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Mission

The mission of the School of Nursing is to educate professional nurses of today and leaders of tomorrow through the provision of excellent educational programs in nursing. The School will identify, attract and graduate students of high potential, especially those from groups who have been historically under-represented in Texas health care.

Furthermore, this mission will facilitate individuals, families and groups in achieving the maximum state of well-being through education of highly skilled nurses, research and service. The mission of the School will be enhanced through faculty contributions to community service, leadership, practice and research.

Vision

Our vision is to be a premier school of nursing and to educate and empower a diverse population of nurse leaders who will transform health and health systems through service, discovery and knowledge.



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DEAN'S MESSAGE 

Leann Horsley
PhD, RN, CHSE, CNE

Dean and Professor
 Texas A&M School of Nursing

“I believe that

 where there

 is a need, you

 will find an

 Aggie nurse.”

Howdy!

Tradition. There is an abundance of it here at Texas A&M University, and I am humbled to be part of this institution's storied history as the third dean of the School of Nursing. As we work to sustain and strengthen our legacy, I plan to honor the past by building for the future.

You will not be surprised to hear that my first months on the job have been full of sincere welcomes and kind gestures. But this is Texas A&M, where the Core Values of Excellence, Integrity, Leadership, Loyalty, Respect and Selfless Service shine through in all interactions.

We celebrate the school's 15-year anniversary in 2023. From an inaugural cohort of 19 students in 2008 to an annual enrollment of 700 today, the school has demonstrated a penchant for thoughtful growth that directly addresses the persistent need for nurses in Texas. More than 2,300 Aggie nurses are making an impact on the patients and communities they serve.

There is no stronger foundation to build from than the one here at Texas A&M. While it is important to advance

the nursing profession by questioning the status quo, our strategic vision is rooted in the contributions of those who have come before us. Whether through state-of-the-art simulation training, person-centered forensic health care, or ambitious outreach efforts to underserved populations, our young school has thrived by embracing a willingness to tackle health care's complex challenges.

During this 15th year, you will see our school enhance existing and add new educational programs, broaden outreach efforts and grow scholarship. Many are depending on us to fulfill our land-grant promise. I believe that where there is a need, you will find an Aggie nurse.

In this edition of Aggie Nurse Magazine, you will find stories of success, innovation, resiliency and generosity. Please join me in celebrating the exceptional work of our students, faculty, staff and partners. Their successes are a tradition.

Gig 'em!

Leann Horsley



NEW LEADERS & FACULTY

Associate Dean for Research

Dr. Kelly Wilson

The School of Nursing welcomed Kelly Wilson, PhD, MCHES, as associate dean for research on Jan. 1, 2023.



Wilson replaced the retired Jane Bolin, PhD, JD, BSN, who is still with Texas A&M as Regents Professor Emeritus of Nursing and senior professor.

A former professor in the Department of Health Behavior in the School of Public Health at Texas A&M, Wilson is a renowned expert in child and adolescent health, sexuality and reproductive health.

As a principal investigator or co-principal investigator, she has secured more than \$20 million in external grants to study adolescent and teen pregnancy, sexuality education and more.

Wilson joined Texas A&M in 2001 as a graduate research assistant in health and kinesiology. In addition to her faculty appointments, she has also held administrative roles as assistant chair and division chair for health education. Wilson earned her bachelor's degree in health and PhD in health education from Texas A&M. She also has a master's in health education from Texas State University.

The school established an Office for Nursing Research in 2018 to help its nurse scientists seek funding opportunities and increase research activities.

Assistant Dean for Distant Site-Round Rock

Dr. Matt F. Hoffman



Texas A&M selected faculty member Matt F. Hoffman, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, to

lead the School of Nursing's Round Rock campus. His appointment as assistant dean for distant site-Round Rock and clinical associate professor was effective Aug. 16, 2023.

Hoffman succeeds Star Mitchell, PhD, RN, CCRN-K, who departed in June to accept a role as associate dean for academic affairs at the Augusta University College of Nursing. Carmen Vela, DNP, RN, CNE, served as interim assistant dean until Hoffman's appointment.

A graduate of Texas A&M who has been with the school since 2012, Hoffman is an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) and certified family nurse practitioner. He has served as a Texas A&M Faculty Senator since 2016 and will continue to serve as the coordinator of the Master of Science in Nursing - Nursing Education program.

Hoffman received his Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Texas A&M in 2010 via its second-degree BSN program, which is delivered at the Round Rock site he oversees. He also holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of Iowa and bachelor's in communication from Stephen F. Austin State University.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY



Paul Clements, PhD, RN, ANEF, CGS, DF-IAFN, DF-AFN
Clinical Professor



Allison Ross, MSN, RN, CMSRN
Lecturer



Allyssa Schutz, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, PMHNP-BC
Lecturer

Not pictured

Cendy Brister-Antley, MJur, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, ENP-C
Clinical Assistant Professor



The 2023-2024 academic year marks the School of Nursing's 15th anniversary. Founded in 2008, the school was created to address a critical nurse shortage across Texas. More than **2,300 Aggie nurses** are enhancing the quality of lives across Texas, the nation and beyond.

This timeline highlights important milestones in the school's history.



FOUNDED

2008

JAN. 24, 2008

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants approval to establish the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Nursing

JULY 17, 2008

The Texas Board of Nursing approves BSN degree

SUMMER 2008

Inaugural BSN class admitted

SUMMER 2008

Dr. Sharon Wilkerson begins founding deanship

SUMMER 2008

BSN program begins in College Station at the Texas A&M University west campus

2009

SPRING 2009

Baccalaureate degree program receives initial five-year accreditation from CCNE

SUMMER 2009

RN-to-BSN program begins

2010

SPRING 2010

Nursing expands to the new Texas A&M Health Science Center campus in Round Rock

SUMMER 2010

Nursing moves to the new Texas A&M Health Science Center campus in Bryan

2013

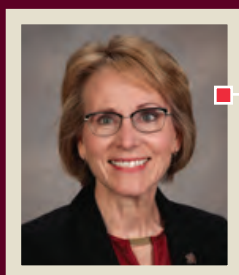
JULY 15, 2013

The Texas A&M Health Science Center merges with Texas A&M University as an academic unit

2014

SPRING 2014

McAllen recruiting and advising location opens



2020

FALL 2020

National League for Nursing Center of Excellence in Nursing Education redesignation achieved (2020–2024)

2019

FALL 2019

Office of Research created

FALL 2019

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents approves the Texas A&M Health Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing

2018

SUMMER 2018

Dr. Nancy Fahrenwald begins deanship

SPRING 2018

MSN in forensic nursing program begins

2017

SPRING 2017

Graduate certificate in forensic health care begins

2016

FALL 2016

National League for Nursing Center of Excellence in Nursing Education achieved (2016–2020)

SPRING 2016

Lufkin recruiting and advising location opens

2015

SPRING 2015

MSN in family nurse practitioner program begins

SPRING 2015

MSN in nursing education program receives initial accreditation from CCNE

2014

SPRING 2014

MSN in nursing education begins

2022

FALL 2022

DNP program begins

2023

SUMMER 2023

Dr. Leann Horsley begins deanship

**FALL 2023**

Post-graduate certificate in PMHNP begins

2026

2026

BSN program proposed to begin on McAllen campus

Senator Cornyn Visits Round Rock to Highlight Work of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners



Heather Tatom, John Sharp, John Cornyn, Dr. Nancy Fahrenwald and Dr. Stacey Mitchell.

