

## MSN Graduate Admission Table

Admission Criteria	Unconditional	Probationary
GPA on last 60 hours of Undergraduate Program (BSN) (as calculated by Graduate School of UTA)	3.0 <sup>[1]</sup>	2.8-2.99
GRE <sup>[2]</sup> Two highest GRE scores will be used in admission process.	Waived <sup>[3]</sup>	Verbal: 430-490 <sup>[4]</sup> or Quantitative: 430-490 <sup>[4]</sup> or Analytical Writing: 3.5 <sup>[4]</sup> Analytical: 430-490 <sup>[4]</sup> (based on GPA/GRE ratio)
GMAT Required for MSN/MBA Dual Degree	GPA x 200 + GMAT score = Minimum 1080	See MBA Advisor
TSE (Test of Spoken English) or TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)	TSE: Score of 40 or higher or TOEFL: Minimum of 550 on paper-based test, 213 on computer-based test, or 79 on the internet-based test and achieve the following minimum scores of subtests: Writing, 22; Speaking, 21; Reading, 20; and Listening, 16..	
3 letters of recommendation	Evaluated by Associate Dean of MSN Program	
Clinical Experience	Two years clinical experience recommended for all programs except Acute Care Pediatric, Acute Care, and Emergency Nurse Practitioner Programs, which require 2 years of acute care pediatric experience, acute care adult experience, or emergency department experience respectively.	
Essay	Evaluated by Associate Dean of MSN Program	
Unencumbered RN License in Texas <sup>[5]</sup>	Evaluated by Associate Dean of MSN Program	
Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)	Required only for the Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program	
BSN from NLNAC or CCNE Accredited Program	Evaluated by Associate Dean of MSN Program	
Statistics	Minimum grade of "C"	
Physical Assessment for Nurse Practitioner	Current within last three years (course or continuing education program)	

Applicants	
Computer expertise for Nursing Administration applicants	Reviewed by Director of Nursing Administration

[1] Minimum undergraduate GPA requirement for unconditional admission is a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

[2] Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical Writing GRE scores will be reviewed and the two highest scores will be considered for the admission process. Rationale: The three GRE scores have similar correlations ( $r = .3 - .4$ ) with the UTA MSN graduates' GPA. Thus, the scores seem to have similar ability to predict success in graduate study. The Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) in Nursing approved that the two highest GRE scores be considered for the admission process, allowing the student some flexibility in the admission process.

[3] GRE Waiver Rationale: UTA Graduate Nursing Faculty members have noted the students with a GPA of 3.0 or greater in BSN programs are more successful in the MSN Program than those with GPAs of less than 3.0. Research literature strongly correlates undergraduate GPA in professional programs (last 60 hours) of BSN with success in Graduate Nursing Programs. GSC in Nursing approved waiver of GRE with 3.0 GPA or higher on last 60 hours of undergraduate program.

[4] Students not meeting GPA/GRE ratio will be reviewed by a committee of Chair of the GSC in Nursing, MSN Graduate Advisor, Director of Program student has selected for study, and a Core Faculty. The committee will review the following: GPA; GRE scores (verbal, analytical/analytical writing, and quantitative); letters of recommendation; TOEFL (if applicable); essay; and statistics' grade. An applicant who performs successfully on a majority of these criteria will be admitted on probation. The committee will make a final admission decision and document that decision for the student record.

[5] All graduate nursing students must have an unencumbered license as designated by the Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) for clinical courses. It is imperative that any student whose license becomes encumbered by the BNE must immediately notify the Associate Dean for the MSN Program. The complete policy about encumbered RN license is available online at: <http://www.uta.edu/nursing/grad/unencumbered>

## **GPA-GRE Ratio**

### **Probationary Admission**

<b>GPA</b>	<b>Verbal</b>	<b>Quantitative</b>	<b>Analytical Writing or Analytical</b>
2.9	≥430	≥430	≥3.5 or ≥430
2.8	≥440	≥440	≥3.5 or ≥440

**Admission Policy for Individuals Ineligible to Continue Graduate Study at Another University:** If potential students are ineligible to continue graduate study at another university and apply to The University of Texas at Arlington MSN Program, we recommend that they be reviewed by a committee. The committee will be composed of: 1) Director of the Program they wish to study, 2) Representative core faculty, and 3) MSN Graduate Advisor. The committee will make their recommendation for admission or denial based on the following: 1) Admission materials (GPA on the last 60 hours of BSN, graduate GPA, GRE scores, grade of C or higher on statistics, letters of recommendation, essay, and TOEFL score if applicable); 2) a narrative statement from the potential student providing a rationale for their ineligibility at another university; and 3) a plan for successful study at U.T. Arlington. The committee reserves the right to ask for additional materials as are needed. The committee will make its recommendation of admission or denial to the Graduate Office for the University.