

Brief History

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing is the only nursing school on the South Plains that provides baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral education.

Since inception, the Perry School of Nursing has planned innovative degree programs to meet the needs of Texas residents.

With an expanded selection of educational programs offered throughout Texas and beyond, the Perry School of Nursing continues to help bolster the state's nursing workforce by educating more than 1,000 students each year.

The TTUHSC School of Nursing began in 1979 with the development of the first nationally accredited Continuing Nursing Education Program in Texas. The first students were admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program in Lubbock in 1981 and four years later, RN to BSN students were admitted in the Permian Basin. The Master of Science in Nursing program enrolled its first students in 1988 and in 2008, the inaugural cohort of doctoral students was admitted into the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program.

The School expanded its regional presence to the Permian Basin in 1985 and to Central Texas in 2004. In 2008, the School was renamed to honor first lady of Texas, Anita Perry and additional regional campuses were added at El Paso and Abilene.

Since 1999, Registered Nurses seeking a Bachelor of Science in Nursing through the Perry School of Nursing have been able to access courses via the internet.

The newest programs available through the Perry School of Nursing are the Doctor of Nursing Practice program for nurse practitioners and administrators; and the web-based, accelerated Second Degree BSN program for students with previous college degrees.

Graduate-level courses in administration, education, advanced practice areas, post-master's certifications, and a collaborative Ph.D. program with Texas Woman's University also are offered. In addition, the School operates the Larry Combest Community Health and Wellness Center, a primary health clinic for medically underserved Lubbock residents.

Perry School of Nursing is home to two Centers of Excellence: The Center of Excellence in Evidence-Based Practice and the Center for Innovation in Nursing Education. The School also houses four endowed chairs: the Covenant Health System Endowed Chair in Simulation and Nursing Education; the Florence Thelma Hall Chair for Nursing Excellence in Women's Health; the University Medical Center Endowed Chair for Patient Safety; and the Medical Center Hospital Regional Dean Endowed Chair/Permian Basin.

The Perry School of Nursing is known for innovation in nursing education, excellent student retention and graduation rates and producing well-prepared nurses who are ready for licensure and certification exams.

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