“One of the great assets of A&M’s program is the telehealth aspect of it. This means that no matter where you live in the state of Texas, you can get access to one of these highly-trained, certified sexual assault nurse examiners.” **JOHN CORNYN**

U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) applauded the work of the Texas A&M Health Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing during a roundtable discussion on the importance of sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs) in August 2022.

Cornyn championed a bi-partisan effort to pass the Supporting Access to Nurse Exams (SANE) Act, which became law in 2022 as part of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act. The SANE Act improves an existing federal grant program to fund the training of SANEs.

Cornyn joined Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp, experts from the center and other panel members at Texas A&M Health’s Clinical Learning Resource Center in Round Rock to highlight the essential role of SANEs in Texas and nationally.

Since its creation in the School of Nursing in 2019, the center has provided SANE education for thousands of registered nurses in hundreds of courses.

Through telemedicine technology developed by Texas A&M called Tex-TRAC, the center also connects health providers in rural areas of Texas with SANEs to conduct forensic nurse exams.

“One of the great assets of A&M’s program is the telehealth

aspect of it,” said Cornyn. “This means that no matter where you live in the state of Texas, you can get access to one of these highly-trained, certified sexual assault nurse examiners and go through a compassionate examination and collection of evidence for a court case.”

The center, which is supported by state and federal grants, has grown through relationships with community, state and national partners. It often works with district attorneys’ offices to help prosecute sexual assault cases and partners exclusively with the Texas Office of the Attorney General to maintain the state’s sexual assault evidence collection protocol.

“This is a real point of pride, not just for the Texas A&M System, but for the State of Texas,” said Sharp.

“Our goal is to improve the health outcomes of those affected by violence,” said Stacey Mitchell, DNP, MBA, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, DF-AFN, FAAN, who oversees the center. “We also want to advance forensic nursing and build and help create the leaders of the future in forensic nursing here in the state and elsewhere.”

ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS

**U.S. SENATOR
JOHN CORNYN (R-Texas)**

JOHN SHARP
Chancellor
The Texas A&M University System

**NANCY FAHRENWALD, PhD, RN,
PHNA-BC, FAAN**
Immediate-Past Dean
Texas A&M School of Nursing

**STACEY MITCHELL, DNP, MBA,
MED, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P,
DF-AFN, FAAN**
Clinical Professor and Director
Texas A&M Health Center of Excellence
in Forensic Nursing
Texas A&M School of Nursing

**LAURIE CHARLES, MSN, RN, CA-
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AFN-C, DF-AFN**
Clinical Assistant Professor
Texas A&M School of Nursing

HEATHER TATOM
Sexual Assault Survivor and Advocate

ROSE LUNA
CEO
Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

LINDSAY RICHARDS
Assistant District Attorney
Williamson County

HIPPY

Prepares Brazos Valley Children for Early School Success



A new home-visitation program led by the School of Nursing is preparing children in the Brazos

Valley for success in school. Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters, or HIPPY, launched in the fall of 2022 thanks to a \$2.57 million grant from the State of Texas.



The HIPPY model helps parents of preschool-aged children build confidence as primary educators and promotes their involvement in school and community life.

Home educators from the school visit weekly to support participating parents in teaching their children a 30-week curriculum containing educational activity packets and storybooks. Parents role-play the parent-child activities with home visitors before teaching their children. Home visitors also connect parents with community resources and help them identify opportunities to stay active in school- and community-related events and activities.

“Our home educators facilitate a comfortable, non-threatening experience that allows parents to

build on the bond they already have with their child,” said Robin Page, PhD, APRN, CNM, FACNM, FAAN, associate professor and principal investigator of HIPPY at Texas A&M.

“Research confirms that empowering parents to be strong educators greatly increases the chances of success in early school experiences.” DR. ROBIN PAGE

Professionally trained HIPPY home educators are supervised by a program coordinator. Stacey Brown, MEd, leads the school’s five full-time staff members. Brown, who holds a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from Texas A&M, is a longtime preschool and elementary school educator.

“Parents want what is best for their children but are sometimes unsure how to prepare them for kindergarten and beyond,” Brown said. “HIPPY provides these parents with important guidance and resources that stimulate their children’s development.”

HIPPY at Texas A&M enrolled nearly 50 families during the 2022–2023 academic year. It is one of 12 programs in the state operating under HIPPY Texas.

Award-Winning Texas A&M Health Clinic in Navasota Expands Services



Texas A&M Health expanded its award-winning Family Care clinic in Navasota by opening the Texas A&M Health Hub in January 2023.

As part of the expansion, the clinic moved to a larger suite just around the corner in the same building it's been housed in since 2016. The additional space has allowed Texas A&M Health to bring in more care providers and services to provide a one-stop medical home for residents of Navasota and the surrounding area.

The new Health Hub offers primary care for the whole family, including pediatric, geriatric and obstetric care, and on-site laboratory services. Patients can also schedule same-day appointments, a component of the clinic managed by the School of Nursing. This is the second Health Hub Texas A&M Health has opened in the area since 2021.

The Health Hub is part of Texas A&M Health's efforts to address the unique challenges rural communities face in accessing medical care. Transportation issues, distance to

hospitals and clinics, and a lack of local providers can make it difficult for rural Texans to receive the care they need.

Medical services at the Health Hub in Navasota are provided collaboratively by faculty at the Texas A&M schools of medicine and nursing. Students have the opportunity to rotate through the Health Hub, allowing hands-on experience with diverse patients in a rural, outpatient setting. The goal is that they will return to practice in underserved communities like Navasota or similar rural areas in Texas.

The School of Medicine's Dr. Katie Blalock—who has been named Best Family Physician by the Best of Grimes County for seven years running—has served patients at the clinic for several years. Joining Blalock at the Navasota Health Hub is the School of Nursing's Charlotte Toney, a nurse practitioner who brings expertise in primary and urgent care.



The Texas A&M Health Hub in Navasota is part of the university's efforts to address the unique challenges rural communities face in accessing care.



