ADMISSION TO THE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM

Potential students who plan to enroll in the MSN program must adhere to university and departmental admission requirements. Applicants must contact the Graduate Nursing Studies (GNS) office before applying to the university.

All applications are due 30 days before Fall, Spring, or Summer Registration. A nonrefundable application fee of $50.00 and the online Graduate Application form must be submitted at www.applytexas.org to the Graduate Admissions Office. The fee covers both the $25.00 for the Dishman Department of Nursing fee and $25.00* fee for the Graduate Office. The application will not be processed without the application fee.

*This fee is waived for Lamar University graduates seeking admission for a semester within 2 years of their graduation date.

Acceptance letters will be mailed prior to the semester for which you are applying when all transcripts are received by graduate admissions. Should you need further assistance regarding the admission process please contact Dr. Nancy Blume in the Graduate Nursing Studies Office at (409) 880-8820 or email Graduate Admissions at gradmissions@lamar.edu.

In addition to applications and possible testing, all students who have been fully admitted into the MSN program must make sure that all health forms, immunization records, and licensures are kept up to date and are available on file in the GNS office. Students who are enrolled in practicum courses as well as all Graduate Teaching Assistants must purchase student liability insurance.

Admission Procedures for the MSN in Nursing Education or Nursing Administration
Domestic Students:
I. Departmental Requirements
   a. A Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from a nationally accredited undergraduate program. (National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission NLNAC or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, CCNE).
   b. GPA of 3.0 or higher for all undergraduate and graduate coursework.
   c. Satisfactory scores in the Graduate Record Examination® (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test® (MAT) taken within the last five years. Entrance exams may be waived for those who graduate from a nationally accredited program and possess an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher.
   d. Current, verifiable and unencumbered licensure as a Registered Nurse in the United States or territories (covered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing).
   e. Completion of a college statistics course with a letter grade of C or better within the last five years.
   f. Clear Criminal Background Check.
   g. Health Forms & Immunization Records.
II. Additional Requirements for the Dual Degree (MSN in Nursing Administration combined with MBA degree) only:
   a. In addition to the Nursing Department requirements noted above, dual degree applicants must be advised in the Business Department and have their plan of study for completion developed in conjunction with the MBA advisor.
   b. Take the GMAT exam for admission as an MBA student. (See the Business Dept. guidelines for successful scoring).

III. University Admission Requirements
   a. Completed Application Form at www.applytexas.org
   b. Official Transcripts from each college or university attended, including the accredited institution from which the applicant has earned a bachelor’s degree.
   c. Undergraduate Degree. Prospective students must have a bachelor’s degree from an institution approved by a recognized accrediting agency.
   d. Official GRE, MAT and MBA (for MSNA/MBA dual major) Test Scores as needed. All applicants must have the scores sent directly to Lamar University by the testing service. Scores more than five years old are unacceptable. Deaf applicants may substitute performance intelligence and reading ability test scores for the GRE.
   *For additional information, refer to the Lamar University Graduate Studies Admissions link and the Graduate Catalog.

International Admission Applicants
International Students: This program is not available for international students because it is an online program.