



This report presents data for the 21 graduate nursing programs that do not lead to advanced practice nurse (APRN) licensure in Texas during the 2014 reporting year, including:

- 21 Master’s programs and 5 Doctorate programs
- Leading to degrees in: Nursing Administration, Nursing Education, Nursing Informatics, Nurse Leadership, Nursing Research, and other programs.

The Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies (TCNWS) collected data in the 2014 Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS) that was available online as of October 1, 2014. The reporting period was academic year (AY) 2013-2014 (September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014) unless otherwise noted.

Qualified Applications for Graduate Nursing Programs

Table 1 presents data on qualified applications and admissions to graduate nursing programs for AY 2013-2014. Qualified applications were those that met all criteria for admission.¹

- The enrollment capacity, based on the standards set by individual programs, was 2,555.
- The number of qualified graduate program applications was 1,043.
- 1,005 qualified applications were accepted in AY 2013-2014.

- 3.6% of qualified applications were not offered admission (QANA).

Table 1. Qualified Applications, Admissions, & QANA, 2014

	Enrollment Capacity	Qualified Applications	Offered Admission	Qualified Applications Not Offered Admission
2014	2,555	1,043	1,005	38 (3.6%)

¹Qualified applications refers to applications submitted, not individual applicants, since candidates for admission may apply to more than one nursing program.

Newly Enrolled Students in Graduate Nursing Programs

Table 2 shows the number of newly enrolled students by program. Newly enrolled students are those who were offered admission and decided to register and enroll in the program.

- There was a total of 746 newly enrolled graduate nursing students in AY 2013-2014.
- 631 newly enrolled students were in a Master’s program (84.6%)
- 15.4% of new students enrolled in a Doctorate program.

- 3 programs reported no newly enrolled students in their master’s program and 15 programs reported no new enrollment in their doctorate program.

Table 2. Newly Enrolled Students by Degree, 2014

Newly Enrolled Graduate Nursing Students AY 2013-2014	
Master’s	631
Doctorate	115
Total	746

Enrollment in Graduate Nursing Programs

Table 3 (page 2) shows total enrollment in graduate nursing programs by degree and program type.

- AY 2013-2014 had a total of 1,694 graduate nursing students.

- 1,256 students were currently pursuing a Master’s degree, while 438 were in a doctorate program.
- Nursing Administration and Nursing Education programs had the highest enrollment among Master’s students, 546 and 421 respectively.

- Among specific doctoral program types, Nursing Research had the highest enrollment with 177 students, followed by all other unspecified doctoral programs not listed in the survey with 155 students.

Table 3. Enrollment by Degree and Program Type, 2014

Program	Master's	Doctorate	Total
Nursing Administration	546	13	559
Nursing Education	421	0	421
Nursing Informatics	18	0	18
Nurse Leadership	94	93	187
Nursing Research	0	177	177
Other	177	155	332
Total	1,256	438	1,694

Graduates from Graduate Nursing Programs

Table 4 presents the data on graduates from graduate nursing programs by degree and program type.

- The total number of graduates from graduate nursing programs in AY 2013-2014 was 606.
- 483 students graduated with a Master's degree and 123 students received a doctorate.
- Nursing Administration and Nursing Education were the top program types among those who received a Master's degree, 233 and 198 respectively.
- 56 Doctorate graduates had a Nursing Research emphasis. The remaining graduates received a doctorate in either Nursing Leadership (29) or a program not listed (38).
- There were no graduates, in either the Master's or Doctorate level, in the field of Nursing Informatics.

- However, there were Master's students currently enrolled in the program type (See Table 3).

Table 4. Graduate Nursing Graduates by Program Type, AY 2013-2014

Program	Master's	Doctorate	Total
Nursing Administration	233	0	233
Nursing Education	198	0	198
Nursing Informatics	0	0	0
Nurse Leadership	20	29	49
Nursing Research	0	56	56
Other	32	38	70
Total	483	123	606

Faculty Positions in Graduate Nursing Programs

In the 2014 NEPIS, graduate level nursing programs were asked to report the number of full- and part-time faculty positions filled, as well as the number of full- and part-time vacancies.² Also reported in the 2014 NEPIS were faculty retirements and resignations. As shown in Table 5:

- There were a total of 248.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions filled as of September 30, 2014.³
- As of September 30, 2014 there were a total of 26 FTE vacancies.
- During AY 2013-2014, there were 13 FTE resignations and 11 FTE retirements.
- In AY 2013-2014, there were 18 newly appointed FTE positions.

Table 5. Faculty Positions, 2014

	Full-Time	Part-Time	FTEs
Filled Positions as of Sept 30, 2014	213	71	248.5
Vacancies as of Sept 30, 2014	26	0	26
Resignations AY 2013-2014	12	2	13
Retirements AY 2013-2014	10	2	11
New Appointments AY 2013-2014	13	10	18

²Some graduate level programs reported that a few of their faculty members are not employed exclusively in graduate level positions.

³Each full-time position counts as 1.0 FTE; each part-time position counts as 0.5 FTE.