Charlotte Toney,
APRN, NP-C

Co-Enrollment Partnership Formed with Blinn College District



The School of Nursing and Blinn College District are operating a new co-enrollment partnership that provides Blinn Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) students a new pathway to their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from Texas A&M.

The Aggie Student-Centered Express Nursing Degree (ASCEND) program offers students a path to earn their bachelor's degree in just one or two semesters after completing their associate degree.

Students complete an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree from Blinn and BSN degree from Texas A&M while co-enrolled in both institutions. ADN courses are completed in person at Blinn, while BSN courses are finished completely online through Texas A&M.

Students may apply to ASCEND during their first, second or third semester of the Blinn ADN Program. ASCEND graduates are eligible to receive an Aggie Ring upon graduation from Texas A&M.

ASCEND students from Blinn enter the Texas A&M School of Nursing's BSN program through a special RN-to-BSN track. The inaugural cohort of 16 ASCEND students started during summer 2023.



New Program Addresses Behavioral Health

The School of Nursing is responding to the growing need for behavioral health services in Texas with the addition of a post-graduate certificate program in psychiatric mental health.

The post-graduate certificate in psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP) program prepares nurses to assess, diagnose and treat individuals and families with psychiatric disorders. PMHNPs, who work in a variety of inpatient and outpatient settings, can prescribe medication and administer psychotherapy.

The 26-credit program, which welcomed its inaugural cohort in the fall of 2023, was designed for working registered nurses and can be completed in five semesters. Course instruction is delivered online, and students participate in 13 credit hours of clinicals.

Each applicant must be a licensed registered nurse in the State of Texas and hold a previous graduate degree—master's or doctorate—in nursing. Certain graduate degrees may require completion of additional clinical hours.

PMHNP program graduates are eligible to sit for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Across the Lifespan) Certification (PMHNP-BC™) from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Certified PMHNPs are advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs).



Nursing Centerpiece of

GROWTH

at Texas A&M's Higher Education Center in McAllen

Texas A&M is planning a new building at its Higher Education Center in McAllen to house a nursing program that will help address educational and employment needs in the Rio Grande Valley.



Most of the 60,772-square-foot facility will be dedicated to nursing, while just under 5,600 square feet is earmarked for the School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (VMBS).

The project is part of a broad commitment made by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents and Chancellor John Sharp to offer more opportunities

for Rio Grande Valley students to remain in the area while earning their Aggie degree.

The program expansion to McAllen will initially focus on offering the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, which is expected to launch there in 2026.

The Texas Legislature authorized \$29.9 million for Capital Construction Assistance

Projects to Texas A&M University Health Science Center (Texas A&M Health) to support growth in student enrollment.

2024 marks the 20th anniversary of Texas A&M offering educational programs in McAllen, which began with Texas A&M Health in 2004. The Higher Education Center opened in 2018.



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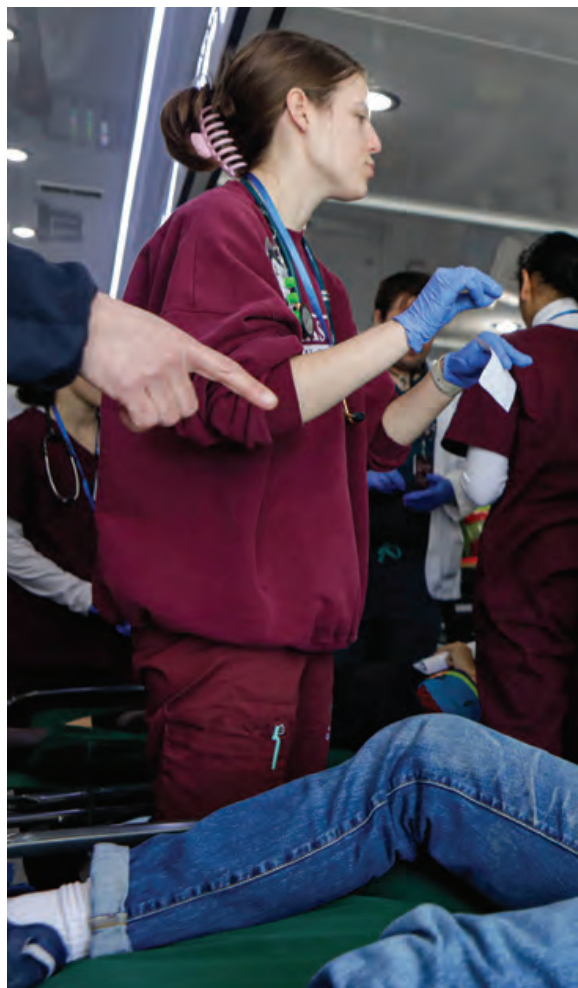
EMERGENCY



MEDICAL

RESPONDERS

As the world has seen an increase in mass disasters—from the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria to man-made disasters such as the train derailment and chemical spill in Ohio—having health care professionals trained to respond to these emergencies has become even more critical.



For 15 years, Texas A&M Health has been at the forefront of this training with its annual Disaster Day simulation. In March 2023, the student-led event welcomed more than 700 Texas A&M students, over 85 faculty and staff members and countless emergency response professionals to participate in the day-long disaster simulation.

Started by the School of Nursing in 2008, the event has grown from a small group at a local church to nearly 1,000 people orchestrating and taking part in the mass simulation. Today, the event is held at Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service's (TEEX) Disaster City®. Students from dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health, athletic training,

700

STUDENTS



85

FACULTY
& STAFF

psychology and veterinary medicine and the Corps of Cadets participated in the 2023 drill.

“This year marks a milestone in the history of this event. As we celebrate 15 years, we have

response skills, but they are doing so while faced with a high level of fidelity to a real event.”

As a student-led event, more than 50 students from Texas A&M work on a planning committee—with guidance from a faculty and staff steering committee—doing everything from organizing student participation and training to creating the case scenarios for the drills.

Each year, a new scenario is kept secret until the day of the event to provide the realism of an unexpected situation. 2023’s simulated disaster was a hurricane, and students engaged in triage at the disaster site, patient care at the mock field hospital, mental health care and needs assessment at an evacuation shelter, and disaster management

and simulation oversight at Disaster City’s Emergency Operations Training Center.

During the simulation, students take on the role of patients or providers. Students who participate as patients receive makeup, known as moulage, to mimic injuries based on the current scenario.

As the drill begins, patients act out the case they are assigned,



while nursing and medicine students do field assessments and transfer patients to a field hospital for more diagnosis and treatment. Pharmacy students work with providers to determine the appropriate medications, and psychology students provide the mental health care needed by disaster victims. Athletic training and dentistry students provide specialized care in orthopedic and soft tissue trauma, and head and neck injuries, respectively. Public health students manage the disaster to deploy resources and address outbreaks that occur during disasters.

