Austin, TX 78701

www.utexas.edu/nursing

The following materials must be submitted directly to the School of Nursing Graduate Student Affairs Office, **AT ONE TIME, IN ONE PACKAGE, INCLUDING REFERENCES.**

- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Official copies of transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
- Three references (School of Nursing Reference Forms are provided in the online application for admission and on the School of Nursing web site. Please collect the forms and include them in your packet for the School of Nursing. Have the recommender sign over the seal of each envelope to show that the reference is confidential.)
- Personal Statement (Two submission options: 1. In the essay/statement section of the online application. 2. In writing, directly to the School of Nursing by including it in your application package. Please do not do both. Program-specific instructions are listed on the reverse of this page.)

Alternate Entry Program Applicants Only: Final grades for any prerequisite courses in progress during the semester of application (Fall) must be received by the School of Nursing Graduate Student Affairs Office by January 5. Applicants can mail (address above) or FAX (512 232-4777) these final grades. Transcripts, grade reports and online grade report printouts are all acceptable. Failure to submit final Fall grades by the deadline will result in your application not being considered for admission.

It is the applicant's responsibility to confirm with the School of Nursing Graduate Student Affairs Office that all materials have been received on time. To find out if your application package has been received, e-mail nugrad@uts.cc.utexas.edu.

Personal Statement Instructions

Applicants to the PhD Program in Nursing

The foundation for our admission process is a match between students' focused area of research/study and faculty expertise, along with other admission criteria. Please submit a personal statement that emphasizes your goals for doctoral study and your anticipated focused area of research/study during your doctoral studies. Be sure to include the following points:

1. Discuss your interest in doctoral education in nursing.
2. Identify and discuss your focused area of study and specify your research interests.
3. Describe any previous work (clinical or research) that relates to your research interests.
4. Identify your personal and professional goals and describe how you anticipate doctoral education in nursing furthering these goals.
5. Discuss any special circumstances that you believe require further clarification.

Applicants to the Alternate-Entry PhD Program in Nursing

1. Discuss the development of your interest in a graduate-level nursing program leading to a PhD.
2. Discuss the basis for your choosing nursing as opposed to other health-related professions.
3. Identify the clinical specialty area and your focused area of research for which you are applying, including: the basis for choice, any experience that you have had in this area, and goals for working in the specialty area, *e.g. what you see yourself doing as a registered nurse and nurse scientist.*
4. Discuss any special circumstances that you believe require further clarification.

Applicants to the MSN and post-Masters Programs in Nursing

1. Discuss the development of your interest in graduate education in nursing.
2. Identify the clinical specialty area for which you are applying, describe the basis for your choice, and identify your personal and professional goals. (CNS and Nurse Practitioner applicants also must address reasons for wanting to be an *Advanced Practice Nurse* and why you should be selected for this program.)
3. Discuss any special circumstances that you believe require further clarification.

Applicants to the Alternate-Entry MSN Program in Nursing

1. Discuss the development of your interest in a graduate-level nursing program vs. BSN.
2. Discuss the basis for your choosing nursing as opposed to other health-related professions.
3. Identify the clinical specialty area for which you are applying, including the basis for choice, any experience that you have had in this area, and goals for working in the specialty area, *e.g. what you see yourself doing as a registered nurse.* (CNS applicants also must address reasons for wanting to be an *Advanced Practice Nurse* and why you should be selected for this program.)
4. Discuss any special circumstances that you believe require further clarification.

Helpful Hints for Applicants

Provide a current e-mail address on your online application for admission that will be active until May. If your e-mail address changes, contact both GIAC and Nursing. Most University correspondence is conducted via e-mail.

Applicants who attended UT-Austin as an undergraduate student must still request that separate copies of their UT-Austin transcripts be sent to both GIAC AND the School of Nursing Graduate Student Affairs Office. The online application for admission allows former UT-Austin students to order a copy of their UT-Austin transcripts for GIAC. Applicants must separately request another copy of their UT-Austin transcripts from the Office of the Registrar to be sent to them to include in their packet for Nursing.

Give recommenders ample time when requesting they complete a reference form. References may submit only the reference form OR the reference form with a letter of recommendation. At a minimum, the reference form is required. Forms and letters must be in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature across the seal.

If you have ever attended UT-Austin as a graduate student, please contact the School of Nursing Graduate Student Affairs Office before beginning the application process.

If you are applying to a post-Master's program, please select "Non-degree seeking" on the online application.

Still have questions? Please e-mail the Graduate Student Affairs Office at nugrad@uts.cc.utexas.edu.