Bachelor of Science in Nursing

College of Nursing Mission

The College of Nursing faculty and staff are catalysts for optimizing health through nurse-led care by integrating education, practice, research, and technology. We define health broadly and impact it by addressing policy and social issues through advocacy and leadership. Fueled by our commitment to communities, families, and individuals, we seek partnerships to create innovative solutions that improve health for all.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Pulse Living and Learning Community
The Pulse Living and Learning Community offers first-year BSN students a welcoming environment for the transition to college life, fostering connections with other nursing students and the college’s faculty and staff.

Service-Learning
A variety of service-learning courses provide opportunities for hands-on learning as students engage in service with a community partner and reflect on their experiences.

Student Nurses Association
The SNA fosters growth, leadership, service, and networking among student nurses at all levels, with an emphasis on community involvement. The group's principal service project, Precious Prints, has earned national recognition.

Nursing Ambassadors
Ambassadors serve as champions of the College of Nursing sharing their enthusiasm for the college and nursing as a potential career by hosting recruitment events and mentoring current students.

Simulation Labs
Simulations are part of each clinical course, giving students a chance to practice new skills and responses under faculty guidance. UT’s simulation labs include everything from exam rooms to an obstetric delivery room, equipped with communications technology, telehealth carts, and robots that allow distance learners to take part.

Study Abroad
Nursing trips take students to places like Belize, Scotland, and Spain to study comparative health care and gain experience working with diverse groups of people. Additional opportunities are available through university-wide programs.

Nursing Honors
UT’s Nursing Honors Program includes academically enhanced nursing seminars, courses, and a scholarly project. Nursing Honors students participate in original research under the mentorship of a faculty member.
ADVISING

The College of Nursing academic advising staff works to support and assist our students through every step of their degree program, from enrollment to graduation.

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ADMISSIONS

Direct freshman admission: High school students apply for direct admission to the nursing major when applying to UT. Incoming students are admitted to nursing study through a highly competitive application process. A holistic review considers high school GPA, ACT or SAT scores, a nursing essay, letters of recommendation, extracurricular activities, honors and recognition, leadership roles, and internship and volunteer experiences.

Transfer or change-of-major admission: Current UT Knoxville students and transfer students from other institutions can apply for open positions in the nursing program. After completing all required lower-division coursework—including NURS 201, which must be completed at UT Knoxville—students enter the program at the beginning of upper-division nursing studies.

To learn more, plan to attend one of our open house programs. See the College of Nursing website for dates and times.

Admission into the nursing major is based on the number of available clinical positions. The College of Nursing limits enrollment in upper-division nursing courses to ensure access to adequate clinical facilities and maintain required faculty-to-student ratios.

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