As the event has grown, so has collaboration with corporations and government agencies, such as H-E-B and the Texas Department of Emergency Management. In 2023, Texas A&M Health collaborated with St. Joseph Health and the United States Military to enhance the simulation. The United States Air Force 59th Air Medical Wing and Texas Air National Guard 136th Airlift Wing provided medical evacuations by airplane, while St. Joseph Health Air Med 12 facilitated airlifts via a helicopter. Students got a first-person perspective on air evacuations, making the simulation more realistic.



elevated our efforts to further enrich the student experience, which will ultimately serve patients across the State of Texas,” said Christine Kaunas, MPH, executive director for Interprofessional Education & Research at Texas A&M Health. “Not only are students practicing collaboratively to improve patient outcomes and learning critical disaster



ON THE *MOVE*

HOW THE SCHOOL OF NURSING IS SERVING TEXANS IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES



Two innovative programs at the Texas A&M School of Nursing are improving access to health care in rural areas while training the next generation of nurses.

The programs are an effort to bring health care closer to home for rural and underserved communities – where residents often must drive long distances to receive even primary care – while showing nursing students a career path to practicing in these areas.

The Texas A&M School of Nursing Mobile Clinic is a nurse practitioner-led, school-based outreach program that visits six rural school districts using a specially designed vehicle equipped for care delivery.

A second mobile unit, which is managed by the Texas A&M Health Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing, is outfitted to deliver simulation-based forensic nursing education and, in some instances, care. The goal is to train forensic nurses in rural communities

and help emergency departments across Texas have a sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) on staff.

MOBILE CLINIC

Nicole Kroll, PhD, APRN, ANP-C, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, is the acting associate dean for clinical and outreach affairs and leader of the mobile clinic. She said the program, which provides basic primary and acute care as well as screenings and vaccinations, has already seen more than 500 patients.

“The community has reached out to us with open arms and embraced us,” Kroll said. “We are seeing not only students and faculty, but also community members.”

The mobile clinic, which was created by a \$4 million grant from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), operates on school campuses, providing easy access for families. The program also provides valuable, hands-on training for nursing students in the university’s undergraduate and graduate programs.

“When you are in a rural community, you don’t know what you are going to find,” Kroll said. “You could maybe see the same things in a primary care location like high blood pressure or diabetes, but you could also see someone who has been run over

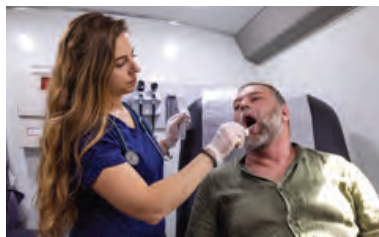
by a tractor or bitten by a snake. You have to be prepared for just about anything in a rural setting.”

The mobile clinic also has provided education, Stop the Bleed training and dental assessments in partnership with the Texas A&M School of Dentistry.

“We are meeting our academic mission and providing these students exposure to rural settings in hopes they might work there in the future,” Kroll said.

FORENSIC NURSING MOBILE UNIT

Stacey Mitchell, DNP, MBA, MEd, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, DF-AFN, FAAN, oversees the Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing. Her team educates and trains forensic nurses who specialize in interpersonal violence prevention, intervention, investigation



and post-trauma care. That includes sexual assault, death investigations, intimate partner violence and human trafficking.

The center’s specially outfitted RV allows nurses in rural areas to train with forensic nursing experts without having to leave their own community. This training includes the use of

standardized patients – actors who are trained to portray patients – and instructors to provide real-time feedback.

Already, they have trained more than 500 forensic nurses. The forensic nursing mobile unit will expand that outreach.

“There are so many vulnerable populations, and having qualified nurses trained to respond to abuse and neglect is critical,” Mitchell said. “We can help build those skills, and we want to train as many nurses as we can.”

In addition to housing a mobile education and training program, the forensic unit could be used to provide care where large-scale forensic health services are needed, such as human trafficking raids or other situations where sexual assault is suspected, Mitchell said.

The forensic nursing mobile unit is supported by funding from the Texas Legislature. The program is one of several at the center seeking to improve health care access, including a telemedicine program for rural hospitals, a virtual clinic for follow-up forensic care and a texting program for sexual assault survivors.

“Forensic health is not something normally taught in nursing school,” Mitchell said. “It’s critically important we are able to train forensic nurses to provide care to any patient who needs it.”

Texas A&M, Attorney General Publish New Evidence Collection Guidelines



The Texas Evidence Collection Protocol, a standardized guide for the state's health care and law enforcement professionals to respond to sexual assault, was updated in spring 2023 to include the latest research and best practices. The protocol is a joint project between the Texas A&M Health Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing and the Texas Office of the Attorney General.

The protocol offers detailed recommendations for medical, legal, law enforcement, advocacy and forensic science professionals to identify, collect and preserve physical evidence after a sexual assault. The guidelines were designed to minimize physical, psychological and spiritual trauma experienced post-sexual assault.

The center and Texas Attorney General Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program partnered to publish a modernized protocol in 2019—the first update since 1998.

"It's imperative that law enforcement and health care professionals are empowered with the most up-to-date knowledge and best practices when responding to sexual assault," said Attorney General Ken Paxton. "These updates to the Texas Evidence Collection Protocol help accomplish that. We will continue to work diligently to support victims of sexual

assault and ensure that those committing these heinous crimes are brought to justice."

The protocol's latest version was influenced by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for sexually transmitted infections, legislative changes, the impact of supply chain

issues and scholarly research. It additionally defines specific processes for sexual assault health care on military installations. Responders to sexual assault will also find fillable PDF forms for evidence collection.

A 34-member advisory board of subject-matter experts managed the updates. The group included forensic nurses, physicians, forensic scientists, attorneys, law enforcement officials, children's advocacy representatives and more.

"It's vitally important that those with the difficult job of responding to sexual assault have the latest information on properly collecting evidence using a patient-centered, trauma-informed approach," said Laurie Charles, MSN, RN, CA-CPSANE, SANE-A, SANE-P, CHSE, AFN-C, DF-AFN, clinical assistant professor at the center and the project's lead faculty member. "The top experts in forensic health care advised on the protocol's updates, ensuring it is evidence based, comprehensive and consistent."

The Texas Evidence Collection Protocol is available at tx.ag/tecpc.



Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing Designs Virtual Clinic for Trauma, Violence Survivors



“It’s vital we meet our patients where they are.” DR. STACEY MITCHELL

A clinic developed by the Texas A&M Health Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing is helping survivors of trauma and violence receive important follow-up care virtually. The Texas A&M Assessment and Care for Trauma Survivors (ACTS) Clinic connects patients with advanced practice registered nurses using telemedicine technology.

