

Master of Science in Nursing-Forensic Nursing











WHAT IS A FORENSIC NURSE?

A forensic nurse is an experienced registered nurse who specializes in assessment, documentation and treatment of victimized patients, such as:

- Adult or child sexual assault
- Child abuse and neglect
- Intimate partner violence/family violence
- Elder, vulnerable and dependent person abuse and neglect
- Physical assault
- Human trafficking
- Death scene investigation
- Correctional nursing
- Uses forensically accurate medical terminology to describe physical exam findings
- Identifies, collects and preserves potential or known biological and physical evidence
- Assesses patterned injuries and injuries in various stages of healing
- Provides expert witness testimony within civil, criminal or military justice system

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Course instruction delivered online, allowing working nurses to balance career and family
- Evidence-based curriculum on the most current forensic nursing research
- \$375,000 in scholarships available annually through Texas A&M Health Rural Engagement Program
- Graduates eligible to receive Aggie Ring

APPLY

Application Requirements

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing and unencumbered RN license
- Recommended cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on 4.0 scale) in all course work
- Elementary statistics course with minimum grade of "C"
- NursingCAS application and fee
- Official college transcripts
- Professional resume
- Three professional references
- Online interview and online written assessments through the secondary assessment provider, Kira Talent
- Applicants with foreign credentials please refer to website for further application requirements

When to Apply

NursingCAS		
Entry Term	Fall	
Open Date	Oct. 1	
Deadline Date	Jan. 1	

More Information



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FORENSIC NURSING



CONSULTING with legal authorities



ATTENDING TO immediate medical needs of patient



COLLECTING evidence



PROVIDING medical testimony in court

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Required Core Courses	Semester Credit Hours
Advanced Health Assessment*	3
Prevention and Population Health	3
Quality Improvement and Informatics	3
Scholarship: Integration and Application	3
Leadership and Health Policy	3
Advanced Pathophysiology	3
Advanced Pharmacology	3
Advanced Clinical Practicum and Project	3
Foundations of Forensic Health Care	2
Victimology	3
Impact of Violence Across the Lifespan	3
Forensic Investigation of Injury	2
TOTAL (Includes a minimum of two or more hours of elective courses)	36

*Requires 45 hours completed at the Texas A&M Health Science Center Bryan-College Station campus.

Elective Courses	Semester Credit Hours
Forensic Sexual Assault Examiner Course	3
Clinical Pharmacology: Implications for Victims	1
Human Trafficking	1
Forensic Photography	1
Policy and Ethics	1
Forensic Mental Health	1











Practicum & Preceptors

- Advanced health assessment requires 45 hours completed on the Texas A&M Health Science Center campus
- Preceptor required for the clinical practicum and project course
- Complete 135 clinical hours

Out-of-State Applicants

 Due to higher education regulations, the Texas A&M College of Nursing is unable to accept applications for the MSN-Forensic Nursing program from students residing in specific states. Review nursing.tamu.edu for more information.

Accreditation & Distinction

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing, master's degree program in nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice program and postgraduate APRN certificate program at the Texas A&M College of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (http:// www.ccneaccreditation.org).



