

Dear Prospective Student:

We are pleased you are interested in the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The college offers a: 1) MSN program for BSN graduates and 2) Post-MSN certificate program. The purpose of the MSN program is to prepare leaders, managers, and practitioners who facilitate achievement of optimal health in a dynamic health care system.

The MSN Program offers the concentrations of: Nursing Administration, Adult Health Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner, Homeland Security Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Nursing of Women and Children & Nurse Anesthesia. Descriptions of these concentrations are located at the college's website (<http://nightingale.con.utk.edu>). Some concentrations have more than one area that can be selected for study. Under Adult Health Nursing students can study Adult Nurse Practitioner, Gerontological Nurse Practitioner, Adult Clinical Specialist. Under Nursing of Women and Children students can study: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Clinical Specialist, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, Nursing Administration admits students every other (even number) year. Post-MSN certificates are offered in all clinical concentrations as well as in Nursing Education. Minors are available in education, gerontology, and statistics.

RNs with diploma, associate degree, or degree in other fields are encouraged to contact Dr. Gary Ramsey (gramsey1@utk.edu re: online RN to BSN program)

You need to apply to both the College of Nursing and to the Graduate School. Students can apply to the Graduate School online at <http://admissions.utk.edu/graduate> or call Graduate Admissions at (865) 974-3251 to receive an application by mail. The forms needed to apply to the College of Nursing are available at the College's website (<http://nightingale.con.utk.edu>, click on Academic Programs and then on MSN) or can be requested by calling (865) 974-7606. Please check the college's website for information on application deadlines. Only completed applications are reviewed by the MSN Admission Committee.

For all newly admitted students a **mandatory orientation** to the College is held the Tuesday before classes begin in August. Students receive information regarding the orientation in the summer.

For an advising appointment please call (865) 974-0591. We look forward to receiving your application materials. Thank you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

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