The ACTS Clinic serves Texas residents 18 and older who have experienced sexual assault. Using any connected device, patients communicate with providers in real time without having to visit a physical location. Nurse practitioners with expertise in forensic health care help patients with additional assessments, treatment plans, laboratory and radiology testing, and specialty referrals.

“We know that survivors of trauma and violence often don’t seek the follow-up care that is essential to their health and recovery,” said Stacey Mitchell, DNP, MBA, MEd, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, DF-AFN, FAAN, director of the center and a clinical professor in the School of Nursing. “Their reasons are varied and valid, but our hope is that virtual appointments with specialized providers can help remove some of the barriers that come with coordinating this type of care. It’s vital we meet our patients where they are.”

Patients can check provider availability and request an appointment with the ACTS Clinic at tx.ag/actsclinic.

Students Prepare for Emergencies While Serving South Texas



Texas A&M Health again participated in Operation Border Health Preparedness, an emergency preparedness exercise held in the Rio Grande Valley region of South Texas, in summer 2023.

The annual event is led by the Texas Department of State Health Services in coordination with local, county and city health departments, human service organizations, Texas Military Forces, medical schools and universities as well as out-of-state agencies.



This is the 24th year Operation Border Health Preparedness has been conducted and the fifth year Texas A&M Health has participated. Students, faculty and staff from the Texas A&M schools of nursing, medicine, pharmacy and public health took part in this year’s event, along with nutrition, clinical psychology and veterinarian students.

Clinics were set up in five cities this year — Brownsville, Laredo, Raymondville, Rio Grande City and San Juan — and provided numerous services, including free physicals, screenings, dental care, immunizations, vision exams and free eyeglasses.

Nursing students, faculty and staff took the School of Nursing Mobile Clinic to Rio Grande City, where they provided bus driver physicals and served as overflow for services such as vitals and immunizations.

The Office of Interprofessional Education and Research at Texas A&M Health coordinates Texas A&M’s involvement in the operation each year.

On the Shoulders of Giants

Meet the New Dean **DR. LEANN HORSLEY**

Even Sir Isaac Newton, formulator of gravitational theory and developer of calculus, was quick to acknowledge that his advancements were catalyzed by the scientific minds before him. In correspondence to fellow intellect Robert Hooke, he famously wrote, “If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.”

You won’t catch new School of Nursing Dean Leann Horsley comparing herself to Newton. But ask her about the school she’s been leading since July, and you’ll be sure to hear her reference the renowned physicist’s famous phrase.

“My predecessors left an incredible legacy,” said Horsley. “Founding Dean Dr. Sharon Wilkerson created and cultivated the vision. Dr. Fahrenwald elevated our school to the next level by growing enrollment, program offerings and, importantly,

research and scholarship. I truly am standing on the shoulders of giants.”

Horsley carries that deep appreciation of the past as she focuses the school on strategic growth entering its 15-year anniversary in 2023–2024.

‘THE TIME WAS RIGHT’

A self-described lifelong learner, academia felt natural for Horsley. She spent the early part of her nursing career working in emergency departments as her family moved around the United States as part of her husband Wade’s career in the Air Force.

While the family frequently relocated, Horsley artfully balanced the demands of military life with rigorous learning endeavors. By 2005, she had finished her master’s in nursing education from the University

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of Oklahoma. She completed her PhD in nursing from the University of Kansas seven years later. Along the way, she also became a Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator (CHSE) and Certified Nurse Educator (CNE).

Wade's separation from the Air Force and transition to the private sector created an opportunity for Horsley to lean into higher education.

"I stayed very engaged with nursing during Wade's time in the military. While I was able to build the foundation for my career, I am thankful that my most important title during that time was mom," Horsley said. "But the time was right for my career to be a point of focus for our family."

After holding faculty positions in Oklahoma and Illinois, Horsley's first foray in administration came in 2017 as assistant dean of the South Dakota State University College of Nursing. There, she established herself as a sought-after health care simulation expert. It wasn't

long before the East Tennessee State University College of Nursing asked her to lead that state's largest nursing program and network of seven nurse-led clinics.

HOME IN TEXAS

The Horsleys have lived around the country, moving over the years from Oklahoma, California, Louisiana, North Dakota, Mississippi, Tennessee, Illinois, South Dakota and back to Tennessee. But Texas – and Aggieland – is familiar to the family and now considered home.

Their son Matthew, now a Marine Corp officer stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, was a member of the Corp of Cadets and graduated from Texas A&M in 2019 with a finance degree. He married Ryen '21, a fourth-grade teacher, in the summer of 2023.

"This is a deeply special place and one that aligns with who I am, how I was raised and how we raised our family," Horsley said. "The Aggie Core Values and

culture are consistent with my personal core values and culture."

A LEADER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Horsley now shoulders responsibility for the next era of nursing at Texas A&M – a duty she approaches with positivity and passion.

Texas A&M sends hundreds of new Aggie nurses into the workforce each year, but health care leaders in Texas are still asking for more, especially in rural and underserved areas. The school is working with clinical partners to find more space for students to complete required training, and the school is studying which graduate programs are most in need across the state, Horsley said.

"I believe in keeping a growth mindset; we need to be open to learning, changing, exploring possibilities and saying 'yes' when we can," Horsley said. "How can we find innovative ways to better serve our students?"

That, Horsley believes, means taking advantage of the unique qualities of Texas A&M.

"We have proposed bringing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program to McAllen, are increasing collaboration with experts across the University and working to extend our reach across Texas through our mobile clinic and forensic nursing programs," she said. "What an exciting time to be at Texas A&M, and how fortunate I am to lead nursing."



College Station to Kilimanjaro

School of Nursing
former student
and Kingwood,

Texas, native

Peyton Shamp '23

reached the summit of
Mount Kilimanjaro, the
highest mountain in
Africa, on June 18, 2023,
at 6:20 a.m.

Shamp explored Africa during the summer of 2023 with the non-profit organization A Broader View, where she provided health care to underserved families in Kasoa, Ghana. This program aims to eliminate poverty and poor health conditions in Ghana. Program volunteers are part of A Broader View's public health outreach team, which travels and delivers health education programs to students.

Peyton's student organization experiences as vice president of the Aggie Military, Veterans and First Responder Healthcare Alliance and member of the Wilderness Medicine Student

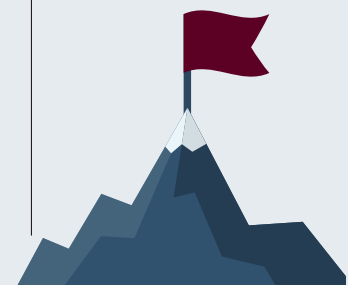
Interest Group assisted her during the climb. Both organizations focus on strengthening knowledge in various health care scenarios.

