



Susan S. Morrison School of Nursing FAQs

1. What is the admission process for the nursing program?

The BSN requires a secondary application after admission and enrollment at St. Thomas. Interested students will apply in the spring semester of their first year while completing prerequisite courses.

The Susan S. Morrison School of Nursing utilizes a [holistic admissions process, recommended by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing](#), in its review of applicants which assesses each applicant's unique experiences and attributes in addition to traditional measures of academic achievement such as grades. Since the School of Nursing's vision includes advancing health equity and social justice, St. Thomas nursing students should possess the background, qualities, and skills to provide culturally responsive care to meet the needs of a rapidly diversifying patient population.

2. What are some of the nursing classes that will be offered in the program?

Students will take a wide variety of courses aimed at caring for diverse populations. Courses include Complex Nursing Care, Pathophysiology and Pharmacology, Psychiatric/Mental Health, Perinatal Nursing and Childbearing Families, Healthcare Ethics, Policy, Advocacy and Leadership, and many more.

3. What is the clinical placement experience like?

Clinical placements are a crucial part of a nursing student's educational experience. During these placements, students take what they have learned in the classroom and apply it in real-world settings. To prepare nursing students to practice in a wide variety of roles after graduation, St. Thomas offers students opportunities to complete clinical placements in acute care and in community and public health settings.

The University of St. Thomas has established partnerships with clinical sites around the region that are congruent with the mission of the university and the vision of the School of Nursing to ensure students receive a high-quality nursing education.

In addition to clinical placements, St. Thomas nursing students complete up to 50 percent of their clinical experiences in our state-of-the-art Center for Simulation. Working with the latest medical technology and high-fidelity simulators, the simulation experience helps students learn how to manage high-risk situations in a controlled environment.

The combination of clinical placements and simulations is designed to help St. Thomas nursing students enter the field highly prepared for today's rapidly changing health landscape.

4. After I graduate what types of jobs can I apply for?

The St. Thomas BSN program prepares students to successfully complete the NCLEX-RN® exam and become Registered Nurses (RNs). RNs work in a variety of settings, including:

- Long term care
- Hospitals
- Clinics
- Schools
- Correctional facilities
- Public health organizations
- Hospice centers
- Home visiting agencies
- ...and many more!

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