

# School of Nursing: UTMB- Health Graduate Programs

Bruce Leonard, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, NP-C

Associate Professor

Master's Program Director

[brleonar@utmb.edu](mailto:brleonar@utmb.edu)

409-772-8225

# Background

- Oldest School of Nursing in the Southwest established in 1890.
- BSN
  - Traditional
  - Accelerated BSN
  - RN to BSN Track
- MSN oldest in Texas
- PhD program
- DNP Post-Master's (Summer 2011—proposed)



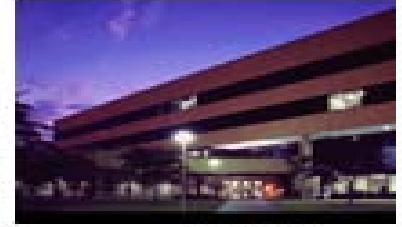
c. 1890



c. 1905



c. 1960



c. 2010

# MSN Programs

- Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
- Adult-Gerontological Nurse Practitioner (GNP)
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP)
- Nurse Educator
- Nurse Leadership

# Graduate Programs - Masters

- Three programs closed due to low enrollment
  - Gerontology NP
  - Adult Acute Care NP
  - Pediatric NP
- All previously admitted students were kept through the program faculty incorporated into other programs

# Graduate Program – Masters

## Trends

- Increased enrollment in Family NP – 78 admitted in the Fall of 2010
- Increasing enrollment in Neonatal NP and Nurse Educator but slower than FNP
- New Adult/Gerontology NP program
- Marketing Nurse Educator and Adult/Gerontology NP as we can manage more students
- Family and Neonatal NP have large pool of applicants

# Background on MSN Programs

- Most students are part time
  - Minimum of 3 years to complete part-time
  - Full time 2 years
  - 4 years to complete all the course work
  - Number of credit hours 40 to 60 semester hours
- Post-Master's Certificate Programs
  - Part-time 2 years
  - Number of Credit Hours needed varies depending on specialty and background (30 to 39 semester hours)

# Graduate Program – Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

- Per national mandate, nurse practitioner programs transitioning to DNP degree
- Initial program will be Post-Master; 20 students to be admitted in summer 2011
- Future goal is to offer a BSN to DNP and phasing out MSN for nurse practitioners
- At Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Presented to UT System Board of Regents this month

# Proposed DNP Program

- Post-Master's to DNP approximately 35 to 39 hours:
- Example of Courses:
  - DNP Role Transition Course
  - Advanced Nursing Leadership and Management
  - Behavioral/Mental Health
  - Population Health
  - Economics of Health Care
  - Informatics
  - Analytical Methods for Evidenced-Based Practice
  - Practice Management and Improvement
  - Public Policy for Nursing
  - Capstone Project (DNP Dissertation)



# Programs

- Online
  - Synchronous
  - Asynchronous
- Campus Times varies between program
  - Workshops
    - Suturing, x-ray, splinting, joint injections etc
  - Problem Oriented Competency Exams
    - Standardized Patient Examinations
  - Health Assessment

# Core Courses taken by all MSN Students

- Nursing Research
- Nursing Theory
- Advanced Pathophysiology
- Advanced Pharmacology
- Advanced Health Assessment

# FNP Program

- Focus is Primary Care across the lifespan
  - No specialization—focus in on Family Practice
  - 50 Credit Hours
  - Our focus is on rural and underserved health care settings
  - Clinical Placements are generally within the State of Texas
  - Graduates may be certified through ANCC or AANP
- Applications due March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Number of students accepted in a given year is dependent upon space available. Currently there are over 160 students in the FNP program

# FNP Curriculum

Year One 2011-2012								
Fall 2011			Spring 2012			Summer 2012		
GNRS	Course Name	Credits	GNRS	Course Name	Credits	GNRS	Course Name	Credits
5348	Theoretical Foundations	3	5301	Pharmacology	3	56XX	FNP Primary Care of Adults with Chronic Problems (3:3)	6
54XX	FNP Primary Care of Well Families and Adults (2:0)	4	5369	Nursing Research (EBP I or Foundations of Clinical Research)	3	5316	NP Practitioner Role and Business Principles	3
5355	Advanced Pathophysiology	3	56XX	FNP Primary Care of Families/Adults with Common Acute Health Problems (3:3)	6	5346	Public Policy	3
5307	Advanced Health Assessment (2:1)	3	5233	Family Theory	2			
	<b>Total Credits:</b>	13		<b>Total Credits:</b>	14		<b>Total Credits:</b>	12

Year Two 2012-2013								
Fall 2012			Spring 2013			Summer 2013		
GNRS	Course Name	Credits	GNRS	Course Name	Credits	GNRS	Course Name	Credits
6303	Analytic Methods for Evidence-based Practice	3	56XX	FNP Clinical Practicum (5:1)	6			
56XX	FNP Family Health of Women and Children (3:3)	6						
6302	Population Health Strategies for Improving the Nation's Health	3	5351	Behavioral/Mental Health	3			
	<b>Total Credits:</b>	12		<b>Total Credits:</b>	9		<b>Total Credits:</b>	0

# School of Nursing Clinics

- St. Vincent's NMHC (SON clinic)
- Off-site clinics
  - Children's Center
  - Salvation Army – under development
  - Santa Fe – under development

**Questions or Comments?**