"I used my knowledge about oxygen saturation to help monitor myself and other climbers for altitude sickness," Shamp said.

Before her climb, Peyton volunteered with fellow Texas A&M Health students studying nursing, medicine, pharmacy and public health for the weeklong 2022 State of Texas Operation Border Health Preparedness (OBHP) in Harlingen, Texas, which provided her with valuable skills needed to deliver global health care. OBHP is a

training exercise facilitated by the Texas Department of State Health Services that allows local, non-profit and state entities to establish and operate temporary health clinics that may be essential during an emergency event.

Upon returning from Africa, Peyton started her nursing career in Austin.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

“Anyone can serve the community with their knowledge, and I highly recommend placing yourself in new situations.”

ANNE VOLTIN



Anne Voltin '17 works as a nurse on Memorial Hermann's Life Flight air medical transport service team.

Aggie Nursing from Above



he next time you see a Memorial Hermann Life Flight helicopter in the sky, **Anne Voltin '17**, BSN, RN, CCRN-CMC, EMT-P, may be on board, helping those most vulnerable.

The former School of Nursing student always knew she wanted to be a nurse. Inspired by her father, class of 1984, Voltin set her sights on attending Texas A&M. After entering nursing school in 2015, she began honing her skills through various college jobs; she worked as a standardized patient at the Texas A&M Health Clinical Learning Resource Center, a personal caregiver with Comfort Keepers and a student employee with St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Upon graduation, Voltin accepted a job in the cardiovascular intensive care unit at St. Luke's Health – Baylor St. Luke's in the Texas Medical Center. She also took on a PRN, or as-needed, nursing position as an on-call home hospice nurse, continuing her passion for home health she developed during her time at Comfort Keepers.

"St. Luke's taught me so much," said Voltin. "Their advanced work with heart failure exposed me to caring for ECMO, the Impella Ventricular Support System, IABP, LVAD, EKOS patients and many more. I had amazing coworkers, bosses and interdisciplinary teams that really invested in me and challenged what I thought was possible in medicine."

In addition to Voltin's inpatient work, she believes her extracurricular

nursing experiences helped enhance her skills.

"Anyone can serve the community with their knowledge, and I highly recommend placing yourself in new situations," she said. "There are so many opportunities. I volunteered as a nurse with the Houston Rodeo, worked finish line medical for the Houston Marathon and attended summer camps as a nurse. I was chosen to serve as the first aid lead for conferences with 3,000+ attendees, provided care in a small clinic serving immigrants here in Houston, traveled on medical missions to South America and more."

In December 2022, Voltin accepted a position working with Memorial Hermann's Life Flight air medical transport service team. No longer on the hospital floor, she flies on a helicopter to care for her patients. The Life Flight staff is made up of 21 pilots, 21 flight nurses, 18 paramedics, eight dispatchers and eight mechanics. Each helicopter carries a team of a pilot, nurse and paramedic.

Drawing from her bedside experiences and volunteer nursing in the community, Voltin feels well-prepared to care for patients of all ages and conditions.

Academy on Violence and Abuse

The Academy on Violence and Abuse honored the School of Nursing's **Nora Montalvo-Liendo, PhD, RN, FAAN**, in the fall of 2022 by naming its top research and leadership award in her honor. She was also the inaugural recipient of the award.

The AVA Nora Montalvo-Liendo Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Leadership recognizes a scholar whom has made significant contributions to advance research on the health effects of violence and abuse and shown exceptional leadership in advancing health and social policy that promotes safe families, workplaces and communities.

"Dr. Montalvo-Liendo's selfless dedication has improved the lives of countless families experiencing violence and abuse," said Tasneem Ismailji, MD,

MPH, co-founder and board member of the AVA. "Her still-growing legacy is worthy of recognition, and we hope Dr. Montalvo-Liendo's example serves as inspiration for other leaders and scholars working to advance this field."

Montalvo-Liendo, an associate professor, is widely published on the topic of violence and abuse. Her research focuses on interventions to empower survivors of abuse and the social needs and well-being of low-income children with adverse childhood experiences. Since 2009, she has led support groups for women and children survivors of intimate partner violence. The AVA's inaugural scholar in 2012, Montalvo-Liendo has chaired the organization's scholar committee since 2020.

Montalvo-Liendo joined Texas A&M in 2014 and teaches primarily in the Master of Science in Nursing program. She holds a PhD in nursing from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and master's in public health nursing from the University of Texas at Brownsville. She received her bachelor's and associate degrees in nursing from the University of Texas at Brownsville & Texas Southmost College.



American Academy of Nursing



Robin Page, PhD, APRN, CNM, FACNM, FAAN,

a School of Nursing associate professor, was selected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (AAN) in July 2023.

Page and the group of 2023 inductees were selected for their significant contributions to the nursing profession and expertise in policy, research, administration, practice and academia.

Page, a tenured faculty member at Texas A&M, is a maternal health expert who has been with the school since 2014. Her research on women's health, pregnancy, health disparities and more has been widely published, and Page has secured or helped secure millions in grant funding to study and provide outreach services to underserved and vulnerable populations. A practicing Advanced Practice Registered Nurse-Certified Nurse Midwife, she provides her services free of charge to several community clinics in the Brazos Valley.

Page is the founder and director of the school's Program of Excellence

for Mothers, Children and Families (POEMCF), which was created in 2022 to develop and manage projects that improve the health and well-being of families and communities across Texas. The POEMCF includes the Nurse-Family Partnership®, a nurse home visitor program for first-time mothers, and HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters), a program to empower parents and families for success.

Also a Fellow of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, Page received her PhD in nursing from The University of Texas, master's in nurse midwifery from the University of Colorado and bachelor's in nursing from the University of Kentucky. She also completed a research fellowship in genetics at the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Nursing Research.



SCHOOL OF NURSING AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSING FELLOWS

**Nancy Downing, PhD, RN,
SANE-A, SANE-P, FAAN**

**Nancy Fahrenwald, PhD, RN,
PHNA-BC, FAAN**

**Stacey Mitchell, DNP, MBA,
MEd, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P,
DF-AFN, FAAN**

**Nora Montalvo-Liendo, PhD,
RN, FAAN**

**Robin Page, PhD, APRN,
CNM, FACNM, FAAN**

**Matthew Sorenson, PhD,
APRN, ANP-C, FAAN**

DR. ROBIN PAGE

Training the next generation of nurses



Delivering

JOY

By Mamie Hertel '24

With her PhD in nursing from The University of Texas at Austin in hand, Dr. Robin Page opened her diploma tube to find a surprise: a bookmark with an inspiring quote from Rabindranath Tagore.

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service.

I acted and behold, service was joy.”

At that moment nearly 20 years ago, Tagore’s words resonated deeply with Page. She realized that her life had been guided by service all along. “Service is joy,” she expressed. “That’s what motivates me every day.” That very idea propels Page to deliver on her promise to serve countless women in maternal health care and teach future Aggie nurses to carry on her legacy.

GIVING



Dr. Robin Page served in the Peace Corps as a community health nurse for two years in Guatemala.



GRADUATION TO GUATEMALA

Page had a keen maternal instinct as early as 10 years old. “I couldn’t wait to start babysitting,” she shared.

“That drive to be with children transformed into a passion for maternal health care.” 

But what the eager-to-babysit version of herself didn’t predict was her helping families, especially young mothers, as a community health nurse far from home.

After graduating from the University of Kentucky with her nursing degree, Page and her new husband, Walt Page, a fellow nursing graduate, traveled to Guatemala to serve in the Peace Corps. During their two years as community health nurses, Page worked closely with the community health center clinic staff to present educational talks, called “charlas,” to patients waiting to be seen, many who had walked for hours to receive care. She and Walt also worked closely with the community on projects to encourage healthy habits such as brushing teeth, boiling water to prevent intestinal amoebas and planting vegetable gardens for balanced diets.

However, Page soon realized that her passion was a bicycle ride away to small, remote villages

in the mountains where she and Walt immunized children. “We worked in a center for malnourished children, which was heartbreaking. But it was my early love for pregnant women and babies that helped me form a special bond with the women in Guatemala.”

A MAROON MOVE

Inspired by her Peace Corps experiences, Page returned to the United States to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse midwife. She completed her master’s in nurse midwifery at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in 1994 and moved to Dripping Springs, Texas, along with her parents, Mary and Bert Loudon ’57. Avid Aggies, Mary and Bert were thrilled with the family’s decision to move back to Texas because it brought them closer to Aggieland.

Although Page’s studies had been challenging, she soon faced the most daunting maternal care lesson she’d ever experienced: parenthood. While she and Walt raised their two young children, Joshua and Vanessa ’17, Page began working and researching at The University of Texas at Austin as clinical track faculty. “It was hard for my Aggie dad,” she said of her father, who earned a degree in electrical engineering and was active in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M. “Little did we know, it would

all come full circle eventually.”

That moment came 16 years later when Page seized the opportunity to lead nursing education as the director at the Texas A&M Health Science Center Round Rock campus. Page endured the daily one-hour commute from Dripping Springs to Round Rock but had her eyes set on a more research-focused career.

Her next move—to Aggieland—in 2016 was cause for Bert to whoop for joy. His daughter was in maroon territory and educating tomorrow’s Aggie nurses as an assistant professor on a tenure-track.

MAKING A MATERNAL IMPACT

Seven short years into her role, Page has established herself as an innovative academic, contributing significantly to the School of Nursing’s success and even receiving a 2022 Dean’s Faculty Research Excellence Award. Her research focuses on women’s health, pregnancy/postpartum, maternal mental health, intimate partner violence, Latinas/immigrants and more, leading her to establish the Program of Excellence for Mothers, Children and Families (POEMCF) at the school. But she doesn’t conduct studies sheerly for

the stats; she researches to reach those who need it most.

Page is particularly fond of the Nurse-Family Partnership® program she initiated because it is where she has seen the greatest local impact. The program connects specially trained Aggie nurses with low-income, first-time mothers. Through home visits starting in the early pregnancy stage, nurses guide mothers through challenges and serve as a support system until their children are 2-years-old. This support can be continued thanks to another project Page coordinated with Texas Health and Human Services: HIPPY.

HIPPY, or Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters, builds on the Nurse-Family Partnership® model of at-home visits and parent support until children turn 5. “Serving vulnerable mothers and children through these projects while also giving our nursing students invaluable experiences is what makes these programs incredible,” Page noted.

Page also serves as the Certified Nurse Midwife Member of the Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee, a role that she hopes will generate a lasting impact on maternal health. In this position, she reviews every

case of maternal mortality in Texas, closely examines what could have prevented it, and recommends policy and system changes as a result. “Healthy mothers raise healthy babies, so a healthy population starts with healthy mothers,” Page shared.

HONORING A HEART FOR HEALTH CARE

Page’s steadfast service to maternal health care extends beyond the review committee, her research and innovative programming. “Teaching and serving students warms my heart,” she said.

“Training the next generation of nurses is imperative to ensuring the work we are doing has a lasting effect for future mothers.” 

Page also volunteers as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse each week at a local prenatal care clinic, another testament to her heart for serving mothers and babies every day.

Acknowledging both her extensive accomplishments and servant’s heart, Page’s parents, Mary

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and Bert, funded a charitable gift annuity that will provide them annual payments during their lives and create a gift in Page's honor to support the School of Nursing after they pass away.

"We are so proud of Robin," Bert shared.

"This gift honors her hard work, but more importantly, it supports the School of Nursing.

We hope these funds will further the school and benefit future nurses who will make an impact like our daughter has." 



Mary and Bert Loudon '57 honored their daughter's dedication to health care by creating the Dr. Robin L. Page Nursing Endowment.

The gift is one of several generous gifts the Loudons have committed to Texas A&M. The couple planned future General Rudder Corps Scholarships through a charitable remainder unitrust and are currently funding another scholarship that supports students pursuing electrical and computer engineering degrees. "It seems like we have been blessed with more than we need," Bert said. "The Texas A&M Foundation allows us to help others in a way that we know will make a difference in students' lives."

Mary and Bert's selfless personalities evidently passed on to their daughter, who knows that the endowment and her work are bigger than herself. "It all goes back to serving others," Page related. "Regardless of my name being on the project or the endowment, it's the daily service and work that matters most. And it's the service to others that brings me the most joy."

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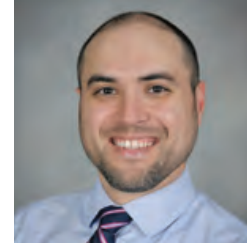
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QUICK FACTS

FOUNDED

2008

ENROLLMENT

700

ANNUAL

300+

FACULTY

FULL TIME

41

PART TIME

37

ANNUAL PROJECT AWARDS

\$9.3M

CLINICAL

400+

STAFF

58

STUDENT

12

LOCATIONS

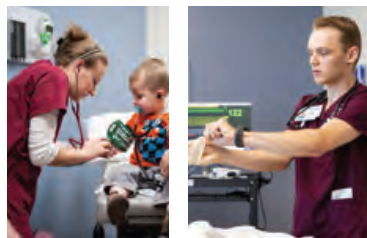


- AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSING FELLOWS: **6**
- ANNUAL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURES: **\$4.1M**
- NCLEX FIRST-TIME PASS RATE: **94%**
- NATIONAL NP EXAM PASS RATE: **100%**
- CUMULATIVE PROJECT AWARDS: **\$48M**

ABOUT NURSING

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- Traditional BSN
- Second Degree BSN
- RN to BSN
- MSN-Nursing Education
- MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner
- MSN-Forensic Nursing
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Graduate Certificate in Forensic Health Care
- Post-Graduate Certificate Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner



RESEARCH PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND CENTERS

- Texas A&M Health Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing
- Program of Excellence for Mothers, Children and Families
- 50+ active projects

CLINICAL AND OUTREACH

- Texas A&M School of Nursing Mobile Clinic
- School-based primary care for rural communities
- Center of Excellence in Forensic Nursing Assessment and Care for Trauma Survivors (ACTS) Clinic: Virtual follow-up care for trauma and assault
- Texas A&M Health Hub: Nurse-practitioner-led same-day clinic in Navasota
- Nurse-Family Partnership®: Nurse-home visitor program for first-time mothers
- HIPPY: Home-visitation model for school readiness
- Tex-TRAC: Telehealth care for sexual assault survivors in rural hospitals

ACCREDITATION AND DISTINCTION



The baccalaureate and master's degree programs in nursing at the Texas A&M School of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>).

The Doctor of Nursing Practice and Post-Graduate Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner programs at the Texas A&M School of Nursing are pursuing initial accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>). Applying for accreditation does not guarantee that accreditation will be granted.



2022-2023 AWARDS

Dr. Arica Brandford was named a Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network Scholar.

Laurie Charles was selected as a Distinguished Fellow by the Academy of Forensic Nursing.

Dr. Nancy Downing received the 2022 International Association of Forensic Nurses Ann Burgess Forensic Nursing Research Award, was accepted to the American Nurses Association Innovation Accelerator and appointed to her fourth term on the Texas Forensic Science Commission.

Dr. Matt Hoffman was accepted to the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF) 2023-2024 Faculty Leadership Mentoring Program.

Dr. Angela Mulcahy was selected to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Elevating Leaders in Academic Nursing (ELAN) program.

Dr. Elizabeth Wells-Beede, former clinical assistant professor, was named the Society for Simulation in Healthcare Educator of the Year for 2022 and inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

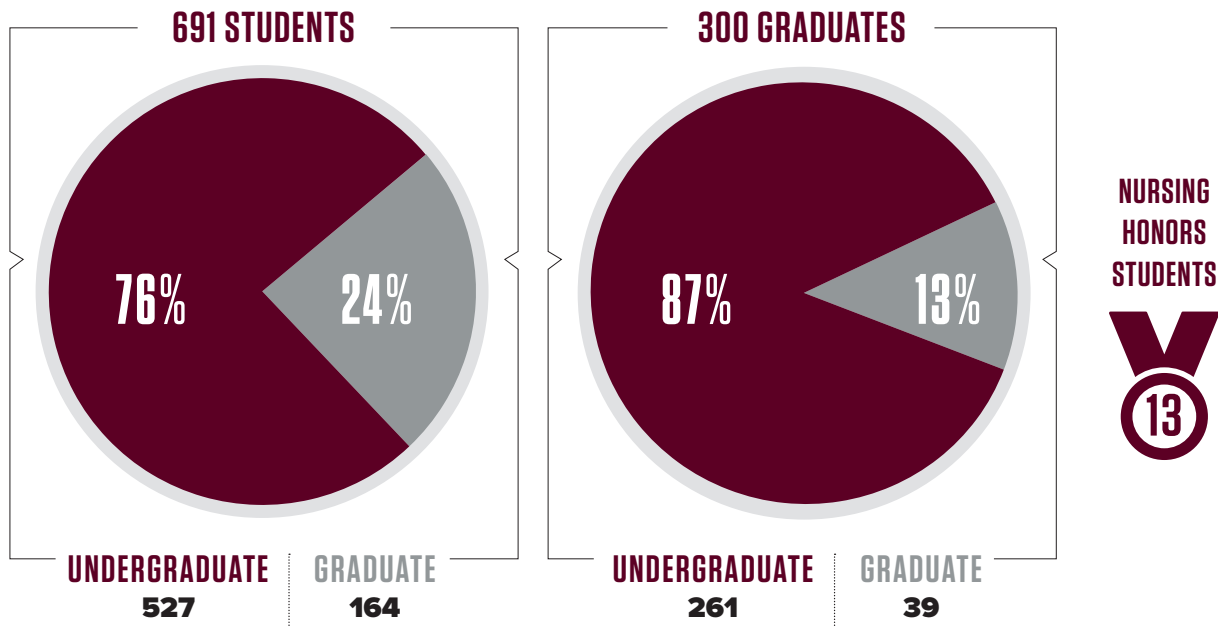
Dr. Cynthia Weston, former associate dean for clinical and outreach affairs, was inducted as a fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) and awarded the 2023 Outstanding Faculty Practice Award by the National Organization of Nurse Practitioners (NONPF).

The Texas Teleforensic Remote Assistance Center (Tex-TRAC) team of **Leslie Kallus**, **Bobbi Naylor**, **Kayce Ward** and **Dr. Kim Zemanek** was presented the President's Meritorious Service Award in recognition of its exceptional dedication to the Aggie Core Values of Respect, Excellence, Leadership, Loyalty, Integrity and Selfless Service.

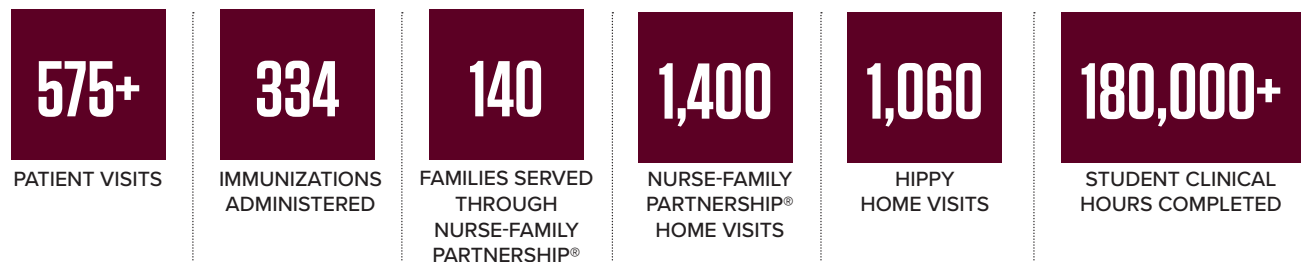
2022-2023 HIGHLIGHTS

STUDENTS

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: **57** SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED: **\$120,000**



CLINICAL AND OUTREACH



RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

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\$4.1M SPONSORED ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURES
\$9M IN NEW FUNDING
44 SPONSORED PROJECTS
38 ARTICLES
14 POSTERS
61 PRESENTATIONS
21 CHAPTERS/BOOKS

